

# Hampton III Gallery in Taylors, SC, Offers Exhibit Focused on Artists Reaction to the Pandemic

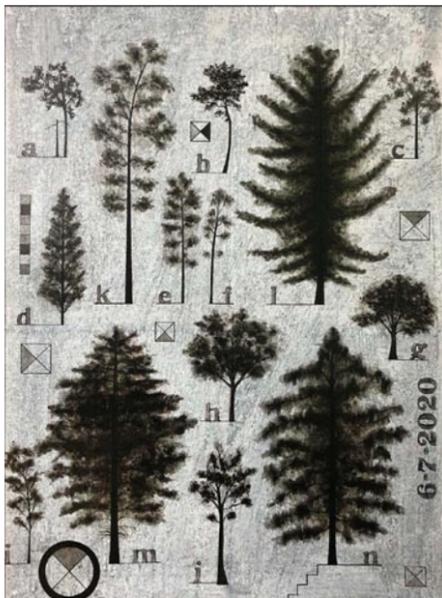
Hampton III Gallery in Taylors, SC, has announced that their next exhibition will feature works created since March 2020 by all the living artists at Hampton III. They thought it would be good to see what the artists have been making during these uncertain times. These works will be on view from July 9 through Aug. 29, 2020, on view in the gallery under limited circumstances and online on our website at ([www.hamptoniiigallery.com](http://www.hamptoniiigallery.com)).

“When I contacted the artists, the response was very positive,” said Sandy Rupp, gallery director. “One artist had not been creating, but instead, was glued to the TV. He said this was his catalyst to get back into the studio. Another artist had put down the paints and vowed she would create something. Another artist said his hand and mind were not in sync but would be putting forth an effort to submit.”

Leo Twiggs had been working on a piece titled “Sheltering in Place.” It’s going to be in this exhibition. Alice Ballard is doing work entitled “Lean on Me.”

“Since I will not be having a formal opening, I have asked each artist to make a 3-5 minute video in his or her studio, talking about the work,” added Rupp. “All will be posted on our website and Facebook page. However, the physical work will be hanging at the gallery and visitors are welcome to come and view.

Since 1970, the mission of the Hampton III Gallery has been (and continues to be) supporting professional living artists and the estates of professional artists who are in or from South Carolina, ranging from post-World War II to the present. South Carolina’s oldest art gallery was started by a teacher who, with summers off, started an art gallery for three artist friends. Around the time of its 1970 opening, certain South Carolina artists were exhibiting beyond the state’s borders throughout the Southeast: Carl Blair,



Work by Tom Stanley

Emery Bopp, and Darell Koons. Those artists invited their friends to the gallery, and Leo Twiggs, Jeanet Dreskin, and William Halsey joined the fold. The gallery’s vision of supporting artists and educating the public to the rich heritage of South Carolina artists continues into 2020. Over 500 paintings, sculptures and original prints are kept in inventory. Changing exhibitions, artists’ talks, and special events provide educational opportunities for all. Hampton III Gallery has an additional distinction. The following artists, all recipients of the Verner Award, either have been or are represented by it: Jeanet Dreskin, William Halsey, John Acorn, Carl Blair, Leo Twiggs, Boyd Saunders, Tom Stanley, Edward Rice, Corrie McCallum, Guy Lipscomb, and Philip Mullen.

For further information and current hours, check our SC Commercial Gallery listings or call 864/268-2771 or visit ([www.hamptoniiigallery.com](http://www.hamptoniiigallery.com)).

# Arts Council of York County in Rock Hill, SC, Offers Annual Juried Show

The Arts Council of York County in Rock Hill, SC, is presenting the *31st Annual Juried Competition*, on view through July 28, 2020, in a virtual exhibition online at ([www.yorkcountyarts.org/](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org/)). Winners will be announced on July 16, in a video that will be released on the Arts Council’s social media channels and on the webpage for the *31st Juried Competition*.

Each year, the *Annual Juried Competition* is open internationally to artists 18 and older. Only original work, created in the last two (2) years, and not previously shown at the Center for the Arts, Dalton Gallery is accepted. All forms of media are eligible, including video.

Awards include: Gerald & Barbara Schapiro Best of Show - \$1,000; 1st Place - \$750; 2nd Place - \$500; and 3rd Place - \$250. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards are sponsored by Kathy and Larry Wilson.

This year’s juror is David Detrich,

Professor of Art, Clemson University. Originally from East St. Louis, IL, Detrich received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute in Missouri and his Master of Fine Arts degree from Alfred University in New York. He has exhibited his work nationally and internationally including venues at the Tallina Kunstilool in Tallin, Estonia and at the American Cultural Center in Taipei, Taiwan. His work is also represented in public and private collections nationally.

O’Darby’s Fine Wine & Spirits is the presenting sponsor of the *31st Annual Juried Competition*.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 803/328-2787 or visit ([www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)).



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