

# Art League of Hilton Head

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Smith uses paints primarily with acrylic and oil on canvas, wood, tin, or glass. Says Smith, "I strive to capture the daily lifestyle of the Gullah people through visual art. Baskets, and flowers, water and sky. Women and families with brightly colored dresses, and colorful head rags and hats to cover unique nappy hair and secrets of the land are what inspire me to paint. My work is spiritual and transformative as I seek to provide a glimpse of Gullah life, and 'de luk pon we island'."

Art League of Hilton Head is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit visual arts organization on Hilton Head Island with a synergistic art gallery and teaching Academy.

The Art League Gallery features local artwork in all media created by more than 200 member artists. All artwork on display is for sale and exhibits change every

month. Located mid-island on Shelter Cove Lane, inside Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, next to the box office.

Art League Academy welcomes artists and students in all media at all skill levels, including true beginners. Taught by professional art educators, students can choose from many art classes and workshops in most media.

"Inspiring visual arts for our community and its visitors through exhibitions, education and partnerships" is Art League of Hilton Head's mission.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 843/681-5060 or visit ([www.ArtLeagueHHI.org](http://www.ArtLeagueHHI.org)), follow Art League of Hilton Head on Facebook, Instagram, or connect on LinkedIn.

## Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, Features Works by Local School Students

The Society of Bluffton Artists in Bluffton, SC, will present its annual *High School Art Show*, featuring works by emerging talent from Local Schools, on view from Feb. 3 - 28, 2025. A reception will be held on Feb. 8, from 3-5pm, at the SOBA Gallery.

This much-anticipated exhibition showcases the creative works of talented students from Bluffton High School, Cross High School, and May River High School.

"SOBA's mission is to provide art education and art appreciation to the local community," said Lynn Newsom, SOBA event organizer. "With this annual high school art show, we're able to give students an opportunity for public recognition for their talents and achievements, the same that is given to student athletes, science projects, and music concerts."

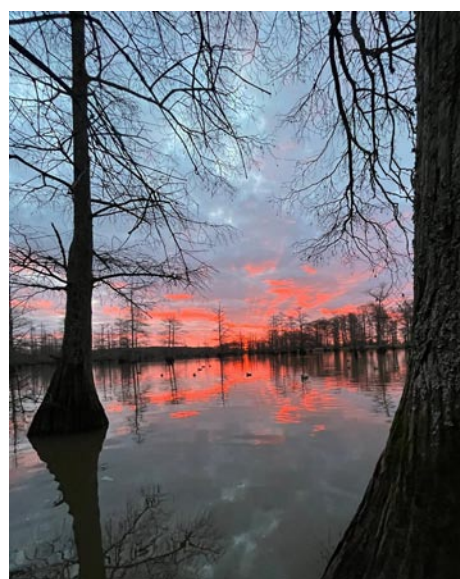
The exhibit provides students with a platform to display their creativity in a professional gallery setting while offering the community a chance to appreciate the next generation of artists. Participating students have created works across a variety of mediums, reflecting their unique voices and artistic growth.

Kristen Munroe, Visual Arts Teacher at Bluffton High School, emphasized the value of this event for her students. "This yearly show is a big event for us, especially as a means of exposing students to the real-world gallery experience of the professional artist," she said. Bluffton High's diverse program includes Ceramics, Drawing, Media Arts, Painting, and Photography, giving students the opportunity to explore and refine their creative talents.



Works by a student from May River High School

Elizabeth Schlieger, AP Studio Art and Visual Art Educator and Fine Arts Department Chair at May River High School, highlighted her students' commitment to artistic exploration. "Our visual



Work by a student from Cross High School

art department strives to develop a strong foundation in art and design while giving students opportunities to refine their skills as they develop their voices as young artists," she said. A student participating in the exhibit shared, "Ceramics is a great outlet for my creative energy. Creating the stamps for these mugs was a real learning experience, and I was really happy with the final results."

Cross School's growing arts program will showcase a range of works in photography, digital painting, and traditional media. "We are excited to participate again this year and appreciate the opportunity to showcase our work in the community," said a Cross School representative. This year's exhibition demonstrates the school's commitment to fostering creativity and artistic expression among its students.

The reception on Feb. 8 will be an opportunity for the public to meet these talented young artists, view their work, and learn more about the vibrant art education programs offered at their schools.

The Society of Bluffton Artists (SOBA) is Bluffton's flourishing art hub located in the heart of the historic district at the corner of Church and Calhoun Streets. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to providing art education and appreciation to the community through regular art classes, exhibitions, and featured artist shows.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call SOBA at 843/757-6586 or visit ([sobagallery.com](http://sobagallery.com)).

## La Petite Gallerie in Bluffton, SC, Celebrates Its Ten Year Anniversary

La Petite Gallerie, the intimate little art gallery on Calhoun Street in Bluffton SC, is celebrating its 10th year anniversary with a party and year-long Grand Giveaway! The birthday party will take place

on Feb. 14, from 3 - 7pm, coinciding with the Old Town Bluffton Art Walk. Enjoy bubbly prosecco, divine chocolate, and be a part of a grand art giveaway by the six

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owner artists.

"As a thank you to our community and customers for making our little gallery a grand success" says Murray Sease, one of the gallery's artists, "we will be giving away a piece of art every other month for a year, beginning with a piece of Wally Palmer's stunning bas relief sculptures. Simply sign up at the party on the 14th - or anytime during February and March - for the chance to win Palmer's beautiful 'Egrets'. The process will be repeated every other month for a year - with each of the remaining artists contributing a piece for this grand art giveaway.

"This is a fun way to share our art and have a good time with friends" is the consensus of the artists involved including: Lauren Arsenault, Bill Winn, Sue Grilli and Mary Burrell, along with Palmer and Sease.



Work by Wally Palmer

"It is quite an accomplishment to have a small business such as ours not just survive, but thrive!" says Sease. "We have certainly had challenges since our founder Peggy Duncan opened the doors in Feb. of 2015."

There have been ups and downs in the economy to say nothing of the Covid setback. Duncan, La Petite Gallerie's galvanizing force, was a well-known artist

## Greenville Center for Creative Arts in Greenville, SC, Features Works by Carrie Creech and Gerri Green

The Greenville Center for Creative Arts in Greenville, SC, is presenting, *In Motion*, an exhibition of works by Carrie Creech and Gerri Green, on view in their Community Gallery, through Feb. 26, 2025.

*In Motion* features the artworks of Carrie Creech and Gerri Green, whose practices explore movement and memory in painting and ceramics. Creech presents a series of ceramic vessels that capture fleeting gestures and fluidity within clay. Creech's forms explore the dichotomy of space and surface, punctuated by curves and seams that embody a sense of captured motion.

Gerri Green's paintings celebrate the tranquility and ever-changing landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Green's work captures the subtle motion of wind through trees, water, and clouds, offering glimpses of the natural beauty within national and state parks. Together, Creech & Green evoke the dynamics of nature and form.

Gerri Greene, a Canadian artist based in the United States, draws inspiration from the modern and abstract landscape movements of the 1920s. With a foundation in

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Egrets by Wally Palmer  
Sign up at La Petite Gallerie in February & March for the chance to win this unique bronze and resin sculpture!

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View outside La Petite Gallerie

who had been involved in starting up at least two other successful galleries in our little town. She had a knack for joining talented people of like minds to make magic happen. She was lucky enough to be friends with Babbie Guscio who had available space to rent in her 100 plus year old building that houses The Store.

The quaint little side space, with the addition of a tiny red desk and walls chuck full of unique and original art, make La Petite Gallerie a very special place indeed. It includes a lovely garden space which showcases outdoor art and is a perfect spot for music and parties.

There have been a few changes in the owner/artist line-up over the years. Sadly Peggy is no longer with us, and several of the original artists have moved on, but La Petite Gallerie has always been a strong group of talent. The artists work together in harmony to offer varied and sought-after art, and friendly and knowledgeable service.

Come celebrate with the artists and friends on Feb. 14 with wine and sweets, view Wally Palmer's 'Egrets,' and sign up for the chance to win!

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View of the "In Motion" exhibit featuring works by Carrie Creech and Gerri Green

classical painting and drawing, her work reflects a refined artistic sensibility.

Her oil paintings are characterized by a distinctly impressionistic style, emphasizing the play of light, color, and texture. In her acrylic works, she adopts a more intricate and whimsical approach, demonstrating

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