

Charleston Crafts Cooperative at 30

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touched many lives.

Several founding members are still active artists and currently have works in Charleston Crafts. In the gallery you will find baskets by Alethia Manigault and origami by Regina Semko. They have seen members come and then move on when their needs changed. They have had weddings, children, grandchildren and sadly bid farewell to older members who have passed away.

As you can tell, Charleston Crafts is much more than just a store. Their con-

tinued success depends on our strength as a group and our individual determination as artists to create fine craft and art. If you have not yet visited the store, please come by! The member artists staff the gallery. This is a friendly, refreshing, local gallery you should not miss!

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/723-2938 or visit (www.CharlestonCrafts.org).

Neema Fine Art Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers Celebration and Silent Auction - June 9, 2019

A celebration for the 107th year of the birth of Philip Simmons, Master Blacksmith (1912-2009) will be held at Neema Fine Art Gallery in Charleston, SC, on June 9, 2019, from 3-6pm. The public is invited.

To celebrate the birth date this year, the Philip Simmons Foundation, Inc., is partnering with Bridgetree Investments and the Neema Fine Art Gallery to sponsor an art show and silent auction as a way to share the life and legacy of Philip Simmons, Charleston's own master blacksmith.

The art show will include original works by Philip Simmons and the works of local artist that were created especially for the occasion. Some items will be auctioned to raise funds to establish the Philip Simmons Scholars Eastside Children and Youth Enrichment Program. The program, established by Neema Fine Art Gallery, Inc. in partnership with the Philip Simmons Foundation, Inc. will provide innovative, quality and exceptionally enriching experiences on a regular basis to children ages 5-17 who reside on the Eastside of Charleston, the community where Mr. Simmons lived, worked and supported throughout his time on earth.



The B-T 12 by Philip Simmons

Other highlights of the event will be the welcoming home of "The B-T 12." What is "The B-T 12?" For those Charlestonians who remember when One Broad Street was the Bankers Trust building, they will remember the beautiful teller windows on the first floor. The ironwork for the windows were forged by Philip Simmons.

With the changes in ownership over the years, the windows have taken on a new life and have been mounted on a wall outside of the bank building between the bank and Neema. The new owners of the bank building decided that they would like to share them as artwork with others who did not experience their beauty when they were functioning as teller windows inside the bank.

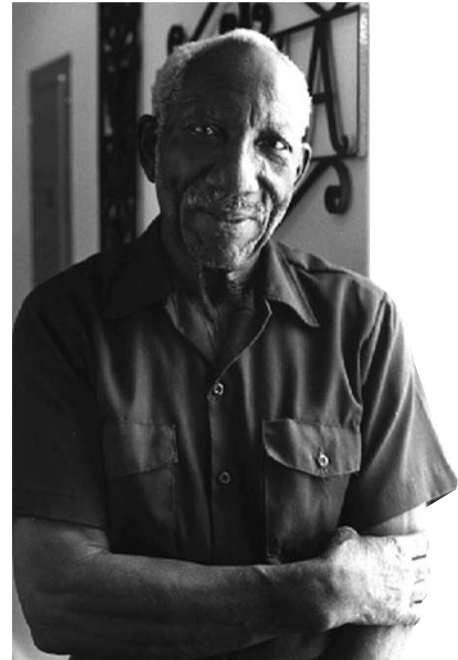
The ironworks designed and fabricated by him and/or apprentices are over 500

Neema Gallery in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Tyrone Geter

The Neema Gallery in Charleston, SC, is presenting *Speak Easy Speak Free*, featuring new works by award winning Neema Gallery artist, illustrator and educator, Tyrone Geter, through June 30, 2019.

Both new and newly shown works of art by Geter will be featured in *Speak Easy Speak Free*, Geter's first art exhibit post 2019 Yaddo artist residency and 2019 Verner Award reception.

Known for his masterful ability to evoke reflection, connection and introspection, Geter has built an international reputation as a world-class artist, painter, sculptor, illustrator and teacher. Recently retired As-



Philip Simmons

in number and can be seen in Charleston from the Battery to the Airport and beyond. Museums in the state; Atlanta, GA; Santa Fe, NM; and both in the National American History, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

Neema Fine Art Gallery is Charleston's newest art gallery featuring original art and jewelry by South Carolina African-American artists. Located at 3 Broad St. on Charleston's Gallery Row, just steps from Waterfront Park and Pineapple Fountain, Neema Gallery features original works of art from highly collected and award winning African-American artists as well as original works from standout emerging artist in or from South Carolina.

The Philip Simmons Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, established in 1991, whose mission is to develop and maintain a commemorative garden from design to completion and to preserve the legacy and craft of Mr. Philip Simmons. The Philip Simmons Museum Home and Workshop is located at 30 1/2 Blake St. and is open to the public, Tue. - Sat., noon-4pm.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, Meisha Johnson by calling 843/353-8079 or visit (www.neemagallery.com). For info about the Philip Simmons Foundation, Inc., contact Rossie M. Colter by calling 843/723-1259 or e-mail to (rossie@philipsimmons.us).



Work by Tyrone Geter

sociate Professor of Art at Benedict College in Columbia, SC, Geter grew up in An-

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