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pARTy, Social Art Classes. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 864/882-2711, e-mail at (theartistsloft@yahoo.com).

Spartanburg

Downtown Spartanburg, Feb. 16, 5-9pm - "Art Walk Spartanburg". Held on the 3rd Thur, of every month art galleries and art spaces in downtown Spartanburg will open their doors. Participating are: Spartanburg Art Museum, Artists' Guild of Spartanburg Gallery, HUB-BUB showroom, Carolina Gallery, and West Main Artists Cooperative. For more information call 864/585-3335 or visit (www.carolinagalleryart.com).

Art & Frame Gallery, 108 Garner Road, Spartanburg. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by local artists, custom framing and art supplies. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 864/585-3700.

Carolina Gallery, 145 W. Main Street, Spartanburg. **Ongoing** - Featuring fine art originals and reproductions by local, national and international artist including Linda Cancel, Jim Creal, Daniel Cromer, Scott Cunningham, Trey Finney, Isabel Forbes, Bonnie Goldberg, Robert LoGrippo, Virginia Scribner Mallard, Alan McCarter, Joan Murphy, Keith Spencer, and many others. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10:30am-5pm & Sat., 11am-4pm and by appt. Contact: 864/585-3335 or at (www.carolinagalleryart.com).

Creals Studio and Gallery, Suite 950, Montgomery Building, 187 N. Church St., Spartanburg. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Jim Creal. Hours: by appt. only or chance. Contact: 864/597-0879 or e-mail at (jimcreal@mindspring.com).

Mayo Mac Boggs Studio, 1040 Seven Springs Road, Spartanburg. **Ongoing** - Limited edition bronze tablets, steel sculpture and computer graphics. Hours: by appt. only. Contact: 864/579-2938 or at (www.myartweb.com).

Wet Paint Syndrome, LLC, Hillcrest Specialty Row (on the flip side), 1040 Fernwood-Glendale Rd., Suite 34, Spartanburg. **First Thur. of each month, 6:30-9pm** - "Pop-Up Gallery Nights." This is an open wall night to show and sell newer works. The Pop-Up event is intended to serve both the established and emerging artists in the region, as well as collectors who are looking for more affordable and the current edge of newer works. It is different every month, and we never know what will pop up next! Contact: 864/579-9604 or at (www.wetpaintsyndrome.com).

Summerville

Art Central, Ltd. Gallery, 130 Central Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring fine art originals, reproductions, one-of-a-kind jewelry and photography by local award winning artists. Representing Helen K. Beacham, Bette Lu Bentley-Layne, Mary Ann Bridgman, Renee Bruce, Christine Crosby, Judy Jacobs, Alexandra Kassing, Sarah Allums Kuhnell, Yvonne L. Rousseau, June Sullivan, Delaine Walters, Kathleen Wiley and Detta C. Zimmerman. Featuring consignment artists Wilma Cantey/pottery, Gary Nunn/woodworking,

Guenter Weber/walking sticks and sweetgrass baskets and gourds by Sharon Perkins. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/871-0297 or at (www.artcgalleryltd.com).

Four Green Fields Gallery & Gifts, 117-A Central Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the new home of Silver Pail Pottery by potters Jillian and Robin Carway. The gallery showcases the work of 45+ American fine craft artists with an emphasis on local and South Carolina artisans. Offering a wide range of talent from the master potter to the emerging silversmith. Other media represented include fiber, wood, photography, baskets, paper, glass, metal, leather and handmade artisan products. Craft artists interested in exhibiting with Four Green Fields can find an "Artist Info Packet" on the website. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/261-7680 or at (www.fourgreenfieldsgallery.com).

Imperial Framing & Specialities, 960 Bacons Bridge Road, Palmetto Plaza, Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lowcountry artists. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 843/871-9712.

Miles Gallery, 208 S. Magnolia St., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Whimsicalities for eclectic personalities. Fun art from local, regional, and international artists. Handmade jewelry, paintings, folk art, pottery and much more. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 843/851-1182 or at (www.milesgallery.us).

People, Places, & Quilts, 129 W. Richardson Avenue, Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring fabric, books, patterns, notions, quilts and Folk Art. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm and Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/937-9333 or at (www.ppquilts.com).

Tea Farm Cottage, 808 N. Cedar St., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by the largest group of artisans and crafters in the tri-county area with 90 sellers under one roof, plus locally-made foods and antiques. Monthly arts and crafts shows on our 1/2 acre property. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 843/871-1113.

The Finishing Touch, 140-A West Richardson Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original art, fine crafts, framing and interior design by appt. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm & Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/873-8212.

Treasure the View - Sand Carved Glass, 129 1/2 W. Richardson Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Unique sand carved glass sculptures created by renowned artist Lex Melfi. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece produced by cutting images into glass using high-pressured sand. Hours: by appt. only. Contact: 843/875-7822 or at (www.lexmelfi.com).

Sumter

Elephant Ear Gallery Fine Arts and Creations, 672 Bultman Dr., Sumter. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by 23 artists offering every medium from watercolor to angora grown rabbits producing fur for spinning. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 803/773-2268.

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it's very good.

The paper is growing, offering more content than any arts publication in the Carolinas, covering more areas than ever before. What's not good about that?

A Big Correction and a Redo

Last month I made a mistake about the

ending date of Gwen Bigham's exhibit at Central Piedmont Community College. I shortened her exhibit by almost a month. We have the corrected dates and a rerun of the article about her exhibit just below the end of this commentary. We've corrected the date in last month's issue and offer this new info here. Not bad for only learning of this a few hours before launch.

Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte Offers Works by Gwen Bigham

Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC, is presenting the exhibit, *Gwen Bigham: Becoming*, on view in the Ross Galleries, in the Overcash Building, through March 15, 2012. A reception will be held on Feb. 17, 7-9pm.



Work by Gwen Bigham

Melissa Post, while curator at the Mint Museum, wrote of Bigham's work, "[Her] artistic repertoire is as eclectic as it is vast...Dualities, between external appearances and internal realities, serve as the thematic thread that unifies her work. She juxtaposes utilitarian materials in unlikely ways to create uncommonly beautiful sculpture... For Bigham, art serves as a medium to test theories, a conduit for self-expression...Bigham's diverse oeuvre reflects her dynamism and her innate ability to create moments of wonder."

(Crosscurrents: Art, Craft, and Design in North Carolina)

Bigham attended Appalachian State University, in Boone, NC, and graduated with honors from Winthrop University, in Rock Hill, SC, in 2002 earning a BFA in Sculpture and Painting. During this time she was honored with an award from the International Sculpture Center. After completing her BFA, Bigham was twice an affiliate artist at the McColl Center for Visual Art in Charlotte, NC.

Bigham's work has been exhibited in numerous venues including the International Sculpture Center in Hamilton, NJ, the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, NC, the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, NC, the Mint Museum of Craft + Design and the McColl Center for Visual Art, both in Charlotte, NC. She is the recipient of an Arts & Science Council Regional Artist Grant, based in Charlotte. In 2003, Bigham was invited to teach at Winthrop University, where she was a lecturer until relocating to Asheville, NC, where she currently lives and works.

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