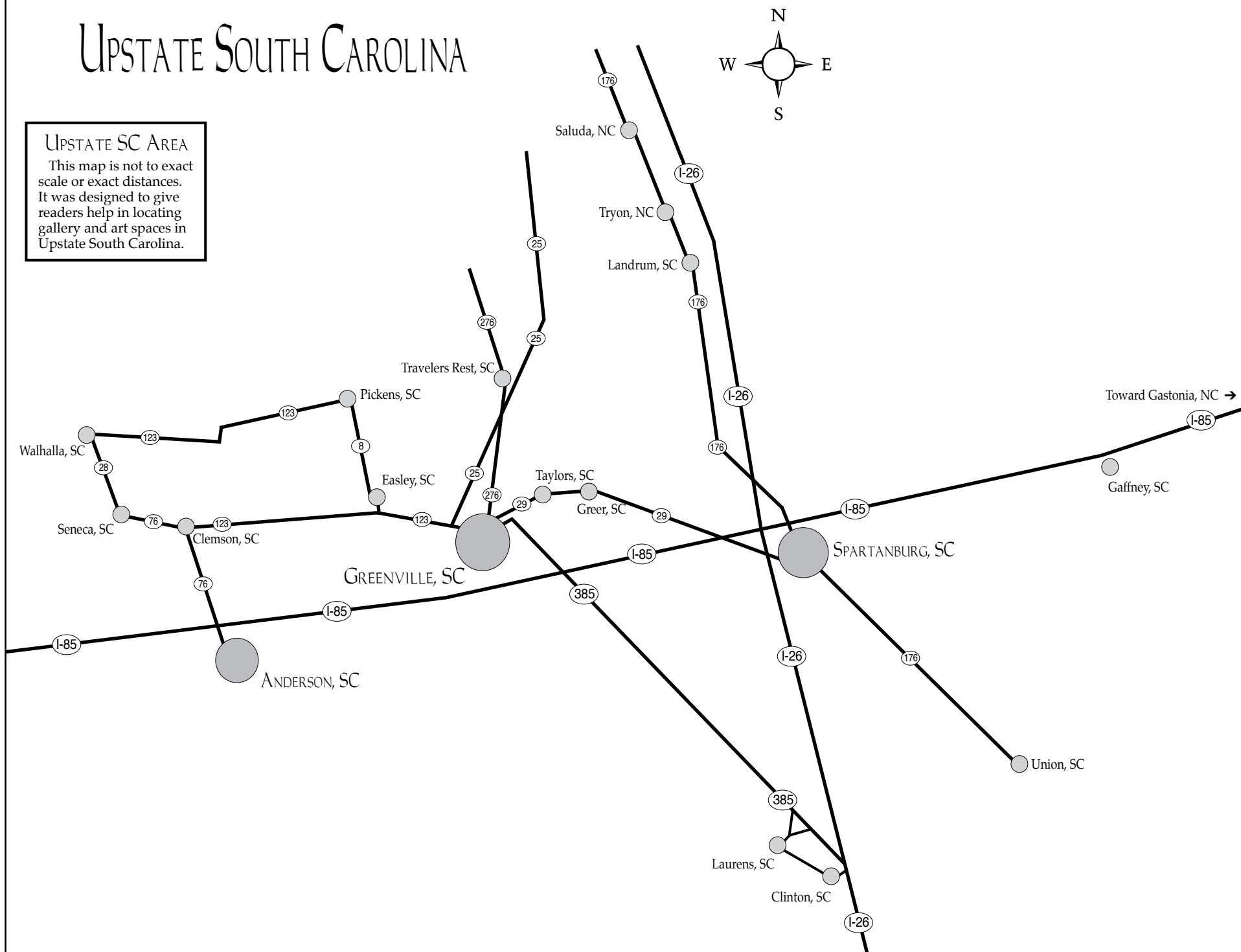


# UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

## UPSTATE SC AREA

This map is not to exact scale or exact distances. It was designed to give readers help in locating gallery and art spaces in Upstate South Carolina.



## Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Mark Grote

Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Is it S, or is it Z?*, featuring a large selection of sculptures by Louisiana artist Mark Grote, on view in the Milliken Art Gallery, from Feb. 12 through Mar. 12, 2015. An artist's talk will be offered on Mar. 12 at 6pm, followed by a reception at 6:30pm.

With this series of Grote's work he "intentionally illustrates that one can create several works of art while focusing and utilizing one simple material."

Grote states "the works draw on references from primitive societies around the world, highlighting the simplicity of object making. Most primitive societies have limited material selection provided either by location or by trade. My approach to the exhibition was to imbue one with the other. The sculptures illustrate rope as a tool overlaid with a surface rich in texture and color resonating the ritual."

Currently a Professor of Visual Arts at Loyola University in New Orleans, Grote has exhibited his work both nationally and internationally. In 1992-93 he received a Fulbright to England as a visiting artist to Exeter College of Art and Design. Additionally, Grote has received numerous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. His work is placed in many public and private collections, including the K & B Collections, New Orleans, LA; Virlane Foundation, New Orleans, LA; Pan American Life Insurance Company, New Orleans, LA; Museum of Art, Alexandria, Louisiana; West Texas Museum, Beaumont, TX; Museum of Art, Jackson, Mississippi; Dayton Museum of Art, Dayton, OH; Hilliard Museum of Art Lafayette, LA; Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL; Meadows Museum, Shreveport, LA; Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA; Missoula Museum of Art, Missoula, MT.

Grote has exhibited work at the Gallery Christian Siret in Paris, France; Gasworks



Work by Mark Grote

Gallery in London, England; Sculpture House Gallery in London, England. He has received a Pollock/Krasner grant, Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, and Atlas grant for LA, Board of Regents. In 2010 Grote was awarded the Marquette Fellowship from Loyola University.

Founded in 1889 and located in the heart of Spartanburg, South Carolina—home to six colleges and 13,000 college students—Converse helps women develop the skills necessary to balance a full life. Students develop their unique voices through our challenging liberal arts curriculum, century-old honor tradition, and Daniels Center for Leadership and Service. Our close-knit residential community cultivates a spirit of sisterhood and enterprise among women diverse in backgrounds and interests. Across the board—from art and design to science, business, music and education—professors actively mentor and challenge students through

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