

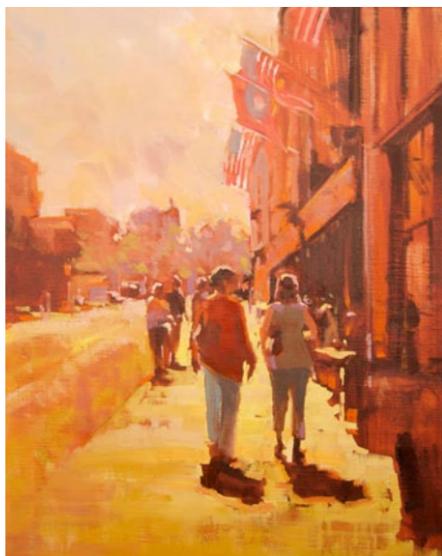
Ella Walton Richardson Fine Art in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Donald Weber

Ella Walton Richardson Fine Art in Charleston, SC, will present *Donald Weber ~ Charleston*, on view from Feb. 2 - 28, 2018. A reception will be held on Feb. 2, from 5-8pm.

The new exhibition will feature 22 plein air oil paintings. Weber will also be giving an art demonstration in the gallery at 58 Broad Street from 1 until 4:30pm on Feb. 3.

Donald "Donny" Weber is an oil painter from Louisville, KY. His art education began during his classes for his architecture studies at the University of Kentucky. He earned his architecture degree, but continued his art on his own. He now balances being a fine artist and licensed architect. Weber says he's always had an interest in art, "I have always been fascinated with art and started drawing as a kid. I drew the stuff I was interested in... Fire engines, sailing ships, and even battle scenes from movies I had seen."

Weber says his mother bought him his first set of oil pastels when he was 12 years old. He loved the variety that different art mediums could offer him. He began painting and drawing, and after his mother noticed his talent she encouraged him to create more.



Work by Donald Weber

have both a home and a studio so that he always has access to his paints. It's easy to tell that he draws inspiration from the beautiful landscapes and colors from both home states. He says he doesn't have a favorite subject to paint, but that he loves capturing an expressive moment or focusing on light and color. His subjects have quite a variety, ranging from people to beautiful New Mexican architecture to detailed nature or rural farmhouses. Thought he says, "My terrible attention span keeps me hopping around!" he certainly creates enchanting colors and light in each of his paintings.

One of his favorite parts about painting is that it's so immersive for him. "It's the only thing I have ever done that allows me to totally lose track of time and surroundings...or floating as I call it," says Weber. He says that once he was painting in a field and out of nowhere he heard a snorting sound. He then realized he was so immersed in his work that he hadn't noticed the giant bull that clearly had not invited him to his pasture.

Weber also notes that he loved how painting makes people feel good. In fact, he loves that aspect so much that he and his brother helped open the Weber Gallery in Louisville. The Weber Gallery is a showcase for side-by-side art program run by the Council for Developmental Disabilities in Louisville. The Council runs a number of education and advocacy programs for individuals with various forms of disabilities. The side by side art program features artwork by both professional artist from all across the country and local persons with disabilities. Weber has a son with Down's syndrome which is why he holds the organization so close to his heart. Both he and his son have participated in art exhibits at the gallery.

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"Mom was a big fan of a comedian named Red Skelton at the time. He was also an accomplished artist and painted wonderful clown portraits," says Weber. "My mother suggested I do one as well and I did. Not long after I had finished it, one of my mothers friends, while visiting noticed it and asked me if she could buy it! Of course I didn't know what to say. She offered to pay me \$15 for it and my mom said it would be OK. That hooked me for life I guess!"

Weber says his first sale came full circle, "Interestingly about 30 years later I got a call from an attorney who was settling the estate of the same woman and asked me if I was the Don Weber who had sold her the painting! She had willed it back to me. I have it hanging in my home today."

Weber and his wife split their time between Louisville and Santa Fe where they

Helena Fox Fine Art in Charleston, SC, Offers Trunk Show to Benefit Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary

Helena Fox Fine Art, LLC, in Charleston, SC, will present the Miller Mae Designs Trunk Show to benefit the Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary, on Feb. 8, from 4-7pm and on Feb. 9, 2018, from 11am-4pm.

Miller Mae Designs and Helena Fox Fine Art will donate a portion of the proceeds towards Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary and Edmunds Oast Exchange will be here pouring some bubbly for your enjoyment.

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happy to have them return to Charleston for this special show.

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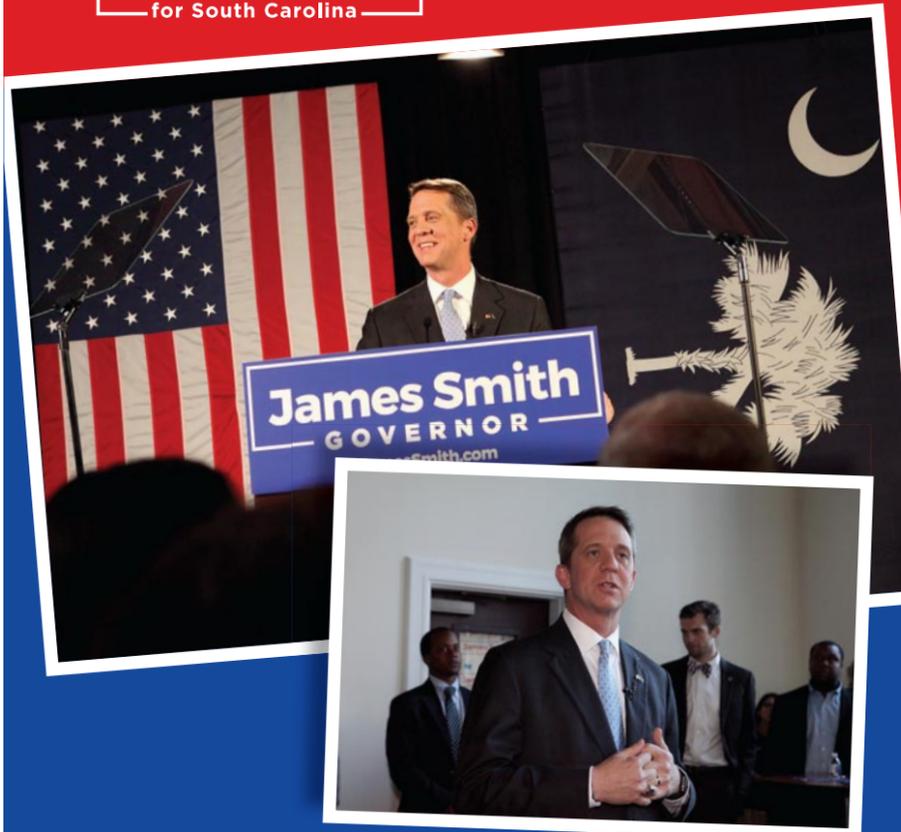
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