

The Beaufort Art Association Gallery, located at 1001 Bay Street in downtown Beaufort, will host an opening reception on Friday, December 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as the Annual Members' Exhibit joins forces with the "Holiday Boutique." Both the Members' Exhibit and the Holiday Boutique will be featured during the Guild of Beaufort Galleries Art Walk that evening. The boutique was recently featured by the Beaufort Gazette's Laura Jacobi in their glossy magazine, *From House to Home*, December/January 2008 issue. The Members' Exhibit will be on display through January 5; the boutique will end December 22.



The BAA Gallery welcomes the Members' Exhibit because it brings an infusion of new work into its space by the hundreds of behind-the-scenes members who do not exhibit throughout the year. It is a way for the gallery to thank them for the many ways they support BAA events, both physically and financially all year through, and it gives members a chance to meet the new people who have joined and to appreciate their work. The opening reception gives the public the opportunities to interact and learn about art and the artists behind the art.

The Holiday Boutique creates a festive atmosphere with Christmas trees on display in two of the gallery's four rooms. Items have been created in two themes this year: "traditional holiday" in royal or jewel tones including purple, burgundy, dark green, navy and gold; and "beach" in bright cabana colors encompassing scarlet, royal blue, yellow, green, pink and silver. Traditional items have been created in motifs such as poinsettia, holly, star and angel. The beach-themed motifs include shells, fish, palm trees, nautical designs such as boats and anchors, lighthouses and umbrellas, sun, water, sand and flip-flops.

Note to procrastinators: The BAA's 17th Annual Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation Benefit Exhibit and Sale will continue through the weekend at the hospital's location at 955 Ribaut Road, Beaufort. The last day of the exhibit is Sunday, December 9. Monies raised support the Foundation's Betty Mazarin Pharmaceutical Fund. The BAA receives no money from sales, and artists donate a minimum of 40 percent. The public is encouraged to return to view and shop the exhibit because new works have replaced the many that have already sold. Call the hospital foundation office at 522-5774 or visit bmhsc.org for further information.

Announcement for fundraising assistance: Marge Murray, BAA member artist and Broker with Coldwell Banker Platinum Partners will donate a percentage of her fees to the Beaufort Art Association. When clients mention the BAA when they list their property, or when they work with Marge as a Buyer's Broker to buy a home, she will donate 10% of her fee to the BAA. Murray has had 34 years of real estate experience and specializes in waterfront properties. Contact her directly at 838-3840 or 812-2947.

The BAA Gallery is a 501(c)3 non profit organization and is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information about any of the above events call 843-379-2222 or visit www.beaufortartassociation.com.