

## Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, Offers Works by Frank Pierce

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, will present an exhibit of works by fine artist Frank Pierce, on view from Mar. 11 through Apr. 4, 2016. A reception will be held on Mar. 11, from 5-8pm during the downtown Art Walk.

"This is my 50th year of working in oils and I still learn something new every time I pick up a brush," says Pierce. "Skilled at everything from abstract to still life, Pierce is also an exceptional and noted portrait artist. His subject matter is unlimited although he favors local images and colorful landscapes.

When a subject attracts him he wonders what that would look like in paint. "The creative process is the result of an insatiable curiosity," says Pierce. "It is the feel of putting paint to canvas. It is the thrill of watching something beautiful happen where there was nothing."

A high school art teacher led him to painting in oils and he sold his first oil painting at the age of sixteen. Later, during his tenure in the Air Force in the late 60s and early 70s, Pierce worked as an illustrator. During this same time, he befriended the base photographer and learned studio light and darkroom techniques.

After his military service, Pierce worked as a freelance illustrator. In 1975, he took photography and design classes at NC State in Raleigh. Pierce has spent his working life as a fine artist, freelance photographer, illustrator and graphic designer. He moved to Moore County in 1988 and continued



Work by Frank Pierce

to work in the visual arts. In 2002, Pierce opened his studio on Broad Street in Southern Pines and in 2010, he added a fine arts gallery. His one constant great joy in life is art, and it pleases him immensely to pass on that joy by teaching others.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listing, call the gallery at 252/634-9002 or visit ([www.fineartatbaxters.com](http://www.fineartatbaxters.com)).

## Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, Unleashes Creativity for a Month

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, will present *Creativity Unleashed*, on view from Mar. 1 through Apr. 2, 2016. A Creativity Unleashed event will take place Mar. 19.

For the second year in a row, Sunset River Marketplace is holding its popular Creativity Unleashed event on Mar. 19 from 10am to 5pm. Gallery owner Ginny Lassiter said, "Last year, our one-day Creativity Unleashed event was very successful. The community came out and really enjoyed watching the artists work, meeting them and enjoying live music. So this time we wanted to push the envelope even further."

New this year, the eclectic gallery is expanding the event to feature a month-long exhibition of works that celebrate outside-the-box thinking and creativity. Artists include: Marty Allran (clay), Ginny Lassiter (acrylic), Mona Bendin (fabric), Ann McCray (oil), Linda Young (pastel), Anne Cunningham (metal), Celia Wester (oil), and Jim Comer (wood).

The event on the 19th will showcase a range of live art including pottery wheel and hand building (Andrea Carroll, Kami Kinnison); marbling (Ginny Lassiter); pillow making and fabric dyeing (Mona Bendin); oil (Celia Wester), watercolor (Hank Pulkowski), and acrylic painting (Ginny Lassiter); pastel (Linda Young); wood carving (Jim Comer) and more.

Performing live music will be Lesa Hudson and Rick Strickland from the SC-based Rick Strickland Band. Both musicians have earned numerous music industry honors including several Carolina Beach Music Awards. This will be a CD release event to showcase the brand new offering from Strickland, his CD titled *New Beginning*.

Since opening in 2002, Sunset River Marketplace has been an active supporter of performing, literary and visual arts in the area. The 10,000 square-foot gallery features work by almost 200 North and South Carolina artists. Its on-site pottery studio has two kilns and three wheels. Ongoing oil,



Work by Marty Allran

pastel and watercolor classes are also provided, in addition to workshops by nationally known artists. The gallery's Coffee With the Authors programs feature presentations by local and regional offers. A Paint & Party series provides a fun after-work experience for those with no previous art background. The gallery's framing department offers full-service, on-site custom frame design.

Sunset River Marketplace is located on Beach Drive (Hwy. 179) in the historic fishing village of Calabash, just north of the SC state line.

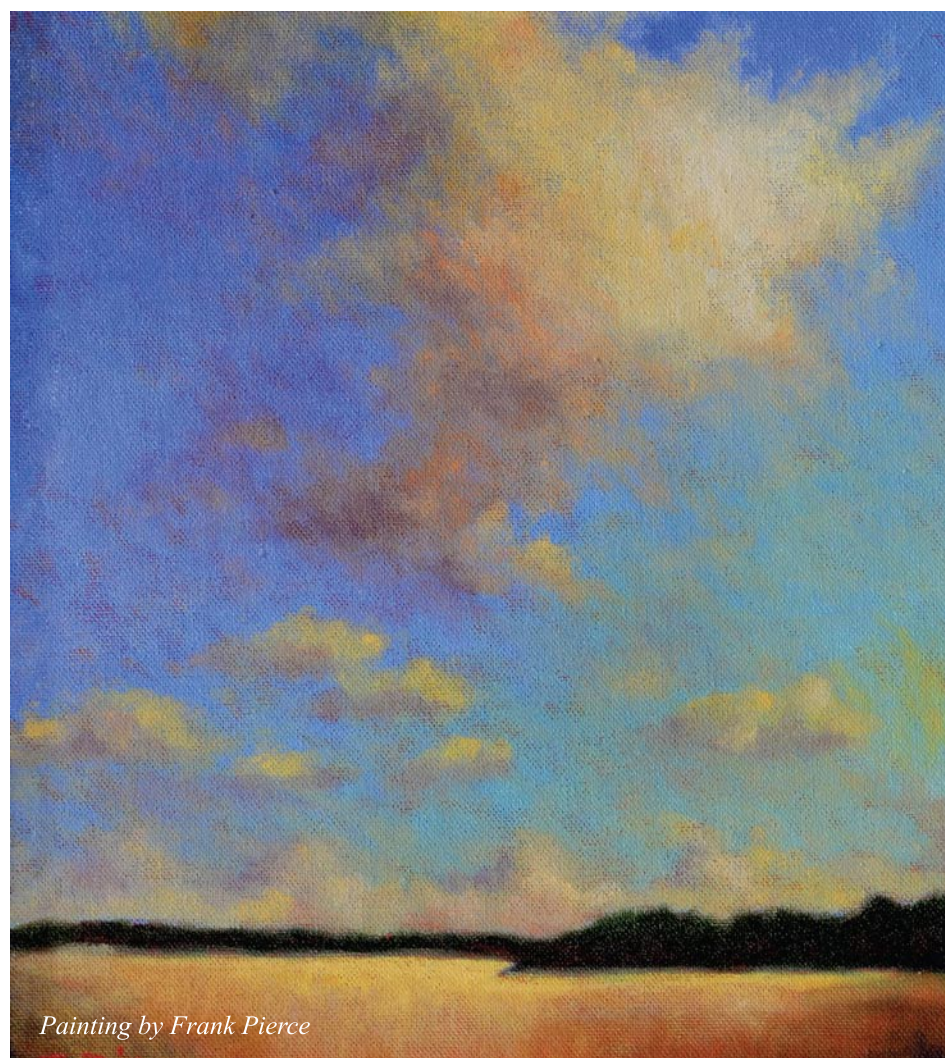
For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit ([www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com](http://www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com)). The gallery's Facebook page, which is updated daily at ([www.facebook.com/sunsetrivermarketplace](http://www.facebook.com/sunsetrivermarketplace)), also lists special events, new artists and other happenings.

## Beaufort Art Market in Beaufort, NC, Offers Exhibit of Plein Air Works

Beaufort Art Market in Beaufort, NC, will present *Impressions en Plein Air: A Coastal Carolina View*, on view from Mar. 4 - 31, 2016. A reception will be held on Mar. 4, from 5-7pm.

The exhibit will feature works Coastal Carolina Plein Air Painters members: Susan Cheatham, Janet Dixon, Susan Henry, Eleanor McArver and Karen Rawson to

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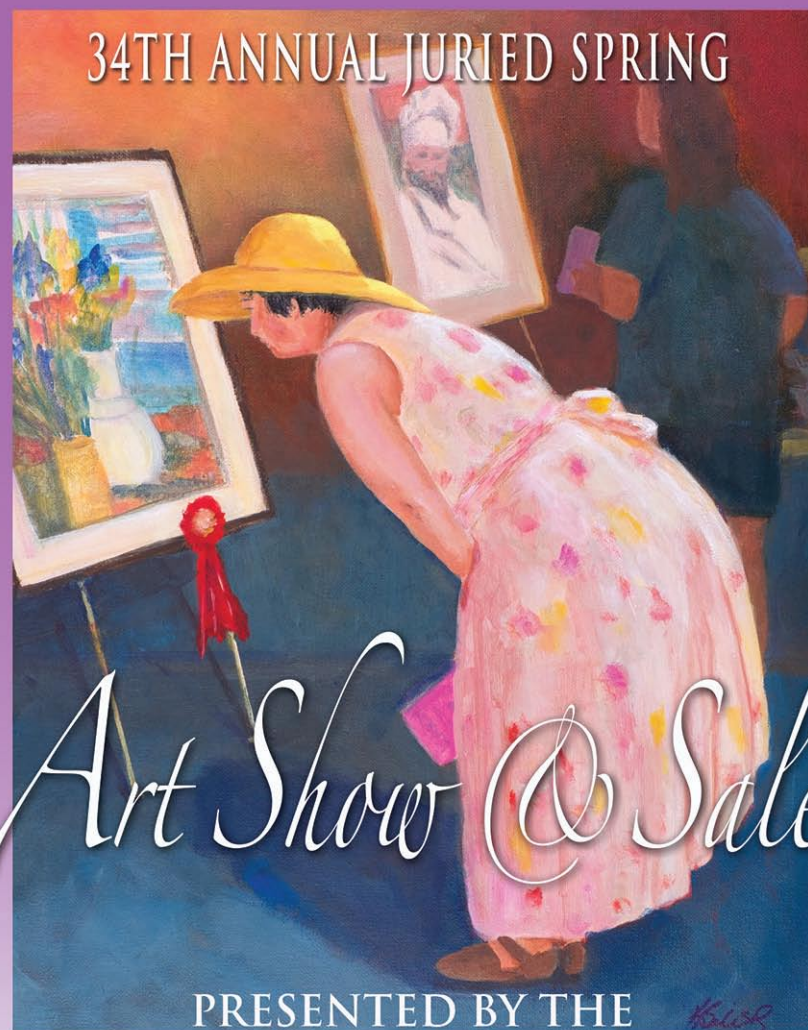
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