

City of North Charleston, SC

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first, second, and third place in multiple categories will be awarded by guest judge, Caroline Self. Self is a contemporary, abstract expressionist artist inspired by the vivid paint colors and textures made famous by Vincent Van Gogh and the unique abstractness of paintings by Wassily Kandinsky and Willem de Kooning. She is the current City of North Charleston Artist-in-Residence and was previously the art education program specialist at the Lyndon House Arts Center in Athens, GA. She has developed a unique track record of creating innovative classes, programs, award-winning camps, and exhibits for countless groups, children, and events.

The Goose Creek Artists Guild meets monthly for live demonstrations and business to further its purpose "to bring together a group of artists interested in self-improvement, public recognition, and the promotion of the arts in the community." For more information, contact the Guild Secretary, Pam Smith, at 843/819-6533.

The North Charleston City Gallery is situated in two corridors of the northwest corner of the Charleston Area Convention Center, located on Coliseum Drive in North Charleston, SC. Parking and admission are free.



Work by Dorothy Shromoff

Inquiries regarding the artists or purchase information may be directed to the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department at 843/740-5854.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.northcharleston.org).

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Edith Wood

Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *Just Birds*, featuring photographs by Edith Wood, on view in the SOBA Gallery, from Feb. 6 through Mar. 5, 2017. A reception will be held on Feb. 12, from 3-5pm.

Edith Wood works patiently for the precise moment to capture the birds while they are at their best in the wild. To do this a photographer must be practiced in the art of snapping the camera while the bird is in an artists' composition, and also is in natural light and showing the characteristics of each species of bird.

Wood studies nature, as she waits for the best moment to capture nature in all of its best display. Her love of the outdoors and the use of the natural light and artistic composition result in perfect moments captured in time.

Wood began her exploration of photography taking portraits for her family which she still enjoys today. She started with a DSLR camera in 2008 and has since discovered wildlife, landscape and macro photography. She's learned from her many photographer friends, from research on the web, and from joining photography groups. However, she points out, "I've learned the most from my own mistakes and lots of practice."

In her own words, "Photography made me look beyond the face of things. I've discovered that everything has a better side. Seeing and trying to bring out the best in everyone and everything is my challenge...to try and make something simple look great, capturing memories, emotions and moments...". She says "It's a lifetime adventure that I am very passionate about. I create images simply for the love of it!". And it shows in her simply



Work by Edith Wood

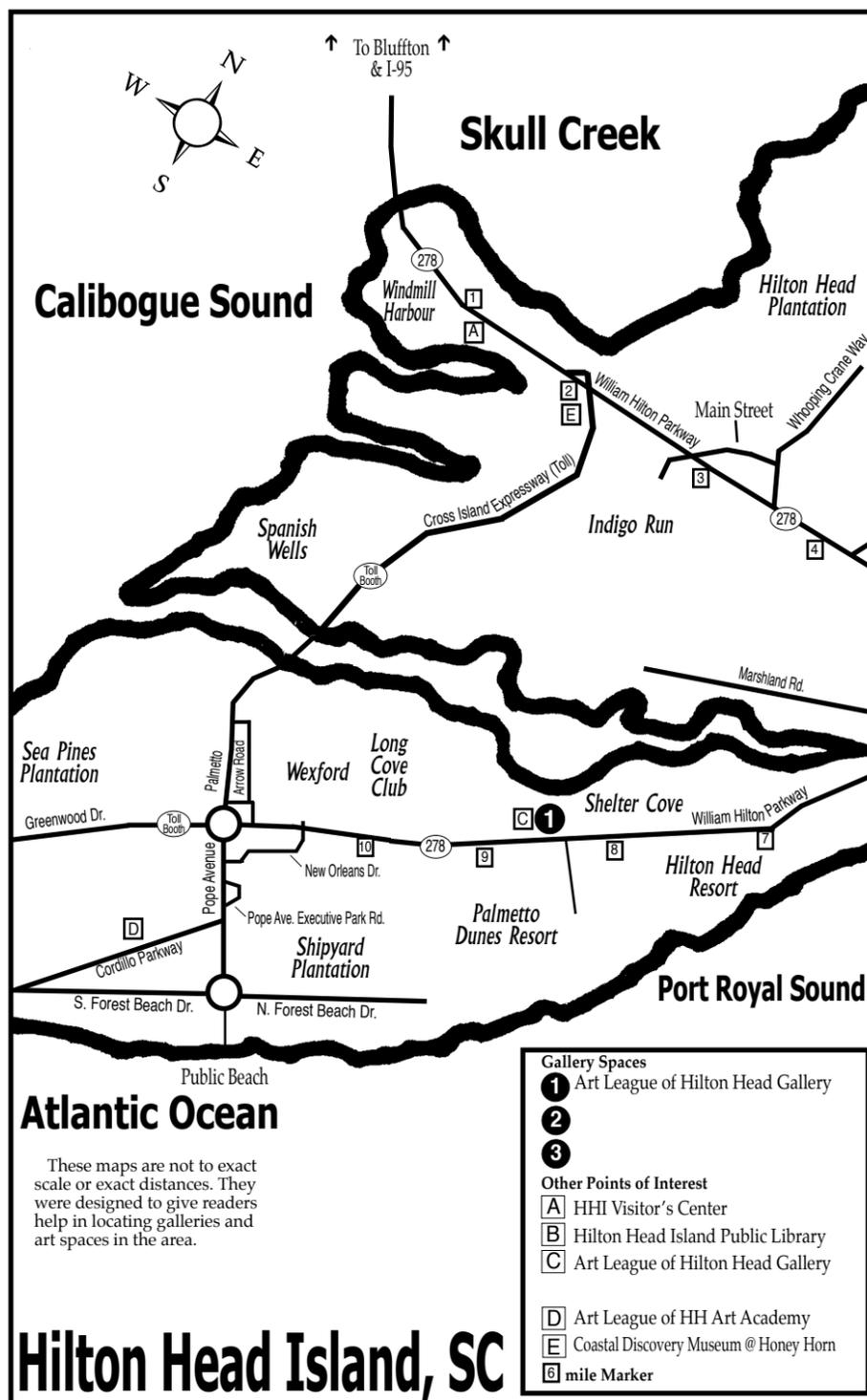
beautiful work!

Originally from a small French town in Ontario, she now calls Bluffton, SC, home. Her work is shown and sold at the Society of Bluffton Artist's Gallery, The Complete Home, Coastal Exchange, Boat House in Bluffton, Atmosphere in Beaufort and the Caretta Coffee Shop of Hilton Head.

Wood's numerous awards include Peoples' Choice award at K. Hovnanian Homes community in Hampton Lake in 2015, also the SOBA member Judged Show 1st Place 2015, 2nd Place 2016, the Camera Club Awards and Nine photos chosen for the Memory Matters Book, "Meet Me Where I am".

Also at the gallery is the monthly change of show displaying new work admitted from over 100 SOBA member artists. The opening reception includes refreshments and a chance to meet Edith Wood.

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