

Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain, NC, Features Works by Anne Harkness

The Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain, NC, is presenting *Wonder*, featuring paintings by Anne Harkness, on view through Sept. 27, 2019. A reception will be held on Sept. 14, from 6-8pm.

Harkness's oil paintings flow effortlessly from images fractured into graphic shards of rich color to works with quiet strokes that evoke a calmer atmosphere. Recent paintings like *Farm Story* and *Up to The Mountains* (both from her Diptychs series) have areas painted in shades of gray, abruptly changing to full color, like an old photograph or memory suddenly becoming clearer.

A native of NC, Harkness is an alumnus of the Atlanta College of Art and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from The Maryland Institute, College of Art. Her work as an art director in NYC for 15 years has embodied her work with a graphic element that astute viewers can detect in her paintings. As a contemporary artist, Harkness seeks to capture a distinct point of view, often finding some unexpected beauty in locations or views others would easily dismiss as ordinary, or too unattractive to be considered as the subject matter for artistic compositions.

Working from her love of subject matter with a strong design element, Harkness also focuses on the importance of line and shape in her work as a means of giving her compositions a strong foundation to reveal the many layers within each piece. She credits her emphasis on these particular components to her love of drawing and a desire to



Work by Anne Harkness

retain the looser marks that give a piece a more rustic, unfinished quality. Harkness also looks for the surprises that come from spending time in a painting. These discoveries are her treasures and assure that she is always learning and seeking the 'new-fresh' for her work.

Southern Arts Society, Inc. (SASI) is a non-profit organization founded in 1984 by A.B. Mauney Snow and local artists. Our mission is to promote the arts by training the artist and educating the public to the many talents available in the community. We provide visual art displays in the community, scholarships for local students, and workshops open to all. A variety of classes in the arts and ceramics are offered throughout the year. While based in Kings Mountain, NC, our membership extends throughout the Carolinas. We gladly welcome new members. All you need is a love and appreciation for the arts.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Society at 704/739-5585 or visit (www.southernartsociety.org).

Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden, SC, Offer Arts Open House and Works by Jeremy Butler and Keith Tolen

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden, SC, will offer to events on Sept. 7, 2019, including the 2019 Arts Open House and an opening reception for *WHAT is art?*, featuring sculptures by Jeremy Butler and paintings by Keith Tolen, on view in the Bassett Gallery, from Sept. 7 - 27, 2019.

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County (FAC) cordially invites the community to attend its 2019 Arts Open House on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 11:30am to 1pm on the FAC grounds. This event is free for the community. A free hot dog lunch with chips, drinks and cookies will be served. This year's sponsors include Blackmon's Little Midget Restaurant and Staige and Michael DeBenedetti.

The day will feature entertainment from FAC teachers and students, a fun community art project, FAC Tours, a gallery exhibition, face painting, class demonstrations, and several dance numbers from our own KFA Dancers. In addition, members of the Visual Arts Society, The Camden Poet Society, the Kershaw County Music Association, and the Quilters of Kershaw County will be on hand displaying some of their work and recruiting new members. Registration for all fall classes will be available. Other community participants include the Camden Police Department.



Work by Jeremy Butler, photo by Michael Dantzler

The FAC is also thrilled to announce the first exhibition of the year, which will open during the Arts Open House. *WHAT is art?*, features works by painter Keith Tolen and sculptor Jeremy Butler will in the Bassett Gallery.

Jeremy Butler was born in Liverpool, England. As a youth, he played tennis on the satellite circuits in Europe and North America. However, realizing fairly quickly that he wasn't good enough to play tennis



Work by Keith Tolen

professionally, he turned his attention to business, and carved out a career on Wall Street as a stock analyst. During this time, inspired by his Father, who was a portrait sculptor, he worked diligently at becoming a sculptor in his own right. Thirty years later, he moved from New York to Columbia, where he continues to work as a stock analyst as well as a sculptor.

Keith Tolen is a life-long resident of South Carolina. He grew up in Batesburg, South Carolina, where he lived and attended school. He attended South Carolina State College in 1975 and graduated with a BS in Art Education. Ten years later he started working as an art teacher at Camden Middle School. He taught there for thirty years, retiring in 2017. He is currently working with a variety of groups committed to sharing art with people throughout the community.

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For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 803/425-7676 or visit (www.fineartscenter.org).



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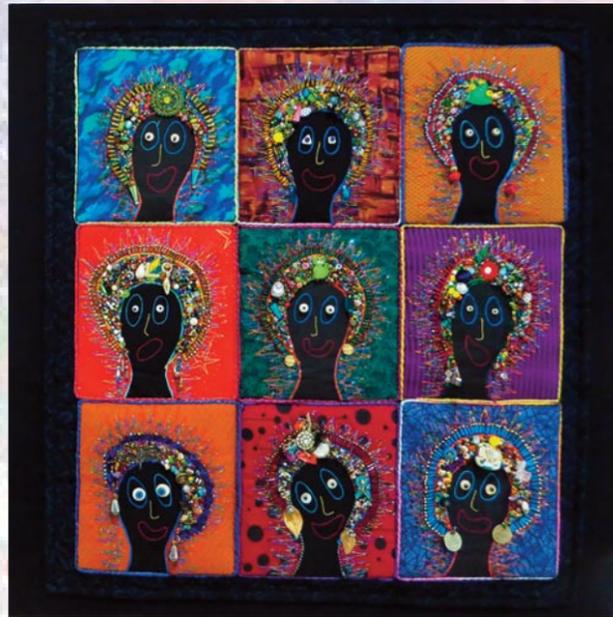
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