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Cummings lives in Conway, SC, where she devotes her time to her studio work, community development, and family. Cummings received her Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Cincinnati's School of Design, Art, Architecture, and Planning. While enrolled at DAAP she was director of the 810 Gallery, interned at the Contemporary Art Center of Cincinnati, and was the recipient of the Wolfstien Travel Fellowship to Spain. Following her graduate work, Cummings became an instructor for the University of South Carolina Department of Art. She was awarded the Stephen J. Dalton Teacher of the year from USC University in 2011. Her work has been exhibited in multiple group and solo exhibitions throughout the south and midwest. Her work can be found in both public and private collections and has been featured in the 701 Center for Contemporary Art's 2015



Work by Yvette Cummings

South Carolina Biennial in Columbia, SC as well as *Contemporary South* at Visual Art Exchange in Raleigh, NC.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/273-0399 or visit (www.artspace506.com).

Brookgreen Gardens, Near Murrells Inlet, SC, Features LEGOS® Exhibit

Brookgreen Gardens, Near Murrells Inlet, SC, will present *Nature Connects: LEGOS® Bricks Sculpture*, on view in Brookgreen's Native Wildlife Zoo, from Mar. 1 through Sept. 5, 2016.

In celebration of its 85th Anniversary, Brookgreen Gardens will host 12 larger-than-life LEGO® brick sculpture installations. Created by Sean Kenney, renowned artist and children's author, *Nature Connects* is an award winning exhibit currently touring the country. Made from almost 400,000 LEGO® bricks, the sculptures bring nature to life with a 6-foot tall hummingbird hovering over a trumpet flower, a deer family made from 48,000 bricks, a giant tortoise, a 7-foot long giant dragonfly, and more. The exhibit will be open daily and is included in garden admission.

"Nature Connects is a perfect fit for us," said Bob Jewell, President and CEO. "It combines nature with art in a playful and creative way and its placement in the Native Wildlife Zoo will bring more awareness of that aspect of our mission."

The exhibit will feature interpretive panels with an educational message for each sculpture to help connect children with the natural world and promote sustainability and conservations. In addition, there will be educational activities such as a LEGO® sculpture building contest, scavenger hunts, and 30,000 LEGO® bricks available for guests to play, build, and use their imagination during their visit.

LEGO® currently is recognized as the number one brand in the world and is guided by the company spirit: "Only the best is

good enough". The company is committed to the development of children and aims to inspire and develop the builders of tomorrow through creative play and learning.

For nearly a decade, Sean Kenney has been using LEGO® toys as a medium for contemporary sculpture. His work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *BBC news*, *ELLE*, *Good Morning America*, and he has created pieces for television shows, celebrities, tourist attractions, and fortune 500 companies around the world. Kenney was the first of now only 13 "LEGO® Certified Professionals" worldwide, who are not employees of LEGO®, but who are officially recognized by the LEGO® Group as trusted business partners because of their building proficiency, their enthusiasm for the LEGO® brick and building system, and a professional approach towards other LEGO® fans and the broader public. Each sculpture touches people as both a reflection from their childhood and as a sculptural piece of art. Sean aims to spark creativity in the viewer, especially in the case of a child, who can not only visualize creating something great themselves, but who can actually go home and do so.

Brookgreen Gardens, a National Historic Landmark and non-profit organization, is located on US 17 between Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island, SC, and is open to the public daily.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Gardens at 843/235-6000 or visit (www.brookgreen.org).

Hartsville Memorial Library in Hartsville, SC, Offers Art by Math and Science Students

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics' (GSSM) student artwork will be on exhibition at the Hartsville Memorial Library, in Hartsville, SC, from Mar. 6 through Apr. 27, 2016. The exhibit is being shown in conjunction with National Youth Art Month.

GSSM's Open Art Studio is the perfect place for students to discover their artistic abilities by exploring multiple modes of learning, including traditional arts and choice-based art. Working with GSSM's Visual Arts Coordinator Patz Fowle, students develop the necessary skills, techniques and processes to create meaningful, authentic 2-D and 3-D works of art. GSSM's public art exhibition at the Hartsville Memorial Library will include a variety of styles, such as printmaking, watercolor, acrylics, mixed media collage, photography, charcoal drawings and indigenous clay sculpture.

"My passion as a teaching artist and educator is to guide, inspire and encourage each student to reach their full potential



Work by Maya Jensen from Blythewood, SC

as creative beings," said Patz Fowle. "I believe that creativity and a lifelong love of the arts not only enriches the soul of the

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