

Dewees Island Arts Council

Annual Report April 2016 – March 2017

May 2016:

- **Classical Painting Methods** workshop presented by Diane Kliros

June 2016:

- **The Retirement** of Chairperson Anne Anderson and announcement of incoming Committee Chair Diane Kliros;
- **The Huyler House Gallery Refresh Phase 1** began with a subdued color palette designed to defer to works of art. Existing furniture was slipcovered, seating areas were anchored with rugs, and updated accessories were added for interest;
- **A Beach and Shorebird Exhibit** was installed in support of Dr. Leslie Sautter's Lecture 'The Dynamic Shoreline of Dewees' and the Conservancy's Champagne Reception for the Lake Timicau Project;
- **A Plaque** was awarded to Anne Anderson for her leadership and service to the Arts Council;
- **The Photographers for Conservation**, who raised \$12,000 for the Lake Timicau Project, were awarded Original Shorebird Paintings by Diane Kliros.

July 2016:

- **A private guided tour** of the newly renovated Gibbs Museum was led by Cassandra McLeod, Art Historian and retired Museum Curator;
- **A Solo Exhibit** of paintings and photographs by Cori McIntyre was on view during July and August.

September 2016:

- **A Millennial Generation Exhibit** opened September 2 showcasing works of art by family and friends of Dewees who are 17 – 36 years of age.

October 2016

- **A Community Quilting Workshop** led by Brucie Harry and Connie Drew was held on October 22. Subsequently, Brucie crafted a colorful contemporary art quilt to complement the new interior colors of the Huyler House Gallery.

November 2016

- **A Calligraphy Workshop** was led by Susan Mashman, a professional calligrapher;
- **A lecture and slide presentation** of Ancient Greek and Roman Masterpieces was presented by Rebecca Eggers, a professor of history at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

December 2016

- **An Origami Workshop** was led by Emily Fairchild to craft paper bird decorations for the community Christmas tree on display at the Huyler House;
- **Hand-turned wooden bowls** by Rev. William K. Christian III, Executive Director and Pastor of the Star Gospel Mission in downtown Charleston, were exhibited;
- **An award-winning photograph** by Bubber McAlhany was donated to the Arts Council's permanent collection.

January 2017

- **An article was published in the** Island Eye News by Amy Mercer its Managing Editor. The story was a good overview of the island's art program and mentioned several island artists, as well as a description of notable pieces in our permanent art collection.
- **The Arts Council's Permanent Art Collection** was inventoried, photographed and catalogued for historical and insurance purposes.

February & March 2017

- **The Huyler House was closed** for installation of new hurricane windows, other repairs and fresh paint – Yay for Progress!

The mission of the Dewees Island Arts Council is to further the appreciation of the arts on Dewees Island and beyond through a series of exhibits, workshops, lectures and field trips.

Diane Klíros, Chair, Anne Anderson, Ester Doyle, Brucie Harry, Low Harry, Janet Kennedy, Barbara McIntyre, Cassandra McLeod, Cozy Mitchell, Jane Pasquini, Mary Reilly, Jane Savage & Lisa Ward