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## Sumter County Gallery of Art

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tones of wood panels, graphite, gesso, and paint. Johnson's work explores the concept of the mock-heroic and the absurdity of everyday life; his graphic sensibility and strong marks take these themes to a monumental scale personifying emotional conflicts in the form of chickadees, rats, and hummingbirds.

"One of my objectives as an artist is to bridge conflicting views by revealing shared concerns and common ground," says Johnson. "My work deals with the basic desire to find and maintain security, whether in a home, job, or relationship in a forever shifting landscape. These works navigate the gray areas and middle grounds inhabited by animals with competing interests."

The Sumter County Gallery of Art is also excited to present an exhibition of work by local artist Denise L. Greer.



Work by Denise L. Greer

Greer was born in Teaneck, NJ, and began making art at an early age. In 2000 Greer decided to get serious about her art. After retiring from a 30-year career Page 26 - Carolina Arts, May 2012

in the telecommunications industry, she took a beginner's watercolor class. From watercolors she expanded her repertoire to include oils, acrylic, pastels, collage and her specialty, mixed media.

Greer immediately began winning awards in her native New Jersey. She relocated to South Carolina in January 2005 and continued making art and winning awards. She has been on a "streak" for the past two years winning many major awards throughout the state including three consecutive "First Place" awards in the *Miniature Show*, Florence Museum, 2009, 2010, 2011, Second Place, *SC Watermedia Society Show*, 2010, Best in Show, *Trenholm Artists' Guild*, Columbia, 2011, Best in Show, *North Charleston Art Fest*, 2011, and Honorable Mention, *Piccolo Spoleto*, 2011. She is also an experienced commercial air brush/restoration artist. Greer is (still) settling into her home in southern Kershaw County with her husband Mike and three cats.

Tom Starland, Editor and Publisher of *Carolina Arts* had this to say about Denise L. Greer, after "discovering" her on a trip to the North Charleston Arts Festival in May 2011: "In viewing the fine art show we started to notice that there was a new sheriff in town - so to speak - named Denise L. Greer. She had won the Best of Show award for a mixed media work, the First Place award for another of her works in the mixed media category, and First Place in the watercolor category. Who was this new queen? And, to top it off she was doing abstracts - my favorite kind of art. So, who is this Denise L. Greer? I found the folks who had the check-in sheets for the various competitions and when we located Greer's entry form in the first category - her address was left blank. But, before I left the convention center, I went and looked on the back of one of

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her works and saw that the tag showed she was from Rembert, SC. When I got home I did a Google search and was I surprised what I found there. This artist was on fire in competitions all over South Carolina. She won First Place in the *22nd Annual Friends of the Florence Museum Miniature Art Competition*; Best in Show at the latest *Trenholm Artist Guild* show at HoFP Art Gallery in Columbia; and she won the second top award at the SC Watermedia Society's annual show last year in Rock Hill. Juried competitions around SC - keep a look out for Denise L. Greer!"



Work by Denise L. Greer

Karen Watson, Director of the Sumter County Gallery of Art first became aware of Denise L. Greer in 2005 when she entered her first Sumter Artists' Guild show. Watson was impressed with her talent and humor apparent in her collage compositions - Greer had yet to move into abstracts. Greer's entries into the Guild show every year since have been one of the high

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