

# SC Institutional Galleries

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## Belton

**Belton Center for the Arts**, 306 North Main Street, Belton. **Sept. 28 - Nov. 2** - "26th Annual Standpipe Heritage & Arts Festival Juried Art Show". A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Sept. 28, from 6:30-9pm. The Juried Art Show is a hallmark of Belton's annual Standpipe Heritage & Arts Festival.

Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm & 1st Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 864/338-8556 or at (<http://www.beltoncenterforthearts.org/#lexhibits/cfvq>).



Work by Karen Sarafini

## Bluffton

**Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery/Learning Center**, 6 & 8 Church Street, corner of Calhoun and Church Street, Bluffton. **Sept. 1 - 28** - "Whispers and Waves," featuring works by Karen Sarafini and Theresa King. A reception will be held on Sept. 4, from 5-7pm. Theresa King, a self-taught artist, creates stunning and inspiring images infused with healing energy. Her artistic journey began after a battle with cancer in 2008, during which she discovered the therapeutic power of positive energy and art. Karen Sarafini's art is inspired by the colors and shapes of the ocean and sky. After moving to Bluffton, SC in 2021, she continued to explore her passion for resin art, creating hand-formed, glass-like sculptures that captivate with their fluidity and brilliance. **Ongoing** - Featuring works in a variety of mediums by over 100 area artists, with all work moderately priced. Changing shows every six weeks. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 11:30am-3pm. Contact: 843/757-6586 or at ([www.sobagallery.com](http://www.sobagallery.com)).

## Camden

**Bassett Gallery**, Arts Center of Kershaw County, 810 Lyttleton Street, Camden. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center of Kershaw County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings energy, creativity, and experience of the Arts to all ages. The Arts Center strives to make both the Visual, Music and Performing Arts an integral part of the life of our community. Admission: Free. Hours: closed now due to COVID-19, but varies by exhibit. Contact: 803/425-7676 or at ([www.fineartscenter.org](http://www.fineartscenter.org)).

## Charleston

**Throughout Charleston, Sept. 26 - Oct. 6** - 2024 MOJA Arts Festival. MOJA Arts Festival is an annual celebration of Black arts and culture and artistic contributions to the world, especially through African American and Caribbean legacies. MOJA's wide range of events include visual arts, classical music, dance, gospel, jazz, poetry, R&B music, storytelling, theater and much, much more. Contact: the Office of Cultural Affairs at 843/724-7305 or at (<http://www.charlestonarts.sc/>).

**Avery Research Center for African History and Culture**, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Ongoing** - Exhibits on view include: "Since 1920: Zeta Phi Beta Centennial". The Gamma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presents a centennial exhibit filled with the rich history of the sorority in print and paraphernalia. Visitors can see in-depth the programming, philanthropy and reach of Zeta Phi Beta during their 100 years. "The Water Keeps Rising" Hip-hop artist and activist Benny Starr has created an interactive exhibit based on data from the Avery's State of Racial Disparities Report in Charleston County. This exhibit will create an immersive experience for visitors. In the areas of civic engagement, racial disparities, the environment and performance art/music, this exhibit will aim to connect the dots from historical data and archival information up to the present conditions of the Lowcountry. "Resilient". Local artist Chris "Kolpeace" Johnson will highlight the power of being resilient with this work that recognizes African Americans who have shown strength through adversity including the late local activist Muhiyidin D'baha and Cyntoia Brown, who faced life in prison after being convicted of homicide as a juvenile. These pieces are tributes to memo-

rialize the impactful strength of an unsung hero in the community, engaging the soul and spirit. "The African Origins of Mathematics". Charleston resident and artist Robert "King David" Ross highlights the direct impact Africa has had on modern mathematics in this exhibit. Showcasing the first math instrument, the Ishango bone, the exhibit allows visitors to see the influence Africa has had on every aspect of life. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm, with guided tours at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Contact: 843/805-5507 or visit ([www.cofc.edu/avery](http://www.cofc.edu/avery)).



Work by Fran Davies

**Charleston Artist Guild Gallery**, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. **Sept. 1 - 30** - "Sea and Shore," featuring an eclectic body of work by Fran Davies. A reception will be held on Sept. 6, from 5-8pm. Davies' talent and dedication to art earned her an art scholarship and a BFA in Illustration from Syracuse University. Following college, Fran embarked on a successful career in NYC advertising agencies. In 2018, she relocated to Charleston, where she immersed herself in the vibrant local art scene and studied with renowned local artists. **Ongoing** - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 80 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Daily, 11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at ([www.charlestonartistguild.com](http://www.charlestonartistguild.com)).

**City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park**, 34 Prioleau Street, Charleston. **Through Sept. 8** - "Preservation Through Art: Charleston," an exhibition that presents new interpretations by Charleston area artists of 150-year-old etchings of local vistas. A reception will be held on July 19 from 5-7pm, and an artist's talk on Aug. 10 at 2pm. Both events are free and open to the public. Imagine being an artist, asked to wander around America and paint any scene you found to be inspiring and picturesque; to create tales of adventure along with beautiful visuals to share with a nation recovering from the Civil War. This scenario became a reality in the late 1800s when Appleton Press employed prominent artists and writers to venture across the country in search of amazing natural and historic landmarks. Their stories and artwork resulted in the creation of a comprehensive travelogue publication known as Picturesque America. The artists and writers were captivated by the bountiful beauty they discovered and inadvertently became part of a new movement - one sparking the idea that we should protect these landmarks. For this exhibit, the artists have created new works to portray the original sites as they appear today. This "then and now" demonstrates if we have been good stewards of these natural and historic treasures. Hours: Wed.-Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 843/958-6484 or ([www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery](http://www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery)).

**Gallery By SEWE**, Shops at Charleston Place, 205 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Ongoing** - Gallery By SEWE is a new, brick-and-mortar extension of the annual Charleston event, The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the southeast's premier wildlife art show and outdoors lifestyle event, is hosting a new art gallery and studio space in the Shops at Charleston Place. The gallery will become a year-round extension of SEWE's passion for the great outdoors and showcase the organization's mission to preserve wildlife art and support conservation. The gallery will feature wildlife art, artists and exhibitors and host artist residencies, special exhibitions and events. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 10am-6pm. For more information, please call 843/278-4806 or visit ([gallerybysewe.com](http://gallerybysewe.com)).



"Dear Dad", 2022, by Reynier Llanes (Cuban-American, b. 1985), Oil and mixed media on canvas, 60 x 40 inches. On loan courtesy of the collection of David and MaryEllen Rogers. Image ©Reynier Llanes.

**Gibbes Museum of Art**, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Gallery 2 & 3, Through Dec.**

**1** - "Artist Spotlight: David Driskell and Edward Middleton Manigault". The rotating artist spotlight series continues with two new spotlight explorations. One focuses on renowned American artist and art historian David Driskell, whose painting and printmaking practice was influenced by nature, abstraction and African imagery. The other spotlight features early modernist Edward Middleton Manigault, whose fanciful paintings were well-respected during his short lifetime and included in major modernist exhibitions, such as the 1913 Armory Show. **Galleries 8 & 9, Through Sept. 15** - "Reynier Llanes: Passages". The exhibition presents the vibrant narrative paintings of Reynier Llanes an established Cuban artist (Pinar del Rio, 1985) now based in the United States. Llanes combines and contrasts scenes from nature and daily life with a mystical and imaginative elegance. Drawing from his own memories and experience as an artist, an émigré, and an immigrant as well as his studies of literature, history, and science, Llanes's invites viewers into unique dreamworlds. His explorations of personal and societal passages, both physical and spiritual, sensitively communicate common threads in humanity. Currently living in Miami, Llanes spent 6 years working in Charleston. This exhibition pulls from the artist's recent series of large-scale oil paintings, as well as his unique coffee watercolor paintings - a style he has dubbed *Espressionism*. **Galleries 1, 4, and 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "18th and 19th Century American Paintings and Sculpture". American paintings, from colonial portraits to Civil War-era landscapes, occupy the Gibbes Main Gallery. Portraits of leading political, social, and military figures include works by Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully and Samuel F.B. Morse. The gallery also features landscape and genre scenes by Angelica Kaufmann, Louis Mignot, Eastman Johnson, Conrad Wise Chapman, and William Aiken Walker. The paintings collection is complemented by examples of neoclassical sculpture on view in the Campbell Rotunda, and decorative art objects on loan from the Rivers Collection. **Gallery 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "Miniature Portraits". The first American miniature portraits were painted in Charleston, and today the Gibbes is home to one of the most prestigious portrait miniature collections in the United States. Containing more than six hundred objects, the collection spans nearly two hundred years and represents the work of over a hundred artists. Small enough to fit in the palm of the hand, these tiny portraits were treasured remembrances of loved ones in the age before photography. Presented in state-of-the-art display cases, and in viewable storage drawers featured miniatures include works by Mary Roberts, Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Charles Wilson Peale, Pierre Henri, Edward Greene Malbone, George Engleheart, and Charles Fraser. **Gallery 6, Permanent Exhibition** - "20th Century American Regionalism and the Charleston Renaissance". At the turn of the twentieth century, American artists looked to their European counterparts and beyond as they developed identifiable American artistic movements. Two particularly strong influences during this time period were French Impressionism and Japanese woodblock prints. Another prevailing theme during this period was the growing interest in American subject matter. American regionalism and social realism played important roles in the development of art in Charleston, which flourished as a destination for artists, particularly during the years of 1915 to 1945 a period now known as the Charleston Renaissance.

**Gallery 7, Permanent Exhibition** - "Modern and Contemporary". Modern and contemporary art in America encompasses a wide range of styles, subject matter, and media. As a whole, the diversity of modern and contemporary art reflects the rich and varied heritage of our nation and the lowcountry region. Works in this gallery were created over the past forty years by artists who are native to the area, who have worked here, or

who have created objects that reflect the complex story of the region. The works are grouped to reflect several themes including the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. **Museum Shop** - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner among other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at ([www.gibbesmuseum.org](http://www.gibbesmuseum.org)).



Work by Demond Melancon

**Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art**, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., Charleston. **Main Gallery, Through Dec. 7** - "Demond Melancon: As Any Means Are Necessary". The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston School of the Arts proudly presents the first solo museum exhibition of innovative artist Demond Melancon. New Orleans-based artist Melancon, also known as Big Chief Demond Melancon of the Young Seminole Hunters, works solely with a needle and thread to sew glass beads onto canvas, beginning this practice in 1992 when he first became part of a more than 200-year-old culture known as the Black Masking Culture of New Orleans. He is well known for creating massive suits as a Black Masker, notably seen during Mardi Gras, which are sculptural forms based on the size of his body and are composed of intricate, hand-sewn beadwork revealing a collective visual narrative. Hours: Mon.- Sat., 11am-4pm; until 7pm on Thur. and by appt. Contact: 843/953-4422 or at (<http://halsey.cofc.edu/exhibitions/>).

**International African American Museum**, 14 Wharfside Street, Charleston. **Through Nov. 3** - "Follow the North Star: Freedom in the Age of Mobility Throughout African American History". This exhibition portrays the destination of "freedom" as it proves to be an elusive location. The search for this "promised land" has taken many forms, including travel, migration, and imagination. "Follow the North Star: Freedom in the Age of Mobility," explores this multifaceted journey through three distinct perspectives: Transportation, The Great Migration, and Spirituality/Imagination. In this multi-media exhibition, visitors will learn about historic events related to African Americans' search for freedom, as well as lesser-known forms of escape, including folklore, storytelling, and metaphysical travel. From the Montgomery bus boycotts, to Afrofuturist visions of other planets, visitors will be encouraged to see the African American journey through a renewed lens, one of possibility and agency. **Ongoing** - The IAAM, which sits at the site of Gadsden's Wharf - one of the nation's most prolific former slave trading ports - includes nine core exhibition galleries and a special exhibition gallery, as well as a "floating" gallery that weaves contemporary art throughout the museum. The museum will open with more than 700 artifacts dating from 17th century to contemporary objects, alongside 1000 image and media collection pieces - all of which help connect the African American journey to its roots and connections to African and African Diaspora communities and cultures. The museum also houses the Center for Family History, a world-class genealogy and ancestry resource center, which began hosting genealogy classes and workshops in 2020. Admission: Yes. In an effort to increase access and decrease obstacles to participating in arts and cultural experiences, International African American Museum (IAAM) has joined Bank of America as a new partner in the bank's Museums on Us program, which offers free general admission on the first full weekend of each month to Bank of America, Merrill and Bank of America Private Bank credit and debit cardholders, at some of the nation's greatest museums and cultural attractions, which now includes IAAM. Hours: Tue.-Sun., 10am-5pm (last entry at 4pm). Contact: 843/872-5352 or at ([iaamuseum.org](http://iaamuseum.org)).

**Redux Contemporary Art Center**, featuring Redux Studios, 1056 King Street, Charleston. **Main Gallery, Through Oct. 19** - "Ticker Tape of the Unconscious," featuring a solo exhibit by the New York-based artist Gracelee Lawrence. Known for her exploring the intersections between food, the body, and technology, Lawrence presents a series of suspended, rotating 3D-

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