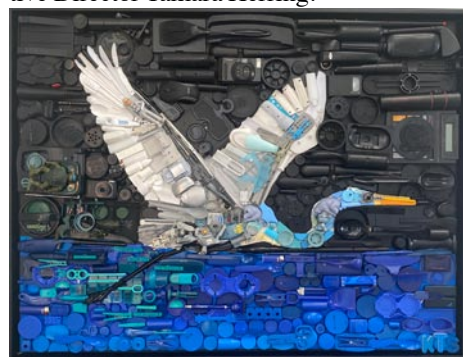


Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage in Ridgeland, SC, Features Works by Kirkland Smith

The Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage in Ridgeland, SC, will present *The (In) disposable Art of Kirkland Smith*, on view from Jan. 14 through July 15, 2023.

The art installation is a playful collection of assemblages. Drawing on her love of realism and portraiture, Smith creates 3-dimensional works that speak to environmental responsibility in a fresh, evocative way. For example, to portray the problem of overconsumption and its effects on society, she uses everyday disposable objects as her medium rather than the subject of her work.

The artist hopes to spark an awareness of consumer habits and attitudes, driving home the message that while what we throw away says much about who we are, what we choose to cherish and protect says more in the end. "As people are thinking about resolutions and positive changes, the new year is an ideal time for us to bring this meaningful exhibit to our community. Although it's fun and full of surprises, it will give visitors a lot to consider," says Morris Center Executive Director Tamara Herring.



Work by Kirkland Smith

Smith is a classical painter who began creating collage-style pieces of post-consumer waste almost by accident. She was searching for an innovative way to communicate the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling for her entry in an environ-



Work by Kirkland Smith

mental landscape contest. Her solution was to use waste as her "paint."

Born in Mt. Pleasant, SC, Smith's lifelong dream was to be an artist. She resides with her husband and four children in Columbia, SC, where she takes commissions for assemblage pieces and teaches drawing and painting to children.

Located in the heart of downtown Ridgeland on US 17, the Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage is a learning and exhibition center dedicated to preserving and cultivating the history, culture and spirit of Ridgeland and its surrounding counties. Housed in a collection of vintage buildings, with the architecturally distinctive Sinclair Service Station as its focal point, the center features ever-changing exhibitions, interactive and dynamic learning opportunities, cultural offerings, storytelling and other forms of art.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.MorrisHeritageCenter.org).

Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Offers Annual Open Exhibition

The Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present its annual *Anything Goes!* member exhibition this New Year at Art League of Hilton Head Gallery, from Jan. 3 - 28, 2023. A reception will be held on Jan. 11, from 5-7pm. All attendees at the reception are invited to vote for their favorite art pieces, with awards going to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The announcement of the People's Choice awards and door prizes winners will take place at 6pm.

Anything Goes!, an exhibit of member art at Art League Gallery, celebrates the astounding array of artwork created by Art League exhibiting members. Truly anything goes at this exhibit: any media, size, shape, form or subject. From 2D art in painting, pencils, and photography to jewelry, glass, wood and other 3D forms, exhibiting artists challenge themselves to bring together their best for the new year.



Work by Alysia Brazin

"Our annual *Anything Goes!* exhibit is a chance for our member artists to create new pieces that showcase their best ideas and latest techniques," says Kristen McIntosh, General Manager, "Because we showcase multiple artists, the community can see just how talented and varied our artists are."



Work by Donna Varner

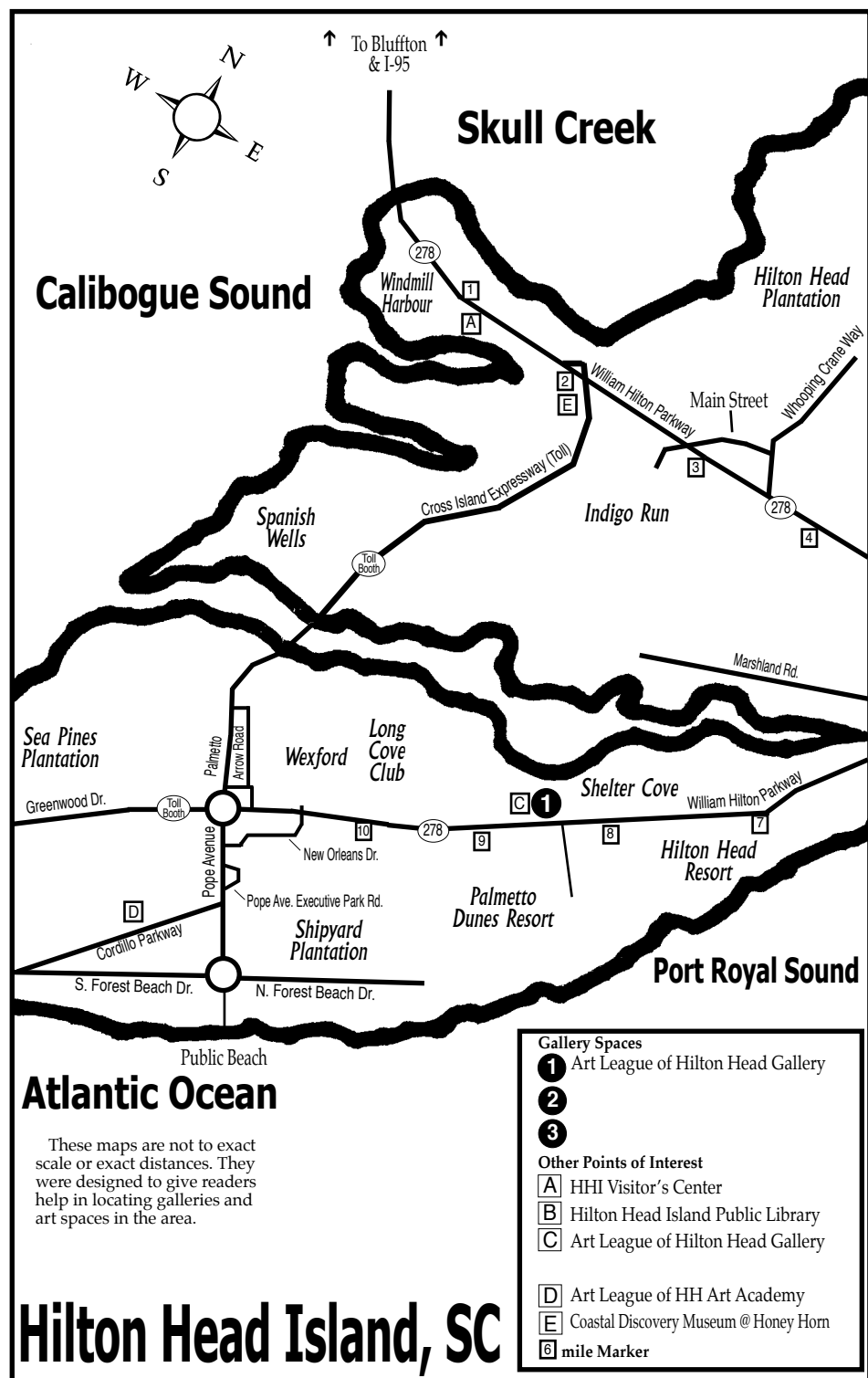
The Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy. The Art League Academy welcomes artists and students in all media at all skill levels, including true beginners. Taught by professional art educators, students can choose from many art classes and workshops that change monthly.

The Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 170 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every month. Located mid-island inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, next to the box office.

"Inspiring visual arts for our community and its visitors through exhibitions, education and partnerships" is Art League of Hilton Head's mission.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 843/681-5060 or e-mail to (admin@artleaguehhi.org).

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