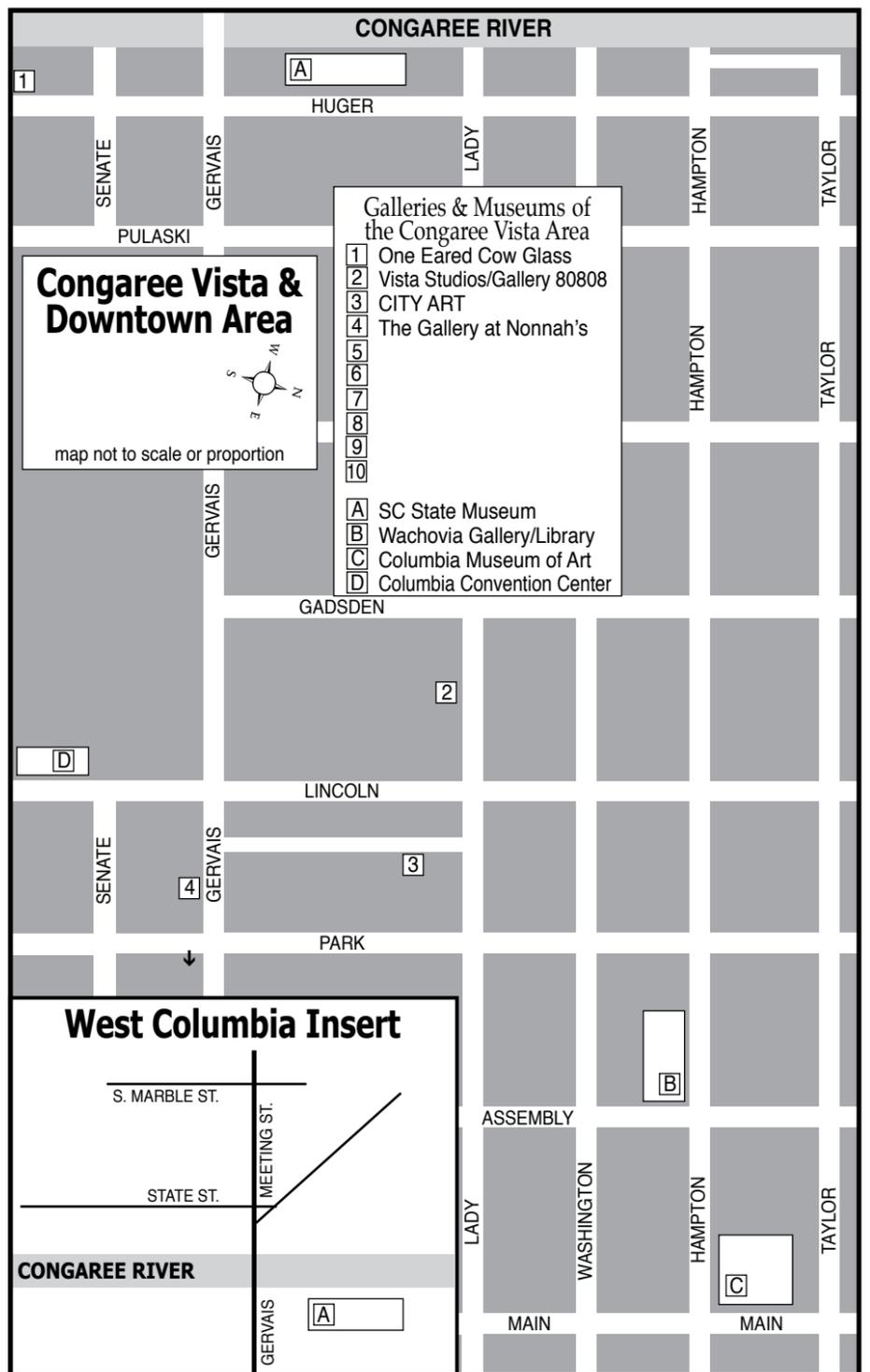


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Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, Offers Annual Artists' Guild Exhibit

The Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, will present the 2011 Sumter Artists' Guild Show, on view from July 7 through Aug. 26, 2011. A reception will be held on July 7, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are not a member of the gallery, there is a \$5 charge for the opening reception. At all other times admission is free



Work by Patz Fowle from the 2010 exhibit

Sumter is home to many talented artists, and has a large, active artists' guild. The Sumter Artists Guild was founded in 1966. It is comprised of amateur and professional artists and art enthusiasts. The annual Sumter Artists' Guild show provides an opportunity for these artists to "strut their stuff". Guild members working in visual arts or craft use a variety of media: oils, watermedia, sculpture, mixed media, natural material such as gourds, fiber arts and ceramics.

Since 2009 and continuing with 2010, Guild President, Susan Allen and incoming 2011 president Rhonda Simons, the Sumter Artists' Guild made several innovative changes including an elec-

tronic newsletter, an updated website, a Sumter Artists' Guild Facebook page and an expanded schedule of fun events and interesting meetings that include a variety of speakers, demonstrations by artists and "show and tell" where guild members bring their pieces in for comments and critique. The Guild is a close knit but welcoming group that gets together and socialize at guild events such as picnics and holiday parties where the conversation inevitably turns to art.

The Sumter Artists' Guild also participates in several community events including The Iris Festival, The Heart of Sumter's "Art in the Park" each Fall in Memorial Park (Oct. 15 this year), and "Sip and Stroll", the kickoff event of WineFest, Nov. 4 in downtown Sumter.

Guild meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, September through May at 7pm, upstairs at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. For more information please visit the Guild's website at (www.sumterartistsguild.org).

Karen Watson, Director of the Sumter County Gallery of Art states that the Sumter Artists' Guild Show is one of the most popular and well-attended exhibitions the gallery presents. The 2011 Sumter Artists Guild Show, like last year's, is on track to be a wonderful show

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