

SC Institutional Galleries

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County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings energy, creativity, and experience of the Arts to all ages. The Arts Center strives to make both the Visual, Music and Performing Arts an integral part of the life of our community. Admission: Free. Hours: closed now due to COVID-19, but varies by exhibit. Contact: 803/425-7676 or at (www.fineartscenter.org).

Charleston

Avery Research Center for African History and Culture, at the College of Charleston, 125 Bull St., Charleston. **Ongoing** - Exhibits on view include: "Since 1920: Zeta Phi Beta Centennial". The Gamma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presents a centennial exhibit filled with the rich history of the sorority in print and paraphernalia. Visitors can see in-depth the programming, philanthropy and reach of Zeta Phi Beta during their 100 years. "The Water Keeps Rising" Hip-hop artist and activist Benny Starr has created an interactive exhibit based on data from the Avery's State of Racial Disparities Report in Charleston County. This exhibit will create an immersive experience for visitors. In the areas of civic engagement, racial disparities, the environment and performance art/music, this exhibit will aim to connect the dots from historical data and archival information up to the present conditions of the Lowcountry. "Resilient". Local artist Chris "Kolpeace" Johnson will highlight the power of being resilient with this work that recognizes African Americans who have shown strength through adversity including the late local activist Muhiyidin D'baha and Cyntoia Brown, who faced life in prison after being convicted of homicide as a juvenile. These pieces are tributes to memorialize the impactful strength of an unsung hero in the community, engaging the soul and spirit. "The African Origins of Mathematics". Charleston resident and artist Robert "King David" Ross highlights the direct impact Africa has had on modern mathematics in this exhibit. Showcasing the first math instrument, the Ishango bone, the exhibit allows visitors to see the influence Africa has had on every aspect of life. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm, with guided tours at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Contact: 843/805-5507 or visit (www.cofc.edu/avery).

Charleston Artist Guild Gallery, 160 East Bay St., Charleston. **Apr. 1 - 30** - "The American Landscape," an exhibition featuring paintings by Peter Finger. Finger paints primarily in both oils and acrylic mediums. Finger grew up in the shadows of the Catskill Mountains in Upstate New York. He started painting in his teens and was influenced by the artists of the Hudson River School who painted the wild landscapes of New England in the early 19th Century. Finger would trace the steps of these romantic painters and create his own interpretation of the scenes. **Ongoing** - Featuring an exhibit of works by over 80 plus members of CAG who display a wealth of talent in different media including, oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, photography, printmaking & sculpture. The Gallery is also home for the CAG office. Hours: Daily, 11am-6pm. Contact: 843/722-2454 or at (www.charlestonartistguild.com).



Work by Mary Edna Fraser

City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park, 34 Pringleau Street, Charleston. **Through May 8** - "Creek by Creek," is a collaborative effort by artists Mary Edna Fraser and Jeff Kopish, underscoring the perils of plastic pollution and the importance of protecting the Lowcountry's unique waterways. Featuring an array of Fraser's batiks on silk and oil paintings and Kopish's ceramic and found object sculptures incorporating everything from recycled plastic to actual trash, this exhibition aims to further educate the public on environmental issues through the lens of art, and to remind viewers of the consequences of their own actions within the larger ecological systems of which they are a part. Due to the ongoing situation related to COVID-19 in South Carolina, City Gallery guests are requested to reserve in advance for free, timed admission online via (www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery) or by phone by calling the gallery during business hours.

Face masks are required of all guests and staff. Contact: 843/958-6484 or (www.charleston-sc.gov/citygallery).



Work by Cameron Alexander

Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting Street, Charleston. **Gallery 8, Through Aug. 7** - "Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice". William H. Johnson painted his Fighters for Freedom series in the mid-1940s as a tribute to African American activists, scientists, teachers, performers and international heads of state working to bring peace to the world. He celebrated their accomplishments even as he acknowledged the realities of racism, violence and oppression they faced and overcame. Some of his fighters—Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, Marian Anderson and Mahatma Gandhi—are familiar historical figures; others are less well-known individuals whose determination and sacrifice have been eclipsed over time. Drawn entirely from the collection of more than 1,000 works by Johnson given to the Smithsonian American Art Museum by the Harman Foundation in 1967, this exhibition is the first-ever presentation of this series in Johnson's home state of South Carolina. "Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice" is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum with generous support from Art Bridges, Faye and Robert Davidson, and the Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Foundation. **Gallery 9, Through Aug. 7** - "A New Deal: Artists at Work". During the Great Depression of the 1930s, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt launched his ambitious Works Progress Administration (WPA) programs that sent millions of unemployed Americans back to work, including more than 5,000 artists. The Federal Art Project, formed under the WPA, afforded opportunities to a diverse group of artists, including women, African Americans and recent immigrants from China, Russia and Germany. This monumental effort to put artists back to work resulted in a collection of artworks intended to uplift the national spirit and encourage creativity in the face of great challenges. The Gibbes is one of a select group of institutions across the country that houses a historic collection of Federal Art Project prints. **Gallery 2 & 3, Through Oct. 9** - "William Eggleston Photographs from the Laura and Jay Crouse Collection". It is said that William Eggleston's unique ability to conflate the epic and the everyday has made him one of the most impactful figures in late 20th century photography. A native of Memphis, TN, Eggleston first photographed his local environs in the 1950s in black-and-white but became one of the first fine art photographers to use color to record his observations in a more heightened and accurate way. Today, his strikingly vivid yet enigmatic images of parked cars, billboards, storefronts, diners and other artifacts of the ordinary world are considered groundbreaking. The photographs presented in this edition of the museum's Charleston Collects exhibition series were selected from the Laura and Jay Crouse Collection and represent many of the pioneering artist's most notable works. The exhibition will be accompanied by a full-color catalog with an essay on the artist by Simon Constantine, Ph.D., professor of photographic history at Birkbeck, University of London, and Sotheby's Art Institute. **Galleries 1, 4, and 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "18th and 19th Century American Paintings and Sculpture". American paintings, from colonial portraits to Civil War-era landscapes, occupy the Gibbes Main Gallery. Portraits of leading political, social, and military figures include works by Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Sully and Samuel F.B. Morse. The gallery also features landscape and genre scenes by Angelica Kaufmann, Louis Mignot, Eastman Johnson, Conrad Wise Chapman, and William Aiken Walker. The paintings collection is complemented by examples of neoclassical sculpture on view in the Campbell Rotunda, and decorative art objects on

loan from the Rivers Collection. **Gallery 5, Permanent Exhibition** - "Miniature Portraits". The first American miniature portraits were painted in Charleston, and today the Gibbes is home to one of the most prestigious portrait miniature collections in the United States. Containing more than six hundred objects, the collection spans nearly two hundred years and represents the work of over a hundred artists. Small enough to fit in the palm of the hand, these tiny portraits were treasured remembrances of loved ones in the age before photography. Presented in state-of-the-art display cases, and in viewable storage drawers featured miniatures include works by Mary Roberts, Jeremiah Theus, Henry Benbridge, Charles Wilson Peale, Pierre Henri, Edward Greene Malbone, George Engleheart, and Charles Fraser. **Gallery 6, Permanent Exhibition** - "20th Century American Regionalism and the Charleston Renaissance". At the turn of the twentieth century, American artists looked to their European counterparts and beyond as they developed identifiably American artistic movements. Two particularly strong influences during this time period were French Impressionism and Japanese woodblock prints. Another prevailing theme during this period was the growing interest in American subject matter. American regionalism and social realism played important roles in the development of art in Charleston, which flourished as a destination for artists, particularly during the years of 1915 to 1945 a period now known as the Charleston Renaissance. **Gallery 7, Permanent Exhibition** - "Modern and Contemporary". Modern and contemporary art in America encompasses a wide range of styles, subject matter, and media. As a whole, the diversity of modern and contemporary art reflects the rich and varied heritage of our nation and the lowcountry region. Works in this gallery were created over the past forty years by artists who are native to the area, who have worked here, or who have created objects that reflect the complex story of the region. The works are grouped to reflect several themes including the southern landscape, the human figure, abstraction, and the legacy of slavery in America. **Visiting Artist Series, Katy Mixon, Session I: Through Apr. 3** - Mixon, born in Orangeburg, SC, is a visual artist working in painting, sculpture, quilting and photography. She earned an MFA from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a B.A. from Davidson College. She is an alumna of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Mixon is a recipient of a Working Artist Grant and a Ruth and Harold Chenven Foundation Award. She was a finalist for a William and Dorothy Yeck Young Painters Award and a VCUarts Fountainhead Fellowship. Mixon was invited as an artist-in-residence to VCCA, VA; Kimmel Harding Nelson Center, NE; The Hambidge Center, GA; AICAD Studio Practice Residency, NY; and Byrdcliffe Art Colony, NY. Select exhibition venues include the North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh; GreenHill Gallery, NC; the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, NC; Ackland Art Museum, NC; Spartanburg Art Museum, SC; Coker University, SC.; A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY; The Painting Center, New York; Target Gallery, Va.; Rubber Stamp Projects, FL; Allcott Gallery, NC; 701 Center for Contemporary Art, SC.; among others. **Maria White, Session I: Through Apr. 3** - White is a Mexican American studio potter and independent filmmaker. White was born in Las Vegas, NV, and raised in Summerville, SC. White first learned to make pottery while earning her degree in Art from Winthrop University. She continued to focus on ceramics with scholarship and studio assistant opportunities at Penland School of Craft and Haystack Mountain School of Craft, then went on to apprentice with sculptor and inventor, Michael Sherrill. White began her professional ceramics career in Los Angeles where she spent over a decade creating ceramics for celebrated chefs, top interior designers and the sets of major motion pictures and television series. Her ceramics have earned the Award of Excellence from the American Craft Council and her pieces have been published and collected internationally. Outside of her ceramic work, White's independent films have won awards from top international film festivals. While living in California, she co-founded the Los Angeles Women's Film Collective to help empower women working across all filmmaking disciplines. White is a survivor of postpartum anxiety and depression and an advocate for maternal mental health. In 2019, she founded Mugs for Moms, an effort that brings makers together to help raise maternal mental health awareness and find support for moms and their families. White is the mother of two and lives in Charleston, with her family. **Ruth and Bill Baker Art Sales Gallery, Through May 1** - "Stranded," featuring works by past visiting artist Cameron Alexander. She takes viewers back in history to the Transatlantic Slave Trade, when over 500 ships were lost at sea over the 400-year period. Their works in the exhibition reconceptualize this historical phenomenon, depicting scenes particular to the cast away genre – chiefly isolation, survival, remembrance and homegoing. Themes of motherhood also inundate the collection, harkening back to our first home.

Through this thought-provoking exhibition, Alexander poignantly questions where we find security – whether in family, in religion, in spirituality or in our dreams. Alexander is a self-taught artist from Goose Creek, SC. Previously an artist-in-residence at the Gibbes, they have exhibited their work at Nefelibata, The Sparks Exhibition at Public Works and the Columbia Museum of Art. **Museum Shop** - Now offering the inventory of the Tradd Street Press, reproductions of works by Elizabeth O'Neill Verner among other exhibit related art objects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Admission: Yes. Contact: 843/722-2706 or at (www.gibbesmuseum.org).

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, The Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts, College of Charleston School of the Arts, 161 Calhoun St., Charleston. **Through Apr. 23** - "Young Contemporaries 2022", the 37th annual juried student exhibition, juried by Ron Bechet. The annual exhibition is a celebration of talented artists at the College of Charleston. With works selected by a nationally renowned juror, the exhibition reflects the strength and diversity of practice in the School of the Arts' rigorous programs. Featuring a wide range of media, including paintings, sculpture, photography, and prints, the exhibition showcases the efforts of the student body at the College. **Halfway space of the Cato Center for the Arts, Through Apr. 23** - "Salon des Refusés," featuring works chosen by Studio Art faculty. Hours: Mon.- Sat., 11am-4pm; until 7pm on Thur. and by appt. Contact: 843/953-4422 or at (<http://halsey.cofc.edu/exhibitions/>).



Work by Taylor Lee Micholson

Redux Contemporary Art Center, featuring Redux Studios, 1056 King Street, Charleston. **Main Gallery, Apr. 1 - May 21** - "JUNK FOOD: Taylor Lee Nicholson". A reception will be held on Apr. 1, from 5-8pm. "JUNK FOOD," a solo show highlighting the work of Taylor Lee Nicholson. Redux's solo exhibitions showcase the practice of a single artist, emphasizing the unique mixture of media that can compose a retrospective exhibition. **GALLERY 1056, Apr. 1 - May 21** - "Even further beyond thought- is the sky I watched as a child. With Love, from Earth," featuring a solo exhibition by Shelby Corso. A reception will be held on Apr. 8, from 5-8pm. In her paintings, drawings, and sculptures, Corso explores her relationship to symbolism, ritual, and mythmaking. Her work renders bright images of flowers, bodies, windswept, dreamy fields and brightly colored atmospheres. **Ongoing** - In May, 2017, Redux relocated to 1056 King Street with 38 studios, three galleries, a larger print shop, classroom, dark room, and photo studio. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11am-4pm, or by appt. Contact: 843/722-0697 or at (www.reduxstudios.org).

Saul Alexander Gallery, Charleston County Public Library, 68 Calhoun St., Charleston. **Apr. 1 - 30** - "Memories & Beyond," featuring works by Troy Brown. Brown and his interpersonal communication skills have taken him from the classrooms of his alma mater The Art Academy of Cincinnati where he taught Foundation and illustration courses for several years to The School of the Art Institute of Chicago where he used his skills to run the SAIC Summer Institute Residency Program for the college to his present location in his studio outside of Raleigh, NC. Brown now focuses those interpersonal skills gained teaching and administering programs to communicate complex emotional content in his illustrations and creative client-based projects. Brown moves between the worlds of Children's Book Illustration and illustration and fine art subjects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-8pm; Fri. & Sat., 9am-6pm; and Sun. 2-5pm. Contact: Megan Summers at 843/805-6946 or at (www.ccpl.org).

The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting Street, Charleston. Founded in 1773, is America's first museum. **Lowcountry Image Gallery, Through Dec. 18** - "Explore Charleston in Sports: A Photographic History, 1890s-1960s". **Textile Gallery, Apr. 2 - Dec. 4** - "Chintz: A Quilted History". **Ongoing** - "Becoming

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