## Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence, SC, Features Works by Patz and Mike Fowle

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence, SC, is presenting Then and Now: Selected Works from South Carolina Artists Patz Fowle and Mike Fowle, on view in the Dr. N. Lee Morris Gallery, through Feb. 29, 2016.



Work by Mike Fowle

The exhibition features ceramic and mixed media sculptures by Patz Fowle, found metal assemblage by Mike Fowle, and award-winning, installation art that the two have collaborated on. The Fowle's most notable collaboration to date is a 23-foot tall, kinetic, metal sculpture titled, *Big Bleu Birdnanna* located in the heart of the Cultural Arts Corridor adjacent to the Florence County Museum in downtown Florence.

The Fowle's artist statement asserts that, "Creating art is a wondrous journey from the conception of a juicy idea to the final aesthetics; it's what propels our spirits as creative beings!"

Their most recent awards include People's Choice for 3D at the 2015 ArtFields© Competition/Exhibition and



Work by Patz Fowle

First Place for sculpture at the 2015 South Carolina State Fair (Professional Division).

In addition to being professional artists, Patz and Mike serve the local visual arts community as Teaching Artists through the South Carolina Arts Commission. Patz Fowle is Visual Arts Coordinator at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, a presenting member of the National Art Education Association, and an international artist in residence.

The exhibit and artist presentation are sponsored by Friends of Florence County Library. The Morris Gallery is located on the second floor of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence and is open seven days a week.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Library at 843/413-7070 or visit (www.florencelibrary.org).

## Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild's Art in the Park 44th Year at two venues in Myrtle Beach, SC Over 60 artists from the East Coast to Tennessee, with about 20 artists from our local area! 2016 - 44th Year Chapin Park Valor Park 100 N. Kings Hwy 120 Farrow Parkway April 9 & 10 April 16 & 17 June 11 & 12 November 12 & 13 October 8 & 9 November 5 & 6 Both Venues Saturdays & Sundays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No Admission Charge • Child and Pet Friendly Art includes Paintings, Woodworking, Photography, Jewelry, Fabric, Glass, Metal, Pottery and Stone Contact: JoAnne Utterback at 843-446-3830 www.artsyparksy.com

## The Clay Pot Coffee Shop in Florence, SC, Features Works by Johnny Tanner

The Clay Pot Coffee Shop in Florence, SC, is presenting an exhibit of paintings by Johnny Tanner, on view through Mar. 31, 2016.

Johnny Tanner's teachers always noted that Johnny spent too much class time drawing. But soon after Mr. Jules Owens came to paint the baptistry in Rose Hill Baptist Church, right up the road from the Tanner house, Tanner headed downtown to buy a brush and a couple of tubes of paint. "Mr. Owens painted with earth colors, and those colors make up my palette today," states Tanner. He paints mostly landscapes and ocean waves - imaginary places, and has won many awards for his work over the years. Lately Tanner has moved away from such detailed work and is painting a more impressionistic style of landscape - and even abstracts!

As for music, Tanner began trying to

write songs almost as soon as he could play a few chords on the guitar. He has performed from Washington, DC, to Dallas, TX, and up and down the eastern seaboard. One of the highlights of Tanner's musical career came in 2011 when he was the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest winner at MerleFest. Another was a 2015 trip to Ireland where he played at Monroe's Pub in Galway, and was featured on a radio show hosted by singer/songwriter Charlie McGettigan at Shannonside Studios in Longford, County Longford.

Tanner's cds "Wake Up John" and "The Main Thing" can be purchased through cdbaby and iTunes. He also can be found on YouTube, ReverbNation and Spotify.

For further information check our Commercial Gallery listings or call 943/407-

## Cheraw Arts Commission in Cheraw, SC, Features Works by Eddie Dial, Ramona Boykin, and Brad Allen

The Cheraw Arts Commission in Cheraw, SC, is presenting works by Eddie Dial, Ramona Boykin, and Brad Allen, in celebration of National Hobby month, on view in the Burr Gallery, through Feb. 29, 2016. Included in the exhibit will be pottery, handwoven baskets and furniture.

Displayed in the gallery are ceramic pieces by Eddie Dial of Blenheim, SC. Also included in his creations are numerous face jugs with their characteristic oversized teeth and wide eyes. The history of face jugs dates back to the 1800's when created by African-Americans in the Carolinas and

Georgia.

A collection of rattan reed baskets by Ramona Boykin are on exhibit. She is the owner of August Moon Basketry and has been providing basket weaving supplies for over 30 years.

Furniture by Brad Allen of Chesterfield is also being featured. A handcrafted table and bench will be on display.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Commission at 843/537-8420, ext. 12 or e-mail to (lbennett@cheraw.com).

