

Art League of Hilton Head

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In March of 1984, an 800 sq. ft. store front next to Forsythe Jewelers became the new home of Art League Gallery. Joe Fraser generously donated \$1500 to get the art center started.

Art League's first newsletter, the *Articulate*, was mailed out in April 1984 and on May 16, the new art center opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an outdoor reception.

In addition to exhibitions, the center featured demonstrations and talks. Workshops were sponsored and held by Art League of Hilton Head starting in 1985, and the children's workshops began the next year.

Many other events took place over the next several years including the mini show of featured artists with an exhibit of the works of Jim Strayer, the first Arts and Flowers Show, the fabulous Fakes and the first juried show.

A teaching academy for Art League workshops was opened in the DeVries Building on Palmetto Bay Road in April of 1991. In addition to 26 workshops, they also sponsored a lecture series. The 20th anniversary celebration of Art League of Hilton Head, now with a membership of over 500, was held at the Westin.

Art League Academy moved from the

DeVries building to the Sea Pines Plantation Center in March of 1993 where workshops would be held from October through March. The Member Art Show was held in that year at the newly opened "Art League Gallery Too" in the Market Place on Palmetto Bay Road.

In January of 1994, the art gallery was moved to a new location in the Sea Pines Center. The Self Family Arts Center opened in March 1996 and Fran Sullivan was named Executive Director in July that year.

By January 2002, a new website was launched. Later that year, Art League of Hilton Head celebrated its 30th anniversary with a party at the Country Club of Hilton Head.

The nonprofit organization continues to grow and inspire as an integral part of the Lowcountry arts scene. In 2011 and 2017 Art League Gallery won the Island Packet Readers' Choice Award for the Best Art Gallery. And today Art League of Hilton Head hosts dozens of workshops, art shows and special events for artists and art lovers alike.

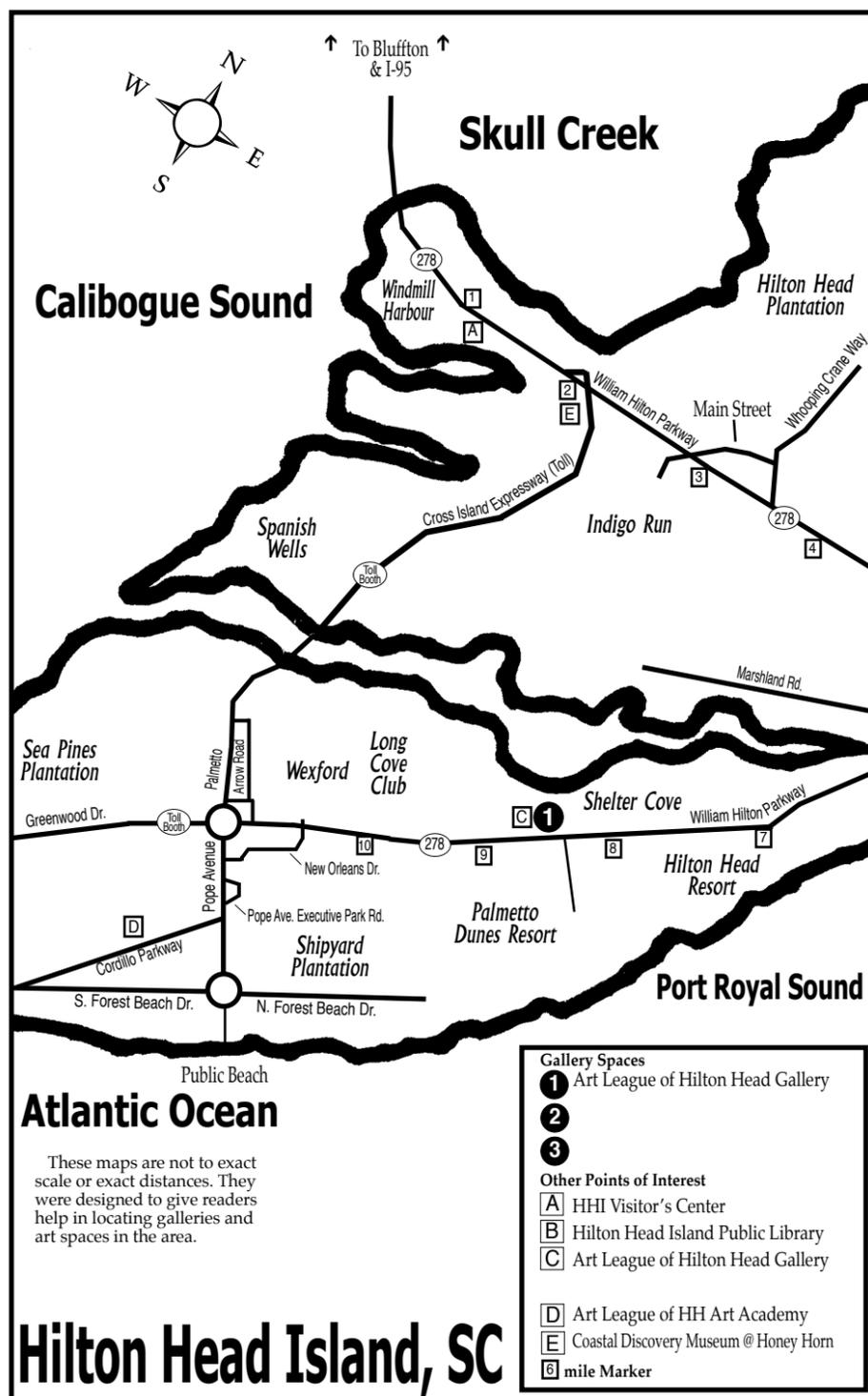
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