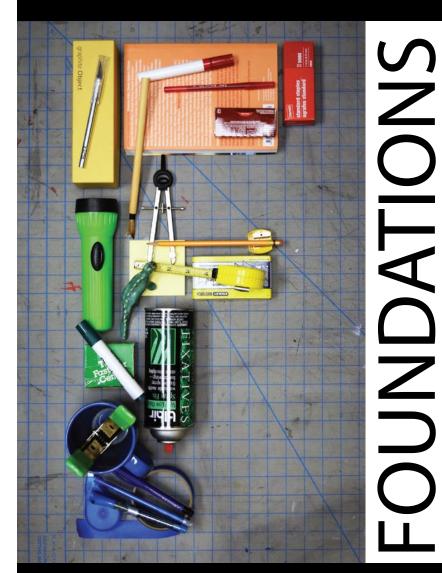
## CURTIS R. HARLEY A R T G A L L E R Y



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First Exhibition from the Foundations Art Studio Classes

### FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 25, 2016

**OPENING RECEPTION- MARCH 3, 4:30 P.M.** 

## **Carolina Gallery in Spartanburg, SC, Offers Works by Gerard Erley**

Carolina Gallery in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Passages*, featuring oil landscapes by Gerard Erley, on view from Mar. 17 through Apr. 23, 2016. A reception will be held on Mar. 17, from 6-8pm.

Each Erley painting is a passage to another place. Those who visit this show should expect to be transported on short trips of the soul from mountain peaks to seaside dunes, to dense woods.

Erley's pastoral and wilderness landscapes reveal a sense of the sacred within the abandoned farm or forest. His use of shadow and light draws the viewer into these special places that are savage, placid, unfamiliar, and always alluring.

Much of his brushwork is exuberant, delivering whispy, phantasmic passages of paint that invoke a spirit that is unmistakably American. These grand swashes of color are often countered by other smaller strokes that are both deliberate and calculated.



Work by Gerard Erley

ambiance instead of an accurate detailed account. His curiosity for the connections between the earth's terrain and the terrain of human emotion is kindled in his recollection of a scene or a moment. The artist does not typically use photographs for reference, instead he taps into that internal inspiration to pull his viewer with him on his otherworldly romps. Besides Carolina Gallery, Gerard Erley is represented by the City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, I. Pinckney Simons Gallery in Beaufort, SC, Berkley Gallery in Warrenton, VA, and Art Resources Gallerv in Edina, MN The Carolina Gallery is located on the edge of downtown Spartanburg on West Main Street across from the West Main Artist Coop. For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 864/585-3335 or visit (www.carolinagalleryart.com).

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### Harley Gallery:

The Gallery, located on the first floor of the Humanities & Performing Arts Center, is free and open to the public from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

#### To learn more:

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Erley states, "I do not paint nature in an attempt to duplicate what the eye sees. Rather, I explore landscape imagery for its expressive potential, its unique emotional language."

Erley is an award-winning painter, who hails from Illinois and currently resides in South Carolina. He has exhibited in many solo and juried shows across the United States and abroad. Taking a cue from nineteenth-century American and European masters like Inness, Corot, and Turner, Erley seeks to portray the transcendental qualities of natural scenes, creating a distinct representation of the

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Mar. 24th for the April 2016 issue and Apr. 24 for the May 2016 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. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).



### MARCH 3 - APRIL 16, 2016

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