

## A Worthy Exhibit

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The Maye River Gallery presents the artwork of Martha Worthy in a special show running through July 19. ♦ An opening reception for the artist will be held Thursday June 3 from 5 - 7 p.m. <p>An award winning artist, Martha holds a BFA from the University of Georgia and has attended the Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts and the Penland School of Crafts. ♦ Her work has appeared in national media including Coastal Living Magazine and Southern Living Magazine.</p>

<p>Martha Worthy feels a strong connection to the daily rhythms of the natural world. ♦ Having lived and worked on Hilton Head Island since 1981 and surrounded by so much natural beauty, she has a bounty of inspiration. For Martha, painting ideas germinate and evolve in an intuitive process, usually beginning with a random spark of interest, maybe a certain color combination, a particular artist's work, or a piece of shell found on the beach. Once curiosity takes hold, she adds more layers of images, gleaned from different cultures or influenced by recent travels, like the ornately carved architectural masterpieces of Morocco or the incredible red rock colors and formations of the American Southwest. For Martha, the search for creativity is an active pursuit. Working in her studio on a daily basis, one painting usually leads her to another. She doesn't wait around for inspiration to find her. Each painting reflects an ongoing journey of discovery that includes many surprises along the way. ♦ For Martha, painting is a little like getting lost in the woods and following the breadcrumbs home.</p> <p>To see more of Martha Worthy's work, visit: <a href="http://www.marthaworthy.com/">www.marthaworthy.com</a></p>

<p>Maye River Gallery is located at 37 Calhoun Street in Old Town Bluffton. ♦ The Gallery is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ♦ In addition to the work of Martha Worthy, the work of over 20 local artists is exhibited. ♦ For more information call 843-757-2633.</p>