



Beaufort's Mystic Osprey Gallery in Habersham Marketplace will showcase new works from Artists Pamela Corwin and Mark S. Holland, Friday October 23, 4-7 pm.

Mystic Osprey has made a name for itself in the South Carolina Arts scene with its single-minded curation and focus on fine artists who use their talents to showcase nature, wildlife, and our earth's precious habitat.

Artist **Pamela Corwin** is a wildlife and fisheries biologist here in South Carolina focusing on American shad and striped bass. The only art courses Pam ever took were in high school. Most of Pam's work is wildlife and outdoors related and as her artistic voice developed Pam became known in the biology community as the "Artistic Biologist."

After college, Pam obtained her first real job with SCDNR as a fisheries technician and she joined the South Carolina Army National Guard where her main job the last two years was suicide prevention.

As Corwin states, "The only way we can help is to talk about it. I believe by talking, we're breaking that stigma and taboo. It's deep, tough, and emotional, but silence is a killer."

She had her fair share of Army life but some of her sisters and brothers in arms had way more than their fair share in the crossfire. They were coming back with PTSD; some were missing legs and arms.

After many years with no art in her life, Pamela volunteered at a veteran's shelter in Charleston, S.C., where she picked up some art supplies and started having art therapy with these veterans. Pam did not really draw or paint; she was there for support. She was there to show them, and eventually herself, that art is a form of therapy that speaks without words.

After graduate school for Avian Ecology at The Citadel, Pam decided to paint a brown trout as a birthday card. She said, "The brush strokes felt as if they had never left." Once the trout was finished, she gave it to her husband, and he showed it to someone at DNR headquarters, the ideas started brewing. DNR was coming up with a program for anglers that catch trophy fish.

This was called the Trophy Angler Program and the certificates were to have fish artwork painted by Corwin. So, she started painting fish. Then, projects for S.C. Wildlife Magazine followed.

Be sure to stop by the gallery to see the Great White Shark made with 300 fossilized shark teeth found here in the Lowcountry.

The second artist to meet at Osprey on Oct. 23 is **Mark S. Holland**. Holland's oils of woodland & wetlands



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