

North Charleston Arts Festival

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is a textile artist with over 25 years of experience, specializing in quilted fiber art murals, elegant wedding gowns, unique soft accessories for special occasions, and Goddess blessing dolls. She has also designed costumes for theater and film.



Work by Rachel Weiss from the exhibit, *Palmetto Hands*.

On May 3, 2011, noon-1pm - Visual Artist Lunchtime Lecture, at the North Charleston City Hall, Montague Conference Rm. (2nd fl.). Bring your lunch to this fascinating talk led by emerging local artist, Conrad Guevara. Topics will include his artistic process, current works, and sources of inspiration. Guevara has participated in several group exhibitions

City of North Charleston Features Works by Pedro Rodriguez

Pedro Rodriguez's oil painting, *Strings*, was selected as the 2011 North Charleston Arts Festival design. A collection of his works, including the winning piece, will be on exhibit at the North Charleston City Gallery, located at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center & Convention Center Complex in North Charleston, SC. The exhibit will be on view from May 1 - 31, 2011, during the 2011 North Charleston Arts Festival. You can meet the artist at the gallery during the Arts Festival's Main Event, on May 1, 9am - 6pm.



Work by Pedro Rodriguez

Rodriguez said, "*Strings* is an attempt to stimulate the brain into hearing music through color and composition. By looking at the trio can you hear the piece?"

Born and raised in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez began painting while living on the New Jersey Shore, following his service in the Army. He started exhibiting his work while attending the

in Charleston and is a youth art instructor for area arts organizations such as Redux Contemporary Art Center, the City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department, and the Gibbes Museum of Art.

On May 4, 2011, 5-8pm - North Charleston Arts Festival Art Walk in the Olde Village area, East Montague Avenue, in North Charleston. Take a stroll down East Montague Avenue through businesses, pubs, restaurants, studios, and salons to see works by local artists and fine craft artisans in a variety of subjects and mediums. Lime & the Coconuts (Ukulele/Swing/Folk) and Lane Gregory (Bluegrass/Folk/Old Time/Americana) will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening. Be sure to stop by the Art & Fine Craft Co-Op Gallery reception at the Meeting Place. Other attractions include children's activities and live artist demonstrations. It's an evening of art and culture for the whole family!

On May 5, 2011, 6-8pm - Quilt & Fiber Art Exhibition Reception - Art/ Humanity at the North Charleston City Hall, (2nd fl.). The public is invited to join curator, Torrea "Cookie" Washington, for the opening reception of this unique quilt and fiber art exhibition. Enjoy piano jazz, blues, and spirituals by Jessica Minahan throughout the evening.

For more 2011 North Charleston Arts Festival information, including detailed event schedules and venue information, visit (www.northcharleston.org) or call the North Charleston Cultural Arts Department office at 843/740-5854. You can also check our SC Institutional Gallery listings.

University of Louisville in Louisville, KY, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and Master's Degrees in Art Education, Spanish, and Art Therapy.

After moving with his family to South Carolina, Rodriguez continued to participate in exhibitions, including the *Statements of Heritage Exhibition* (1991) and the *Triennial Exhibition* (1992), both at the South Carolina State Museum, and the *Artists Who Teach Exhibition* at the Gibbes Museum (1992). Rodriguez also displayed his work in the *Piccolo Spoleto Juried Exhibition*, the Coastal Carolina Fair, the North Charleston Arts Festival, the City Gallery at Dock Street Theatre, and the Gaillard Auditorium.

Rodriguez continued to paint throughout the late nineties in the midst of teaching and raising three children, but took a hiatus from exhibiting for many years. He has recently renewed efforts to exhibit through local venues and events, most notably the North Charleston Arts Festival, the MOJA Juried Exhibition, and a solo show at The Saul Alexander Gallery at the Charleston County Main Library in 2008. He has several paintings on display at Runaway Bay in North Charleston, a restaurant that features local artists' work.

Rodriguez has received various grants and awards for his artwork, including two grants from the Trident Community Foundation, now known as the Community Foundation, and the Lowcountry Quarterly Art Grant Program. He has taught Art or Spanish in the Charleston County School District for over twenty years.

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The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This would be May 24th for the June 2011 issue and June 24 for the July 2011 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month.

But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now.

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