

Florence Regional Arts Alliance in SC Offers Works by Sally C. Garner

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance in Florence, SC, is presenting *A Memory Rewound*, an installation by Sally C. Garner, on view at the Florence County Museum's Waters Gallery, through Oct. 4, 2015.

The exhibition explores the capability of the brain to distort memories over time. Garner questions if the work of our subconscious often leaves us with stories in our minds that are slightly off, and sometimes wildly far from the truth. As a fiber art that is naturally repetitious, Garner found that crocheting VHS tapes became a metaphor for humanity's desire to replay memories over and over in an attempt to hold on to the past.

The questions this exhibit raises include: how much of what we replay becomes distorted subconsciously by our own minds? Are we deceiving ourselves with false images more than we realize? And when do we start building the emotional façade between reality and our perceived memories? Though some imagery in this installation is personal to the artist's memories of her grandmother, perhaps it will resonate with the viewer's own nostalgia and offer a chance to reconcile with both the fear and beauty of memory distortions.

Sally C. Garner is a young artist located in Asheville, NC. She grew up knowing she would become an artist, and went on to earn a BFA in sculpture at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. During her time there, she realized that her artwork could be driven by her craft of crocheting. Sally has been crocheting since 2009 and started to teach the craft in 2014. Today, Garner creates crocheted installations using non-traditional fibers to create works that incorporate both the nostalgia associated with traditional crocheting and the contemporary appeal for artwork that abstracts metaphors and enchants the senses.

This exhibition is part of a solo-exhibition award the Florence Regional Arts Alliance presented to a participating Artfields®



"Complexities of the Mind" by Sally C. Garner

artist this year. The support of Florence Downtown, Hilliard Lyons, *Diversity Works Magazine* and *She Magazine* make this exhibit possible.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance is a community-based local arts agency that serves the citizens of Florence County and the Pee Dee. It is committed to preserving, supporting and promoting a vibrant arts community for Florence County and the surrounding region. This organization is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts. To learn more about the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and its mission visit (www.florenceartsalliance.org) or contact director Uschi Jeffcoat at 843/407-3092 or e-mail to (director@florenceartsalliance.org).

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call 843/676-1200 or visit (www.flocomuseum.org).

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC Offers National Sculpture Exhibition

Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, is pleased to be the exclusive venue for the *National Sculpture Society (NSS) 82nd Annual Awards Exhibition*, on view from Aug. 8 through Nov. 1, 2015. The juried show features the figurative works of 58 sculptors.

The *Annual Awards Exhibition* is National Sculpture Society's most popular show. Hundreds of artists apply to the juried competition which offers thousands of dollars in cash prizes. The sculpture on display ranges from classical to contemporary, and is composed of portrait busts, bas-reliefs and figures ranging in all sizes and dimensions. Highlights of the show include a mysterious breed of antlered sentries; a scrappy baseball team; a dancing bull; and an oversized ginkgo leaf. Whether animal, human, or nature based, there is work included in the show to delight everyone.

The variety of subject matter and media exhibited represents the diverse styles, backgrounds and disciplines of NSS members. Fellows (FNSS), Elected Members (NSS), and Associates make up the levels of sculptor membership of the organization, which is international in scope and appeal. National Sculpture Society and its members are dedicated to promoting excellence in art that is inspired by nature.

A separate Jury of Awards will convene after the show is installed to select the prize winners. Additionally, visitors to the exhibition vote for their favorites to win the Brookgreen People's Choice Award, announced at the end of the exhibition. Robin Salmon, Brookgreen's Vice Presi-



Work by Mick Doellinger

dent and Curator of Sculpture said, "Our People's Choice Award allows visitors to serve as a special awards jury, giving them the opportunity to participate in the exhibit. Every year since we initiated this award, each sculpture in the exhibition has received a vote, showing the wide appeal of this show."

National Sculpture Society was founded in New York City in 1893 by a group of America's most prominent sculptors. Its members have created much of this country's public sculpture, coins, and medals since the late 1800s. It is the oldest organization of professional sculptors in the United States, and has been hosting exhibitions for over a century.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and non-profit organization, is located on US 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, SC, and is open to the public daily.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Gardens at 843/235-6000 or visit (www.brookgreen.org).



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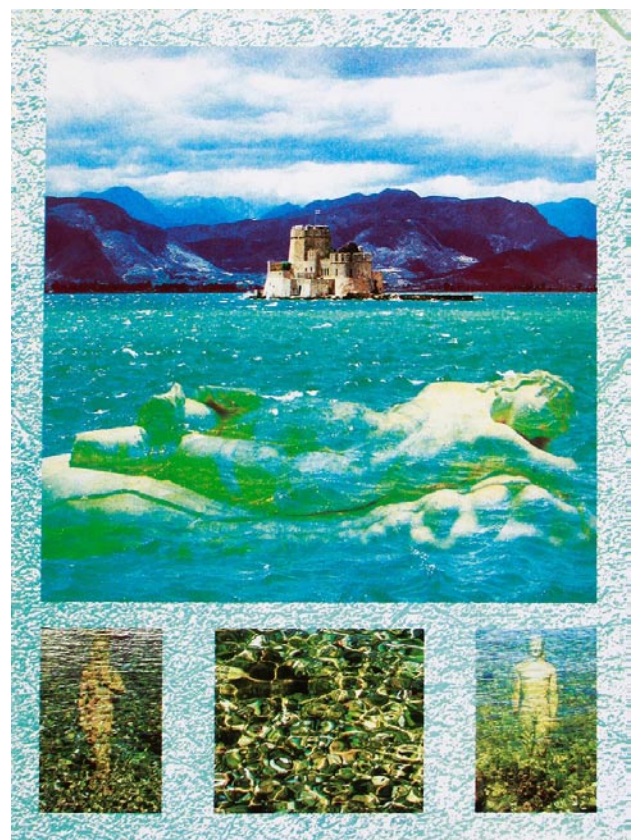
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