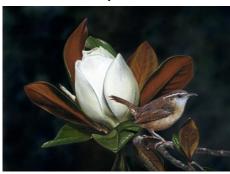


# 11th Annual Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival Takes Place in Bluffton, SC - Oct. 10-18, 2015

The Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival is back for the eleventh year – and is still growing. What started as a one-day event in 2005, has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton, SC, showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood. Festival events are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

The traditional opening ceremony, the Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on the May River, will again kick off this week of festivities at 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 11, preceded by a Showcase of Local Art, an outdoor art exhibit from 11am – 4pm in the heart of Old Town Bluffton, and finishing the day with the first Oyster Roast of the season at Bluffton Oyster Park.



Work by Danny O'Driscoll

On Monday evening at 5:30pm a Tour of the Waddell Mariculture Center along with Crab Pickin' and Oyster Shuckin' demonstrations will take place with Dr. Al Stokes on the bluff of the Colleton River.

Wednesday again offers Author Night, from 5:30 – 8:30pm at the Rotary Community Center in Oscar Frazier Park, "Celebrate Gullah-Geechee History & Culture".

Other favorite returning events include daily May River kayak and boat tours, the Saturday morning 10K and 5K run, children's fishing tournament and art activities and the Iron Chef Challenge.



Work by James St.Clair

New to this year's celebration is the "Heritage Discovery Tour," a self-paced tour of the people, places and events contributing to the town's character and charm on Saturday, Oct. 10. Participants will tour historic churches and cemeteries; learn about the Lowcountry life of a Gilded Age millionaire; discover what historians have gleaned from the ruins of a home built by a freedman during Reconstruction; and hear stories of how freed slaves founded an African American church more than 140 years ago.

The highlight of the week again is the outdoor Street Fest, Saturday, Oct. 17 – Sunday, Oct. 18, which features the juried Artist Showcase and Market on Calhoun Street with over 100 artists from 10 different states. These artists will be displaying their fine art; local restaurants and caterers will be serving up delicious seafood dishes and Lowcountry Cuisine; musicians will be performing; and area environmentalists will be highlighting our natural resources and the necessary conservation practices to ensure their continuance.

Please join us for a true celebration of fine art and the bounty of the sea!

For more details and the full schedule of events visit

(www.blufttonartsandseafoodfestival.com) or call 843/757-2583.



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## Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Vickie Jourdan

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present *Color Me Abstract*, featuring acrylic paintings by Vickie Jourdan, on view in the Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery, from Oct. 5 - 31, 2015, A reception will be held on Oct. 11, from 3-5pm.

Color and texture are at the forefront in Jourdan's exciting paintings in this exhibit. It is a collection of new work that shows off her splashy, bright acrylics which are full of life and movement. As she points out, "My garage is my studio. When I'm working, I turn on the music. I dance. I paint and just let my creativity flow. My hope is that the final result is joyful." And joyful these paintings are!

After retiring from a career in interior design, for the past 18 years Jourdan has evolved as an established artist with works in private and corporate collections throughout the country. She has won numerous local, state and national awards as well as being a featured artist in many exhibits. Jourdan is a partner at Pluff Mudd Art Gallery in Bluffton where she exhibits



Work by Vickie Jourdan

her artwork. And as well as being a valued hanging member at SOBA, she teaches abstract workshops at the Society's Center for Creative Arts.

The work of over 100 other member artists is also on display at the gallery.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call 843-757-6586 or visit (www.sobagallery.com).

#### Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Offers Works by Stanley Meltzoff

The Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *The Great Sporting Fish*, featuring original marine nature paintings by Stanley Meltzoff (1917-2006), on view in the Hilton Head Regional Healthcare Gallery, from Oct. 1 through Jan. 6, 2016.

Universally regarded as the all-time preeminent painter of game fish in salt water, Meltzoff was a founding member of the American Littoral Society. He began diving the New Jersey Coast in 1922 and held world spearfishing records for striped bass (65 lbs.) and bluefish (21 ½ lbs.). In 1960, he started painting fish in their natural environments for *Sports Illustrated*, *National Geographic* and *Field & Stream*. National acclaim and many awards followed for decades as he worked with various publications.

For years Meltzoff dove around the world to view the great species of billfish for pictorial series on sailfish, blue marlin,

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