

# Brookgreen Gardens, SC

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memorative statues, and works in bronze exploring the worlds of dance, sport, and family life. Some of his most well-known busts will be on display at Brookgreen, including portrait busts of Albert Einstein and entertainer Tony Bennett. This exhibition will also display pieces Mellon made for the NBA and WNBA and recent works created with artists of the American Ballet Theatre, as well as more modern-inspired dance works.

"I love that Brookgreen has given us the opportunity to exhibit a variety of works from our careers," says Mellon. "Brookgreen is for sculptors. In our view, it is one of the finest collections of the history of American figurative culture in the country."

Bloch is well known as a pioneer in the use of laser-cut and water jet-cut stainless steel to create figurative works of art. She met her husband at a bronze foundry in 1984, but once she discovered laser cut technology in 1993, she never went back to bronze. Her sculptures explore form and the interplay between object and light and reflect their environments. Bloch expands the way in which stainless steel is used in contemporary art, and some of her stunning silhouettes were already in Brookgreen's permanent collection along the Lowcountry Trail before this exhibition. With this new exhibit, Bloch will build upon those works already on the Lowcountry Trail with pieces that reflect nature.

"I have long appreciated Brookgreen's skillful combination of both nature and art. When Marc and I were young sculptors and first came to Brookgreen, we dreamed we would have artwork here," says Bloch. "Now, having an exhibit together that is a celebration of our 38 years



Work by Marc Mellon of creative life together is a dream come true."

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is located on US Hwy. 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, on South Carolina's Hammock Coast, and is open to the public daily. Founded in 1931 by Anna Hyatt Huntington and Archer Huntington, Brookgreen is home to the largest and most significant collection of American Figurative Sculpture in the country, and is a leader in sculpture conservation, environmental conservation, and the protection of the plants, animals, and history of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call Brookgreen Gardens at 843/235-6000 or visit ([www.brookgreen.org](http://www.brookgreen.org)).

## Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, opens DiGiulio Exhibition for Gallery's 20th Anniversary

The year 2022 marks 20 years of business for Sunset River Marketplace, the eclectic art gallery located in Calabash, NC. According to owner Ginny Lassiter, the gallery has been celebrating throughout the year with special exhibits, events, and charity benefits. On June 3, from 5-7 pm, Sunset River Marketplace will host its official anniversary reception. "We hope our artists, friends, community partners and visitors will all come by to share in a very special evening for us," said Lassiter.

The anniversary reception will mark the opening of the exhibit *Dynamic DiGiulios*, which will be showcasing works by Raleigh, NC artists Joe and Sharon DiGiulio, on view June 3 - July 4, 2022. Both artists will be at the reception on June 3.



Work by Joe DiGiulio

artist and instructor. A cancer survivor, his work reflects a passion for color and energy exhibited in the many layers of each piece. Originally a sculptor, his love for texture and shape is a consistent theme in his art.

Sharon DiGiulio is a graphic designer by trade and works joyfully in acrylic,



Work by Sharon DiGiulio collage, oil and resin. She often creates her own stamps, papers and fabrics for her projects.

Since May 20, Sunset River Marketplace has also been hosting a silent auction and exhibition for Birthday Wishes Ministry, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to present underprivileged children with school backpacks and birthday gifts. The fine art and crafts auction includes work by Jill Leach, Roger Tatum and several other acclaimed artists. Bidding will end during the anniversary reception.

The Afterhours band, a jazz group that performs at the gallery every third Thursday for Jazz Night will provide entertainment during the reception. There will be light hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and drawings for free gift certificates.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or on the web at ([sunsetrivermarketplace.com](http://sunsetrivermarketplace.com)).

*Dynamic DiGiulios*  
Works by Joe & Sharon DiGiulio

June 3 - July 4, 2022  
Reception June 3, 5-7 p.m.

Sunset River Marketplace  
Calabash, NC  
910.575.5999  
[SunsetRiverMarketplace.com](http://SunsetRiverMarketplace.com)

*Weathering the Storm* by Joe DiGiulio acrylic, 48" x 60"  
DIGIULIO

## Wilmington Art Association in Wilmington Hosts Annual Picnic

This year the WAA will hold its annual picnic at the New Hanover County Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Drive, on June 25th from 11-3! There is no cost to our members, family, or friends. Poor Piggy's Food Truck will be on site. Desserts provided by WAA and Members (sign-up Genius - bring your favorite).

There will be group painting and door prizes. Bring your easel and do you some plein air painting in one of the most beau-

tiful spots in Wilmington. Meet our neighbors as we welcome Art League of Leland members to join us. This event will be rain or shine as we also have reserved the education center if needed.

Please see the newsletter if you would like to sign up to bring a dessert to share!

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Association at 919/343.4370 or on the web at ([wilmingtonart.org](http://wilmingtonart.org)).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be June 24th for the July 2022 issue and July 24th for the August 2022 issue.

After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month.

But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now.

And where do you send that info?

E-mail to ([info@carolinaarts.com](mailto:info@carolinaarts.com)).

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WAA Member  
Detail "PHIL" Oil  
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