

Editorial COMMENTARY

by Tom Starland, Editor and Publisher

To South Carolina Citizens

At the end of this month, during this leap year, South Carolina will be the first in the South to take a stab at selecting the Democratic nominee for President. It's an important primary for Democrats 6 out of 7 of the last Presidential primaries have been won by the person who went on to be the Democratic nominee, with the exception of John Edwards who won in 2004, but John Kerry was the last person standing that year.

I know artists like to think of themselves as non-political. That's a hoot as I can't think of anything more political than the art world. Politics is involved in who gets grant money, who gets exhibits, whose work gets purchased, and who wins awards. If you try and tell me differently, I'll tell you you're a naive fool. I've been at this for over 33 years and I've seen and heard it all. There's as much politics in the arts as there is in Congress. The money, the lobbying, the special interest, the deals made, and don't forget about down right bribes - it's all here in the arts.

So when it comes to elections, if you're in the art world, sitting on the sidelines and letting others determine your future is stupid and unproductive. Vote for the folks who believe in public funding, support public art projects, and arts education. Not for the guys who think it's the first place to make cuts.

And, I'm not saying that's always going to be a Democrat. There are many a Republicans sitting in the SC Legislature who have overridden a veto or budget cuts for the arts made by a Republican Governor. You all know who she is. And she thinks she can run to be President some day. SC citizens will be there to tell her story. Had your personal and financial info hacked lately? Not since she's been gone?

Well anyway, Feb. 29 is the SC Presidential Primary for the Democratic Party.

And, I'm asking you to vote. If you're not registered - get registered (too late for the primary, but get ready for the Nov. election), and even if you are registered and do vote from time to time - check your registration. Some funny things have been going on, so check your registration before you show up to vote and get embarrassed.

Now, I'm not going to tell you how to vote or who to vote for, but I'm going to tell you who I'm voting for. I'm voting for a woman.

There will be three women on the ballot, two I consider Democrats, not sure what that third one is. My heart was set on Kamala Harris, but she's out of the race for the top spot, but I'm still holding on for her to be selected as someone's VP. But for me it came down to Amy Klobuchar and Elizabeth Warren. I'm originally from the Midwest, but I've been in the South a long time - 46 years. But, I'm going to give my vote to Elizabeth Warren - she's got a lot of answers and she won't take any crap from Trump - if he even makes it to November before they put him in the slammer. Don't sit on the sidelines - vote. I do in every election.

I Love This Name

Artworks Gallery in Winston-Salem, NC, will present two new exhibits including, *New Work*, featuring works by Don Green and *Farmers Market*, featuring works by Betti Pettinati-Longinotti, both on view from Feb. 2 - 29, 2020. I love this name - Betti Pettinati-Longinotti. It has 7 "t" and 10 vowels - amazing. And, I'm sure I can't pronounce it right, but I still love it. I wonder how many time it gets misspelled? And, on the other side of this exhibit coin is Don Green - who can't get that right? But, I've been thinking about Betti's name ever since the press release arrived. It's funny how things like that get to you or should I say - me.

Dog & Horse Fine Art in Charleston, SC, Offers Exhibition for SEWE

Dog & Horse Fine Art in Charleston, SC, will present *Sporting Art*, a group exhibition of sporting art at the Gallery and The Restoration Hotel, on view from Feb. 7 - 29, 2020.

Dog & Horse is proud to host The Wateree Spaniel Club which was developed to provide opportunities for the spaniel owners in the Southeast to improve their skills in upland dog training. Wateree Spaniel Club is a field focused Spaniel Club that welcomes all breeds of flushing spaniels. The gallery will have a selection of beautiful paintings of Spaniel sporting breeds.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the



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Robert Lange Studios in Charleston, SC, Features Works by KC Collins



Work by KC Collins

Robert Lange Studios in Charleston, SC, will present *Parallels*, featuring contemporary landscapes by KC Collins, on view from Feb. 7 - 28, 2020. A reception will be held on Feb. 7, from 5-8pm.

Parallels is a meditative body of paintings that chronicle the areas around the artist's home in Charleston, including the barrier islands, Lowcountry marshes, and pristine southern beaches. Collins' is known for her soft, athermal landscapes.

"This body of work explores the theme of parallels. Not only in the literal sense of lines moving in the same direction, but also how separate elements in a painting are interdependent. The relationship between sky and sea, shadows and reflections," says Collins.

Collins' painting style is unique within the landscape genera; she departs from traditional hard edges and crisp lines and

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