

# Editorial COMMENTARY

by Tom Starland, Editor and Publisher

## Don't Forget to Vote on Nov. 6!

Here's my closing arguments: A vote for the Republicans and Donald "F" Trump is a vote to destroy our planet and everything on it so industry can make more profits, it's a vote for special law and order for all rich white people, it's a vote for less health care at a higher cost, it's a vote for more profits for the Trump family, it's a vote to flip our friends around the world for our enemies, it's a vote against women, it's a vote to end democracy, it's a vote for further tax cuts for the rich - do I need to go on?

A vote for the Democrats is a vote to stop all of the above. If it's for more taxes - you'll get something for it - like better roads, bridges that won't collapse, better internet service, cleaner energy, and better health care. It's a vote to stop killing our environment, our citizens, and to make sure your grandchildren will be able to go outside and breathe in a few decades. It will be a vote for a living wage for working people. It will be a vote for immigration laws that are fair and bring people into the American system - where they pay into a future we can all benefit from. It's a vote for an America that says: you can't kill a journalist, chop him up and stuff him in a suitcase, you can't mess with our election process, and you can't shoot missiles at our allies and then get a photo opt with our President. And, with all that you can still have a good economy.

Vote for either one, but if you don't vote, shut up, sit down, and take what you get.

## Now On A Brighter Side

The month of November is always an active month in the visual art community as folks try and get people to buy original, hand-made art for holiday gift giving. Vista Lights in Columbia, SC, is a kickoff of the

Christmas season in the midlands of SC. The Celebration of Seagrove Potters in Seagrove, NC, is the gathering of more potters than you can shake a stick at (whatever that means), and then there is the Greenville, SC, Open Studio Tour, the Mother of all studio tours in SC. And these are just the folks who advertise with us - you'll find many more events included in this issue, but you'll have to find that info on your own. And, don't forget about the commercial galleries who advertise with us. They make all this possible.

All these artists and gallery owners are hoping you'll spend your holiday budget and more by buying their creations. Now I'm not suggesting you buy an expensive painting for a seven year old (although it might be a great investment), I don't want the children of the Carolinas hating me, but you could buy that child a special Christmas ornament. I'm talking about the adults in your life and the number one person you should buy a special gift for - you. That's right, you deserve something special. And, they say the economy has never been better. Well, one person is trying to say it's the best economy America and the World has ever seen.

Instead of that bread maker, foot massager, or the latest coffee maker you saw in a commercial on TV, think about getting that person a piece of pottery, hand-blown glass, limited edition print, or hand-dyed scarf. There are lots of types of art that can be purchased in the same range as the latest gadget. But, if you're one of the 1% who has really made out big in this economy - you should be thinking big when it comes to your art purchase - investment grade art - the kind that will be sold at auction decades after you have left this earth. Imagine what that person will be thinking of you when they hear - "sold for \$1.2 million!" But think of the smile you'll see when they open your gift this holiday season. Think about that.

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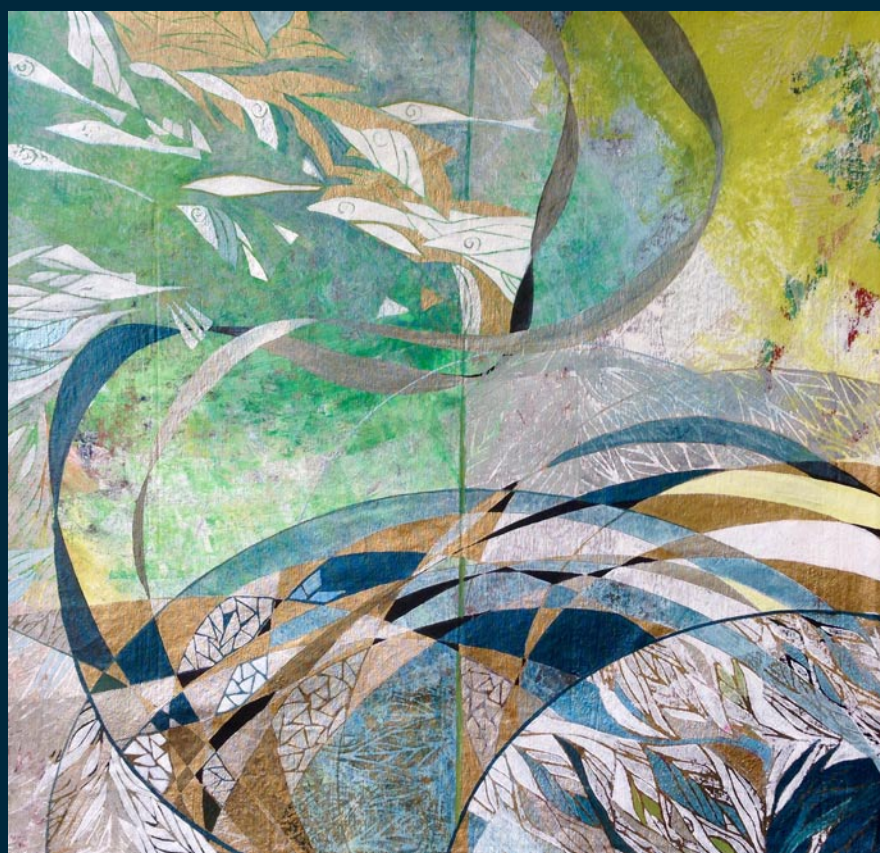
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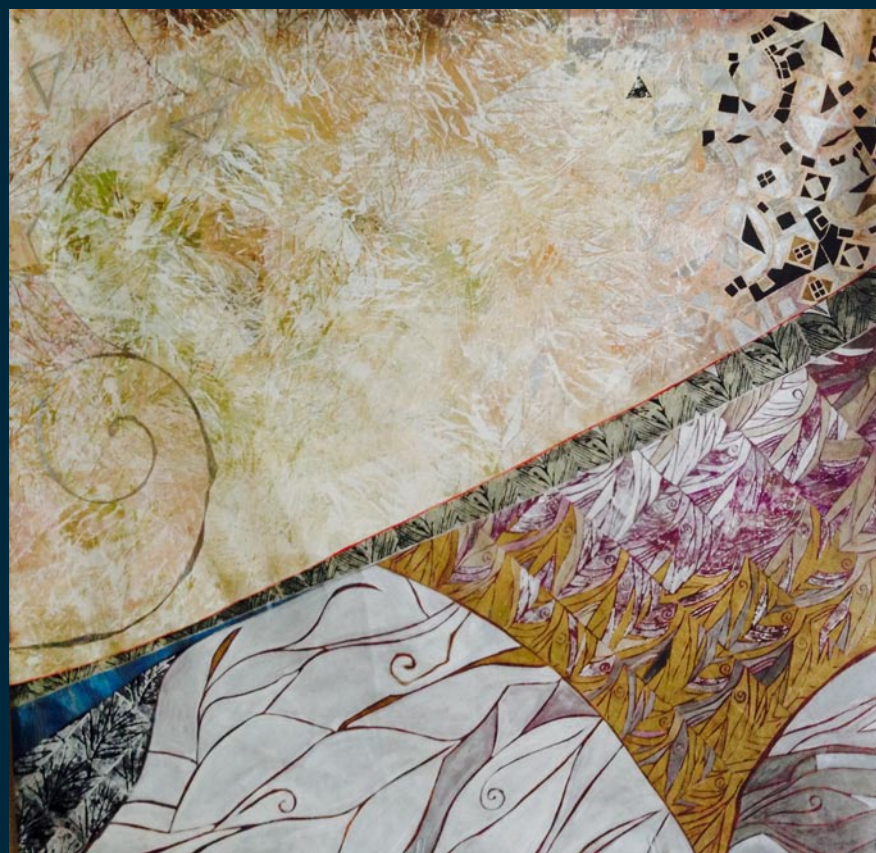
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