

Sumter County Gallery of Art

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such as gold and silk thread, freshwater pearls, crystal, turquoise and coral beads. I attempt to push the tapestry genre, as I investigate issues of identity, life and the human condition. I am also interested in the notions of beauty using myths and historic textiles as points of departure."

As a fiber artist, Riis has exhibited his hand-woven tapestries throughout Europe and Asia. His tapestry work can be found in numerous private and public collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Art Institute of Chicago, The Minneapolis Institute of Art, Indianapolis Museum of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Museum of Art and Design in New York, the High Museum, Atlanta and The Renwick Gallery of the Smithso-

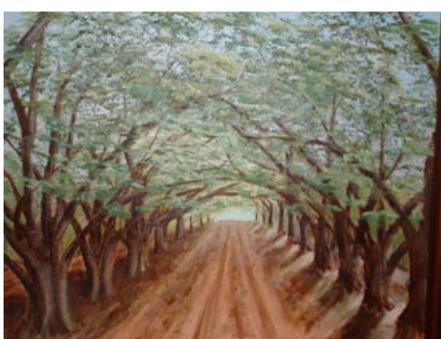
nian American Museum of Art. Riis was recently selected as 2011 USA Windgate Fellow.

This large solo exhibition by such a world renowned tapestry artist was made possible by a generous contribution from Jewish Charities of Sumter and the efforts of Robert Moses as well as additional support from Covenant Place, A & P Recycling Company and Susan James at Broadstone Manor and the efforts of the Sumter County Gallery of Art Board of Directors.

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Hitchcock Health Center in Aiken, SC, Features Works by Raymond Kent

The Hitchcock Health Center in Aiken, SC, will present an exhibit of works by Raymond Kent, sponsored by the Aiken Artist Guild, on view from Mar. 2 - 30, 2012.



Work by Raymond Kent

Kent is a multi-media artist working in acrylic, watercolor, and pastels whose paintings have a nature theme as well as paintings of local landmark buildings. "I Page 12 - Carolina Arts, March 2012

feel a special connection with time-worn buildings that have survived the years. I think it may have something to do with my own aging process and my appreciation for the beauty of what we all share here in Aiken." remarks Kent.

The artist and his wife retired from New England in 1999, and moved to

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