

# Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival

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its Tenth Anniversary. Festival president, Mary O'Neill, said her committee is very excited about this year's festival's accolades and is looking forward to the ever growing festival schedule of events. What started as a one-day event in 2005 has quickly become a week of festivities in historic Bluffton. While showcasing the arts and locally harvested seafood, this year the festival entwines its rich history throughout all the festivities more than ever.



Returning events include local art exhibits, Blessing of the Fleet, daily kayak and boat excursions, Waddell Tour, author night, kayak and paddleboard races, and the 10k/5k race. New to this year's festival is the Gullah History Celebration along with a tour of the new Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center.

The highlight of the week is again the



outdoor Street Fest on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th, 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 Low Country Cuisine; musicians will be performing on three stages; 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 as we embark on our tenth year!

For more details and the full schedule of events visit [www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com) or call 843/757-2583.

## Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Members of Bluffton, SC, Gallery

Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Hands Across the Bridge*, featuring works by 15 artists of the Maye River Gallery in Bluffton, SC, on view in the Hilton Head Regional Healthcare Temporary Exhibit Gallery, from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, 2014.

The exhibition features work by the artists in media ranging from textiles to artglass, photography to basketry, 3D assemblage to collage, clay to sterling, and printmaking to painting in watercolor, pastels and oils. At the gallery entrance, visitors will see a display of photos of the artists' hands as they create their art.

The roll call of artists contains a number of well-known names in the local art world, among them several art instructors and many award winners. The variety and quality of their work is stunning. Among the painters who share their talent in various mediums are

The exhibition includes: Joyce Nagel, a Master Pastelist of the Pastel Society of America; Mary Grayson Segars, an alla prima oil painter; Audrey Montgomery, who produces highly detailed watercolors; Anne Hakala, who works in abstract

mixed media; and Judy Saylor McElynn, who created works in evocative oils.

Also included are: Kathy Tortorella working in bold pastels and oil; Earline Allen turns clay into imaginative pottery; Donna Ireton creates unique pine straw baskets; Jo Dye works in fine detail with paper collage; Paulette Bennett creates glittering jewelry with her hand-made glass beads; and Susan Knight works jewelry magic with sterling silver.

Finally, Carrol Kay weaves fibers into colorful wraps and accessories; Barbara Snow includes printmaking along with her oil and pastel paintings; Marci Tressel captures the Lowcountry in haunting black and white photography; and Caroll Williams creates imaginative art from 'found' materials.

The artists will meet and greet residents and visitors alike and share some of their insights in a series of artist's demonstrations during their exhibit at the Museum. Demonstrations dates and times may be found on the Museum's website at ([www.coastaldiscovery.org](http://www.coastaldiscovery.org)).

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit ([www.coastaldiscovery.org](http://www.coastaldiscovery.org)).

## Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, Features Works by Dennis Lake and Heather Wanamaker

Art League of Hilton Head on Hilton Head Island, SC, will present *Enduring Realism*, an exhibit of works by two classical realistic painters, Dennis Lake and Heather Wanamaker, on view in Walter Greer Gallery at the Coastal Carolina Art Center, from Oct. 7 - 29, 2014. A reception will be held on Oct. 9, from 5-7pm. An artist's tour of the exhibit will be held on Oct. 18, at 11am.

Realism has endured for centuries representing nature through individual observation. Lake's and Wanamaker's paintings in oil and watercolor skillfully capture life's beauty by fully developing realistic paintings in the classical tradition using many of the centuries-old techniques of the Old Masters. These artists don't just replicate a landscape or still life, but strive to get to the soul of what they are painting to create a feeling or to tell a story.



Work by Dennis Lake

"No two artists create the same painting," Lake said, "even if it is of the same subject." Illustrating this point is one pair of paintings of a vase and berries captured through each artist's eye. The other works offer a wide variety of subjects and settings. The viewer will see southern

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