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Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, Offers 2 New Exhibits

The Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, is presenting two new exhibitions including: *42nd South Carolina Watermedia Society Traveling Exhibition* and *Sumter Artists' Guild Winners Show*, both on view through Feb. 15, 2019

The South Carolina Watermedia Society (SCWS) is the largest statewide visual arts group with a mission to promote South Carolina artists by providing exhibition opportunities, special programs to market their original works and coordinate educational programs. In addition, our goals include public outreach and participation in the arts. Since 1977, the SCWS has been promoting the artistic and professional interests of its members as well as showcasing the accomplishments of its members to a broader South Carolina audience.

The juror for the 2018 SCWS show was West Virginia artist Laurie Goldstein Warren. She observes, "I have been painting watercolors for seventeen years. Art has always been a part of my life. When I was young, dancing was my creative outlet. I was a dancer in the Rochester Academy of Performing Arts dance troupe until the age of 18. When I moved to West Virginia in 1998 and found myself in the countryside, I went back to one of my first creative loves, visual art. After many years of studying the art of watercolor with some fantastic teachers and mentors, I have been so fortunate to be successful in this field. My artwork has been shown all over the United States as well as Canada, China and Japan. I now enjoy teaching workshops and jurying exhibitions around the country."



Work by Lynda English, SCWS Best of Show

This year's Winner of the Best of Show award is *Through The Eyes of a Child* by Lynda English. Second Place Winner was Anne Hightower-Patterson, *Wading Out*, and Third Place went to Suzanne Accetta, for *Unspeakable Praise*.

Karen Watson, director of the Sumter County Gallery of Art states that "The South Carolina Watermedia Society show is one of the most popular shows the gallery presents each year; it has been presented by the gallery for over thirty years. This show has a wonderful selection of diverse



Work by J. Michael McGuirt, from Guild Show

work by artists, with a little something for everybody. The variety of imagery and subject matter is stunning; from mixed media abstract works to more traditional representational work including landscapes, figural, and still life compositions. The *South Carolina Watermedia Society Show* showcases the incredible talent of South Carolina artists."

The Sumter Artists' Guild continues its growth under president Laura Cardello – a multi-talented artist who works tirelessly to expand the Guild's artistic presence in Sumter. She is supported by a core of hard-working officers, Vicki Hagner, Jennifer Franklin, Erin Duffie, and Lisa Melton. SCGA director Watson notes, "This years *Sumter Artists' Guild Winners* exhibition is particularly exciting because the work for the 2018 *Sumter Artists' Guild Show* was so strong and the People's Choice Winner gave visitors a chance to get involved". The exhibition includes a broad range of styles with an emphasis on representational and mixed media. Accomplished watercolorist Genevieve Rath's breathtaking painting, *Calm Evening* won first place (her second first place win in two years!), Myra Barton won second place with her monoprint *Finding America* and Denise L. Greer took third place with her mixed media collage, *About Face*. Honorable Mentions include: Randy Abbott, *Points & Stares*, first time entrant Dominique Hodge, *The Beginning, The End* and Jim Wade, *Chair*. J. Michael McGuirt's brave little bird *Gathering Courage*, spoke to many visitors and won the 2018 Sumter Artists' Guild Show People's Choice Award. The work of all seven of these artists will be on display in the *Sumter Artists' Guild Winners* exhibition.

As with all of the gallery's exhibitions, this popular show would not be possible without our community partners: Synovus, Covenant Place Continuing Care Community and the Sumter Artists' Guild, which does the wonderful reception. Flowers courtesy of Poinsett-Bland Garden Club & the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter.

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Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden, SC, Features Works by Sam Compton and Catherine Coulter Lloyd

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden, SC, is presenting works by Sam Compton and Catherine Coulter Lloyd, both members of Camden ARTS, on view in the Bassett Gallery, through Feb. 22, 2019.

"I am a native of South Carolina. I studied art at the University of South Carolina receiving a BA in studio art with a concentration in fiber arts and an MFA in art education," said Sam Compton. "As an art educator I received national board certification and taught 26 years in public education. I was an adjunct faculty member at the University of South Carolina and Newberry College. I am currently retired. I am a published co-author for textbooks in

South Carolina, Texas and Massachusetts and published an article in an art educators magazine."

"I am a professional artist and have had one-man shows in South Carolina and New York," adds Compton. "My work has been exhibited in group shows in South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. Last year I won first place in mixed media at the South Carolina State Fair. I was honored as one of six outstanding artists in South Carolina by the South Carolina Arts Commission for their 30th year celebration for the arts."

Catherine Coulter Lloyd holds a Bachelors of Fine Arts from Western Carolina

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