

## Faces, Places & More

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The Society of Bluffton Artists (SoBA) will present ♦Faces, Places and More,♦ by Norma Deal, May 10 - June 19. <p>A self-taught artist with a good eye for color and composition, Norma specializes in oil and acrylic and mixed media painting on canvas and various types of panels and boards. The signature piece in her show, ♦Moody Crab,♦ represents her interpretation of our unique and intriguing Lowcountry creature.♦♦ Being a cancer herself, the crab has a significant meaning for Norma.</p><p>Many of the paintings in this exhibit have a shiny gold appearance created by starting the work using gold leaf.♦ This touch adds interest ♦ the gold showing through rich colors. In addition to her love of the nature of the Lowcountry, Norma is intrigued with painting beautiful, unusual and unique women.♦ This influence adds variety to her exhibit.♦ Being from North Carolina, she is still drawn to paint the beautiful mountains and lakes.♦ As a result, her subjects vary from the coast to the mountains.</p> <p>Norma was born and raised in Hickory, North Carolina After graduation and marriage, she relocated to East Tennessee where she attended art classes at East TN State University.♦ Moving first to Fripp Island, then to Hilton Head Island in 1992 , Norma became interested in painting the beautiful Lowcountry scenery.♦ She developed a deep interest in the unique Gullah tradition, and was inspired to paint a series of folk art works.♦♦ Roy Schallenberg, an International artist published in PGM Art World provided Norma with an apprenticeship which she believes influenced her current painting style.</p> <p>The public is invited to a reception for the artist on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3 ♦ 5 pm at the Gallery where refreshments will be served.♦ The artwork of over 100 other artists will be on exhibit.♦ The gallery is located on Boundary Street in old Bluffton and is open Mon. through Sat. from 10-5.♦ Call 843-757-6586 or visit the SoBA web site at <a href="http://www.sobagalleries.com/">www.sobagalleries.com</a> for more information about the organization and participating artists.</p> <p>♦</p>