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City of North Charleston, SC, Features Works by Penny Beesley

The City of North Charleston's Cultural Arts Department will present *Earnest Endeavor*, a solo exhibition of abstract works by Penny Beesley of Beaufort, SC, on display at the North Charleston City Gallery, located in the Charleston Area Convention Center, in North Charleston, SC, from Nov. 2 - 30, 2017. A reception will be held on Nov. 2, from 5-7pm.

Beesley presents a collection of mixed media works influenced by abstract expressionism. She uses a spontaneous approach that involves scraps of paper inspired by her environment, acrylic paint, and mark making.

"I like to work in a series of three to five structures - either canvas, panel, or paper. I begin by energizing the surface without thought, only motion, and as shapes and designs come together, I pause, listen to music, walk away for a while, then return," she explains. Beesley revisits and interacts with her pieces several times, incorporating different processes in order to bring cohesion and closure to the composition. Using her intuition, she works to balance color, juxtaposition of shapes, and negative space.

Beesley was raised in a family that valued art. Throughout her childhood, she often spent her free time at her father's elbow in his studio. She earned a BFA from Eastern Michigan University in Ceramics and Painting and her work has been



Work by Penny Beesley

widely displayed in the Southeast. Both the La Petite Gallery in Bluffton, SC, and the Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery display her pieces permanently.

The North Charleston City Gallery is situated in two corridors of the northwest corner of the Charleston Area Convention Center, located on Coliseum Drive in North Charleston. Inquiries regarding the artists or purchase information may be directed to the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department at 843/740-5854.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit the Arts & Culture section of the City's website at (www.northcharleston.org).

Charleston Artist Guild in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Ginny Versteegen

The Charleston Artist Guild Gallery is pleased to present *Color Notes*, a collection of new works by Ginny Versteegen. This award-winning artist will be the featured artist at the CAG Gallery, on view from Nov. 1 - 30, 2017. A reception will be held on Nov. 3, from 5-8pm.

As a contemporary Impressionist, Versteegen has taken her color notes to a new level. The elements of color, soft edges and drama of the landscape all come together in her latest series of paintings.

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you view this new body of work. From the light filled color notes of "Taking Flight" to the drama of "Spring Palette", Versteegen unveils the majesty found in color and light. Her use of rich, vibrant color gives the viewer a selective impression of a scene. Through the use of oil paint she expresses her feelings about the subject and the time of day. Color notes taken from her plein air paintings and nature are her inspiration. Working outdoors *en plein air* allows the artist to gather information for her paintings first hand.

Versteegen moved to Charleston County in 2006, after traveling the world teaching art and painting. Her work exhibits an international flair for she has lived in Brazil, Holland and Spain. Versteegen has been blessed by immediate acceptance into the art community of Charleston with solo exhibits, awards and purchase prizes from the City of Charleston, as well as the North Charleston Arts Council.

Recently, Versteegen was selected to



Work by Ginny Versteegen

have her painting, "Shem Creek Glow", featured in the Mayor's Art Program at City Hall in Mount Pleasant. Her work may also be found in many private and public collections at home and abroad.

In addition to the Charleston Artist Guild Gallery, you may see more of Versteegen's paintings at the Perspective Gallery, located in the Crickentree Plaza, in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

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