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City of North Charleston, SC, Features Works by Rick Austin and George Gregory

The City of North Charleston's Cultural Arts Department is pleased to announce that concurrent solo exhibitions by local artist Rick Austin, and Columbia, SC, based artist George Gregory will be on display at the North Charleston City Gallery, located at the Charleston Area Convention Center, from Aug. 3 - 31, 2017. A reception will be held on Aug. 3, from 5-7pm.

Local artist Richard "Rick" Austin presents *Observations*, a collection of landscape paintings that showcase the atmospheric quality of light in the natural world. Born and raised in rural upstate New York, Austin spent much of his childhood exploring the woods of the Adirondack Mountains. His affection for the peace and beauty of the natural world is communicated in his paintings. Influenced by the 18th century Impressionists and the 19th century Tonalists, as well as early American illustrators, Austin uses a glazing technique, applying thin layers of color suspended in oil. This "creates an almost translucent effect," Austin explains, "much the same way nature paints with light and atmosphere."

After four years in the Navy, Austin attended the Art Institute of Boston, majoring in Illustration and Fine Art. Upon graduating, he developed a commercial art and illustration studio in northern New York while teaching art classes for the New York State Council of the Arts. He went on to lead the Communications Design Department at Clarkson University, manage the multimedia department for an international marketing corporation, and work with land developers to create branding materials and 3-D architectural renderings before retiring in Folly Beach to paint full-time. Rick Austin's artwork has been exhibited at Spencer Art Gallery and Ellis Nicholson Gallery, among others.

Mixed media artist George Gregory pres-



Work by Rick Austin

ents *Pixel-ed Images*, a collection of images produced using a combination of craft and fine art materials. "Since childhood, I have embraced materials considered part of the arts and crafts world," the artist explains. "It's a way for me to combine my childhood experiences of crafting with my grandmother and spending time with my carpenter father while he worked." Pushpins, sequins, beads, and thread come together to create images that have a pixelated look but a tactile quality. "The relationship between hard and soft plays an important role in my work. This is demonstrated through the materiality of fiber and wood... I pay homage to my father and grandmother by incorporating the same materials that played a part of my childhood."

Gregory received a BFA in Sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2008 and an MFA in Sculpture from The Ohio State University in 2011. Since then, he has exhibited widely in solo and group shows, most recently in *Pointillist Revival* at City Art in Columbia, SC, and in *Glimmer* at USC Upstate.

The North Charleston City Gallery is situated in two corridors of the northwest corner of the Charleston Area Convention Center, located on Coliseum Drive in North

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William Halsey

Halsey - McCallum Studio

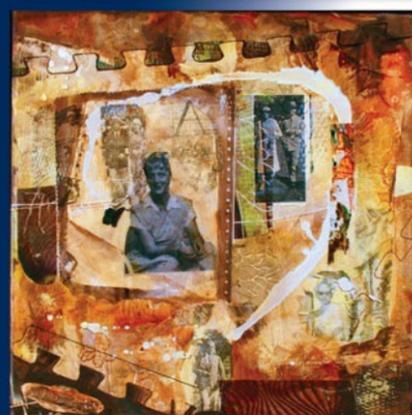
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