

# Sumter (SC) County Gallery of Art Features Annual Guild Exhibition

The Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, is presenting the 2019 Sumter Artists' Guild Exhibition, on view through Aug. 29, 2019.

Sumter is fortunate to be home to many talented artists working in all mediums. The Sumter Artists Guild was founded in 1966 by some of Sumter's most prominent artists. Its membership includes amateur, professional artists and art enthusiasts. It's mission is "to promote, support and foster interest in art and to create an opportunity for our community of artists to engage in cooperative artistic enterprises and to be further active in supporting a variety of activities associated with art education, art instruction and art appreciation in our community." The Guild has not only succeeded in its mission, but surpassed it. The Guild was instrumental in founding the Sumter County Gallery of Art in 1969.



Work by Jenna Brown, 1st Place

The Guild holds monthly meetings upstairs at the Sumter County Gallery of Art, September through May. Guild meetings offer a variety of creative opportunities including artist demonstrations, classes, "show and tell" and fellowship. You can keep up with Guild happenings by follow-

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artist classes • reception hall rental

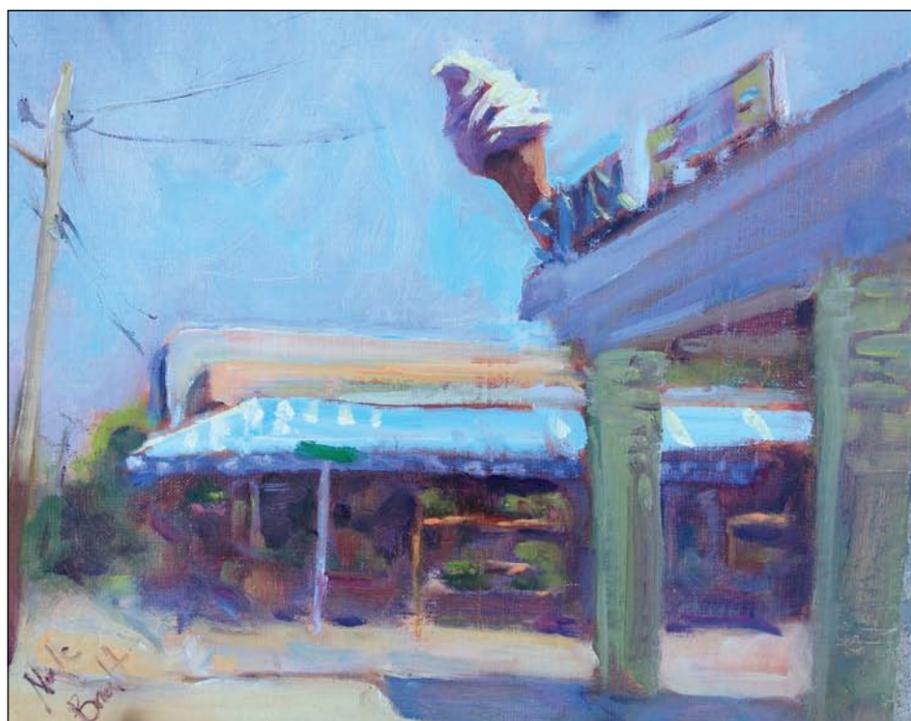
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ing the Sumter Artists' Guild on Facebook. The tireless efforts of Guild President Laura Cardello to promote and publicize the Guild, along with a committed core group that includes Vice President Erin Duffie, Treasurer Vicki Hagner and Special events coordinator Lisa Melton who work hard to maintain the energy, enthusiasm and social media presence of the Guild. And their efforts have paid off - In recent years the Guild has attracted many "new" and younger artists with lots of energy and new ideas. This past year the Guild attracted

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about 30 new members! Some of the achievements of individual Guild members during the past year include, Thomas Blackmon juried into ArtFields 2019, Deane Ackerman as the featured artist at the inaugural Inspire! Festival, Michael Duffy as the featured artist at the 2019 Iris Festival, and Eric Burress, Cara-lin Getty, Richard Dinkins and Josh Hatfield all had solo exhibitions in the USC-Sumter galleries. These are just a few examples of the high level of talent in the Sumter Artists' *continued on Page 17*



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