

Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC, Offers Works by Rich Flanegan

Oil painter Rich Flanegan is the Spotlight Artist at Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC, with works on view through Aug. 15, 2024.

Best known for his detailed beachscapes and coastal oil paintings, Flanegan says, "I try to capture the mood of the scene and moment in time that made an impression on me. Sometimes it's the force of the surge, the cloud formation, the wind, the light playing on the water or the sand. I focus on the light on and shadow, the color and values, and the small details of the scene that impressed me."

Flanegan has painted all his life and earned his bachelor's degree in art. He has earned many awards including the 2017, 2019, and 2023 Lee Barrett People's Choice and First Place awards (2019 and 2020) at the Arts Council of Moore County Fine Arts Festival.

Flanegan and his wife, stained glass artist Diane Flanegan, live in Moore County, NC. Years ago, they lived at the Jersey Shore when they owned an art gallery and provided art services to the Cape May community.



Work by Rich Flanegan

watermedia; pastels; photography; hand-blown, stained, and fused glass; pottery and clay sculpture; turned and carved wood; unique home décor items; and artisan jewelry.

There are two onsite kilns and five wheels used by the gallery's pottery students. The gallery also offers ongoing oil/acrylic and watercolor classes as well as workshops by nationally known instructors.

The gallery's carefully curated selection of investment-grade 20th century fine art is the largest in the Carolinas. Current inventory can be found in the gallery website's 20th Century Artists section. It includes works by Wolf Kahn (1927-2020), Raimonds Staprans (1926), Angell Botello (1913-1986), Vladimir Cora (1951), Ginny Crouch Stanford (1950), and two bronze sculptures by Milton Hebald (1930 - 2010).

Also on view at Sunset River Gallery is the exhibit, *Southern Comfort: Collages by Eric McRay*, on view through Aug. 31, 2024.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit (sunsetrivergallery.com).



Work by Rich Flanegan

Located in coastal Brunswick County, NC, Sunset River Gallery caters to both area visitors and a growing local community of full-time residents seeking fine art for their homes and businesses. Featuring works by over 100 fine regional artists including Betty Anglin Smith, Marcus McClanahan, Janet Sessoms, and Debanjana Bhattacharjee, among others, the gallery is well known in the area for its selection of oil paintings;

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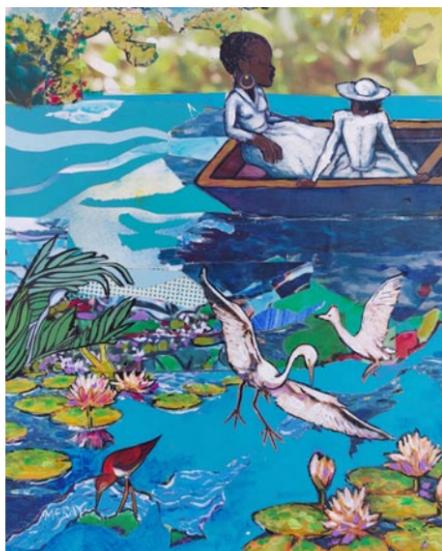
Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC, is presenting *Southern Comfort: Collages by Eric McRay*, on view through Aug. 31, 2024.

The Raleigh, NC, based artist, who was born and raised in Washington, DC, uses collage to explore visual storytelling while addressing the human figure as an entity of change in theatrical narratives. These chronicles are inspired by African American, Biblical, and art history, as well as pop culture, but at the core are McRay's familial relationships. This continuum searches for personal and universal experiences.



Work by Eric McRay

McRay received his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Maryland Institute, College of Art, where he earned a four-year scholarship for his artistic talent. He moved to North Carolina and has been exhibiting since 1987. His artistic career has been featured on television and radio programs and in numerous newspapers, magazines and online media outlets. The *Raleigh News & Observer* named him one of the "Artists Page 24 - Carolina Arts, August 2024



Work by Eric McRay

to Watch" and he has been listed numerous times among "Best Local Artists."

McRay says, "Collage, one of the major innovations of modern art, is an artist inserting pieces of the real world into a constructed one." He injects impromptu invention in the construction of his collages, which include such materials as reproductions of his previous works, painted papers, photographic snippets, scraps of fabrics, watermedia, acrylic paints and more. The different materials of everyday existence are edited, sliced, and reassembled into new images on paper, board, or canvas.

Link to Eric McRay interview with North Carolina Museum of Art at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fme7WcYs1AQ>).

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