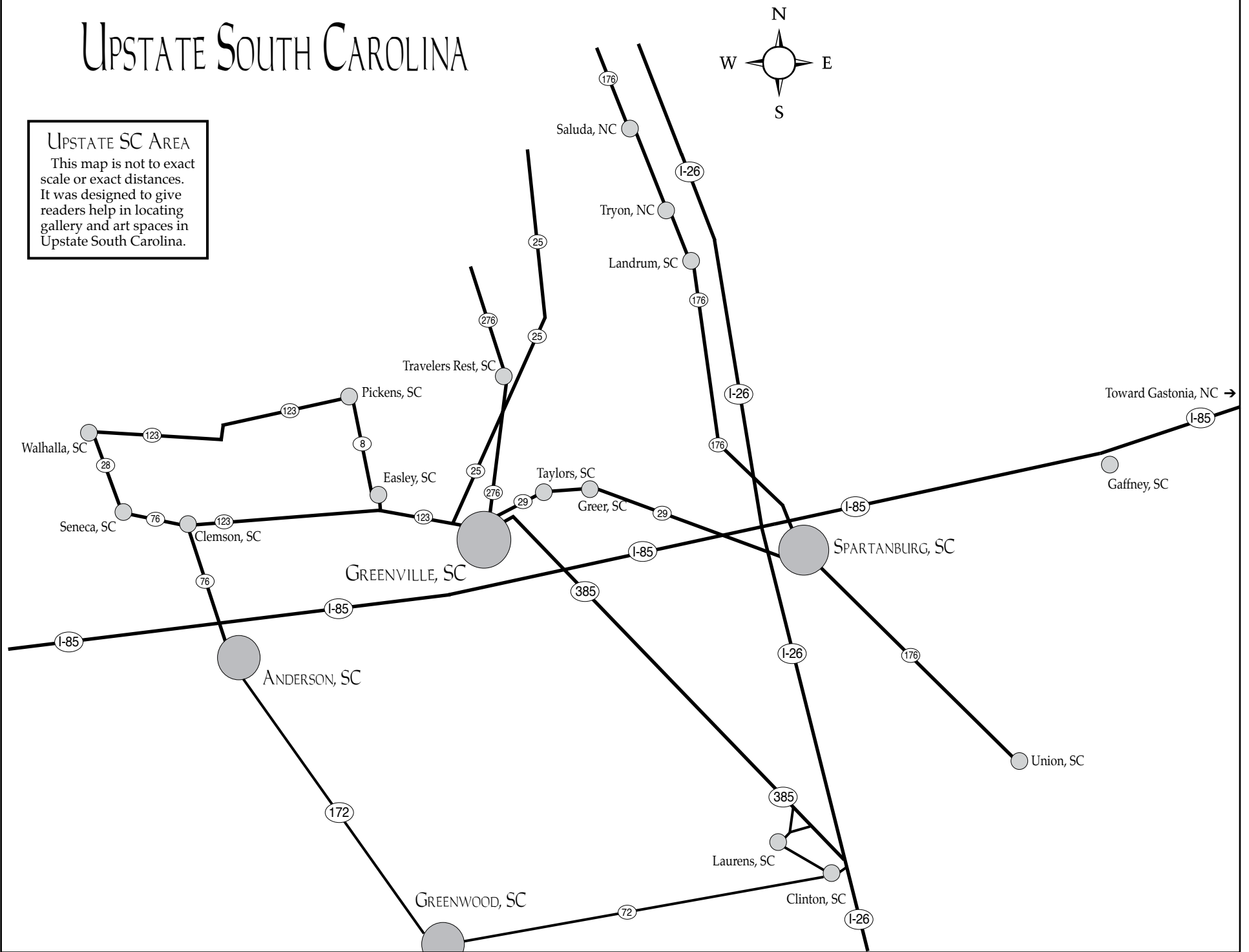


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Artisphere Celebrates 15 Years in Greenville, SC, on May 10 - 12, 2019

Artisphere, presented by TD Bank, is celebrating 15 years with new programming and returning favorites. Greenville's nationally acclaimed arts and cultural celebration, which takes place along Main Street, near the Reedy River Park, returns this May 10-12, 2019.

GE Artist Row will feature 135 visual artists, selected by a panel of five jurors from an applicant pool of 952. Of the 135 artists, 35 will exhibit at Artisphere for the first time, 20 of which had never before applied. 16 artists are local Greenvillians, including: Sunny McGowan (Printmaking), Kent Ambler (Printmaking), Marie Gruber (Photography), Glory Loflin (Painting), Joseph Bradley (Painting), Rey D'Alfonso (Painting), Keith Grace (Mixed Media-2D), Kiah Bellows (Mixed Media-2D), Kate Furman (Jewelry/Semi-Precious), Llyn Strong (Jewelry/Precious), Meredith Piper (Fiber), Darin Gehrke (Ceramics), Janina Ellis (Painting).



View of GE Artist Row

Two local Emerging Festival Artists received scholarships for the 2019 festival: Taylor Adams and Alice Allen. They will receive free booth space, mentoring, and a professional photograph of their booth display. A comprehensive list of participating artists is now available by visiting (www.artisphere.org).

The Artists of the Upstate Exhibit is a



Artisphere's 15th Anniversary sculpture by Blessing Hancock

juried exhibition that's open to all artists living within 35 miles of Greenville, SC. This exhibit recognizes the outstanding quality and diversity of work being generated by those living in the Upstate region. Supported by the Metropolitan Arts Council, the exhibit will be on display to the public throughout the festival weekend. The new location for the exhibit will be in the courtyard between Rick Erwin's Nantucket Seafood and City Hall. A reception will be held on May 10, from 6-8pm.

In 2013 Artisphere debuted the Greenville County High School Juried Exhibit, sponsored by Furman University, which showcases talented artists from 14 public High Schools as well as the Fine Arts Center. Last year's exhibit featured over 200 pieces! Location: The Corner of Augusta and S. Main Street.

Also, Artisphere's 15th Anniversary sculpture by Blessing Hancock, of Phoenix, AR, will have been installed before the festival begins.

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

Looking for info on the next juried art show in the Carolinas, an opportunity to show & sell your work at the next festival taking place in the Carolinas or do you want to know who the new director of an art museum in the Carolinas is - just check out our Blog, "Carolina Arts News" at (<https://carolinaartsnews.wordpress.com/>).

West Main Artists Co-op in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Kate Thayer

West Main Artists Co-op in Spartanburg, SC, will present *The Nature Of Place*, a collection of oil and pastel paintings by North Carolina artist Kate Thayer, from Apr. 2 - 27, 2019. A reception will be held on Apr. 18, from 5:30-9pm, during the city's monthly ArtWalk.

The accomplished and award-winning artist is known for her lush, impressionistic, and vivid landscapes of North Carolina mountain scenes.

"My paintings for this exhibit are done with oils and palette knives or pastels on sanded paper," Thayer said. "They are all landscapes done based upon scenes in Western North Carolina. Nature is life giving. We need to connect with nature to enrich our souls. Painting the magnificent colors, within the seasons in these Western North Carolina Mountains, connects me to these special places."

She hopes viewing patrons will "be surrounded by glimpses of unique natural places that have a message to tell about life, to experience how unique places can enrich our lives, bringing to life what adds to life."

It took Thayer about two years to create this collection of 25 paintings. All of the works will be for sale, ranging in price from \$800 to \$2,600.

Thayer's paintings are known for their stacked layers of paint that produce marks and textures that add aliveness to the canvas. She often uses palette knives and her



Work by Kate Thayer

fingers to create the desired effect of depth and feel. "The paintings draw the viewer into the scenes to connect them with nature as seen through my eyes," she said.

A native of Milwaukee, WI, she is now a resident of Flat Rock, NC. "My painting career began 20 years ago after moving to Western North Carolina," she said. "Pursuits leading to painting were garden design, one of a kind knitted sweaters, flower arranging, and gourmet cooking. All about color, texture and form. My study of art in general is from museums, master artists, books and attending galleries."

Each month, West Main Artists Co-op hosts three exhibitions: two by members; one by a guest artist, which is the case with Thayer. Her exhibit will be seen in The Venue gallery, which is the largest of three at the Co-op.

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