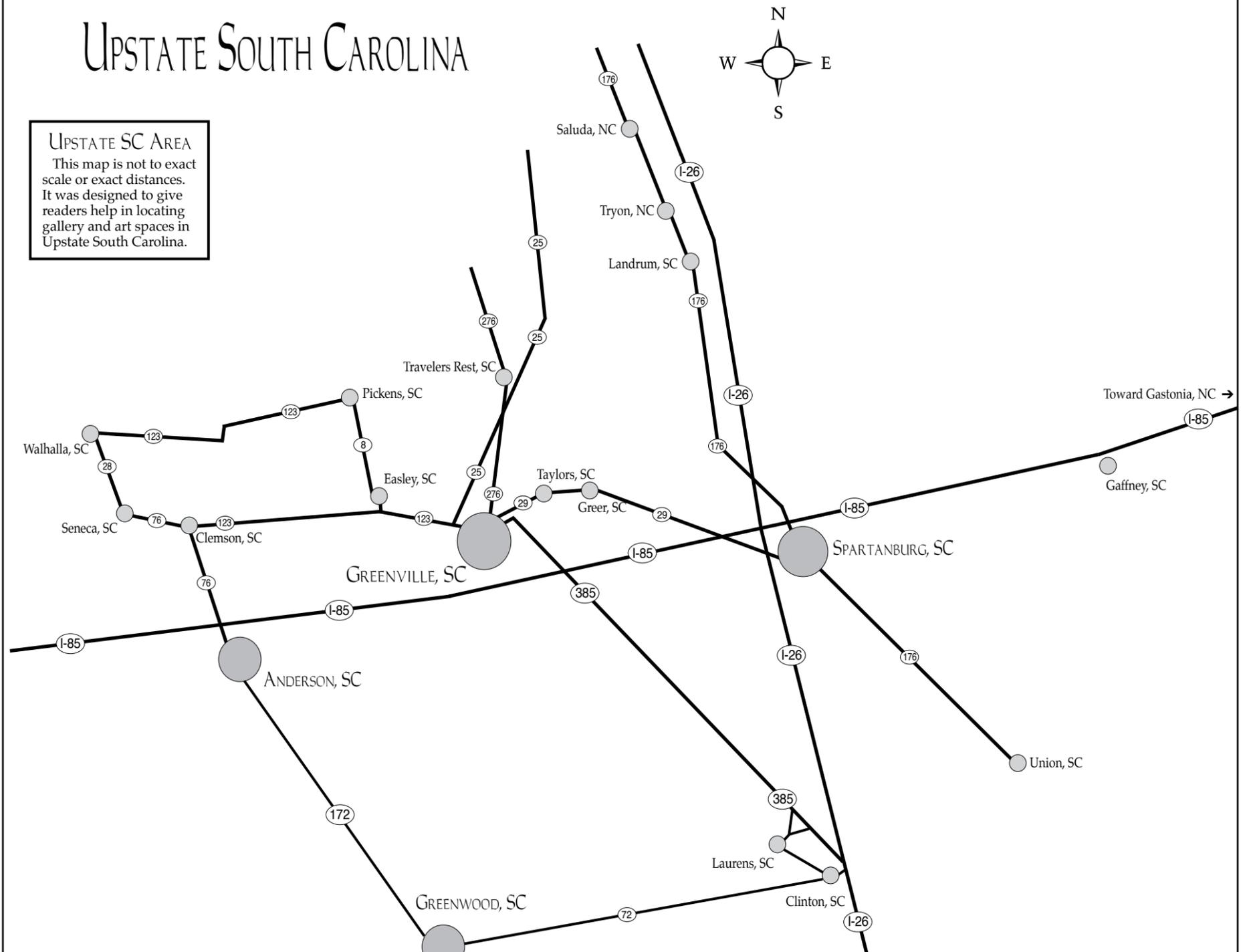


UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

UPSTATE SC AREA

This map is not to exact scale or exact distances. It was designed to give readers help in locating gallery and art spaces in Upstate South Carolina.



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Work by Gale Roberts
view?"

DeCrane, a member of the Artists Collective | Spartanburg since 2016, was inspired to do the exhibit to “challenge my watercolor skills. Painting a window is simple. Painting a reflection in a window requires more skill. This is also true with painting a wine glass with reflections.”

Gale Roberts has been painting only about three years, and the works in the show represent her creations over the past two years. “I enjoy painting, and I hope others will enjoy what I’ve painted. They will see birds, animals and other things that put a smile on my face and make me feel good. I hope the viewers will get the same warm feelings I had while I was painting them.”

DeCrane’s pieces for the exhibit were created over the past year and include some subjects that are characteristic of much of his works, such as classic cars and vintage items, “but the skill and depth in creating my work is a departure of what I have done previously. Once I had the idea, I had to spend some time searching for the subjects.

Once I found my subjects, I had to challenge my art skills to get the depth and substance.”

This was DeCrane’s first attempt to work on black watercolor paper. “I’m pleased with most of the results,” he says, adding that he hopes his works will give viewers “a better appreciation of watercolors and I hope they will have some satisfaction in discovering something in each painting that they didn’t notice before. I hope people will walk away with a sense of pleasure and appreciation for watercolors.”

DeCrane, a native of Cleveland, OH, who moved to South Carolina in 2015, began his formal art education in high school. During his military career, he traveled and studied art at numerous colleges. After retiring from the US Army, he worked for the Military Officers Association for 11 years. He then opened, owned and operated a bed and breakfast for 10 years with his life partner, Michael Thomas. Ready to retire after three careers, DeCrane continued to expand his art skill by taking classes in pastels and most recently watercolors. He was chairperson of the Bowling Green Arts Commission in Bowling Green, Va., and set up and managed The Sidney King Art Center and coordinated three art events a year.

“I have been painting and drawing most of my adult life,” says DeCrane, who has two grown children and three grandchildren. He and Thomas live in Greer, SC, with their “loyal” West Highland terrier Mysie.

“While I enjoy painting with acrylics and pastels, I find watercolors the most enjoyable,” DeCrane says. “I also find great satisfaction in drawing with pencil and charcoal.”

Roberts, a native of Pennsylvania, retired to the Greenville area several years ago. She says she decided to exhibit because her good friend DeCrane suggested she join him in the show. “I think the Artists Collective | Spartanburg is a good place to exhibit.

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I have attended a few exhibits there and they have all been well done with a good following. From what I have experienced by attending exhibits and from my friend, they represent the local art well.”

“We have artists who display a variety of media in their art,” DeCrane says of the Artists Collective. “Everyone is friendly and supportive in many of our endeavors. I am grateful to have this opportunity to exhibit at ACS.”

Both DeCrane and Roberts will have pieces available for purchase, ranging in price from \$25 to \$300.

The Artists Collective | Spartanburg, located on W. Main Street, provides a forum and home for the arts and creative population of Spartanburg, providing facilities and services to artist members for exhibits, performances and creation.

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



Work by Patrick DeCrane

Greenville Technical College in Taylors, SC, Offers High School Art Exhibition

Greenville Technical College in Taylors, SC, is presenting the *31st Annual Upstate High School Art Exhibit*, on view in the College’s Benson Campus Galleries, through May 7, 2021.

The Department of Visual Arts at Greenville Technical College is pleased to announce the *31st Annual Upstate High School Art Exhibit*. The exhibition of 96 works showcases the quality of Upstate high school art instruction as evidenced by the success of these students from twelve Upstate high schools. Participating instructors selected the entries to represent their program. The exhibition is comprised of nine categories including both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works and video.

Roberta Restaino was the juror for this year’s show. Restaino, originally from Italy, moved to South Carolina from Colorado to join Greenville Tech’s Department of Visual Arts in the fall of 2020 as a full-time

instructor. She earned a BFA from the Academy of Fine Arts (Accademia di Belle Arti), Rome and an MFA from the University of Colorado Boulder where she also taught Printmaking and Foundations. Her work has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions across the globe and her work is included in a number of public and private collections including UNESCO, Italy; Stara Zagora Art Gallery, Bulgaria; Zuckerman Museum of Art and SGC International Archives, United States, plus Centro de Arte Faro Cabo Mayor, Spain.

With care and consideration Restaino chose the 2021 award winners. She states, “It has been a tough year for teaching and learning during the pandemic. Teachers had to adopt another way of teaching and students had to adapt to another way of learning... As a result, despite the circumstances, students were able to make incredible work. I must also congratulate the Art Instructors

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