Local abstract artist Steve Gregar will be The Society of Bluffton Artists' featured artist for February. His show is running now through Feb. 28 with an opening reception February 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery, located on Church Street in Old Town Bluffton.

Gregar will donate 50% of the sales from artwork to Bluffton Self Help — a local non-profit that provides food, clothing, educational and financial assistance to neighbors in need.

"It is always a great feeling to give back to a community which has given so much to all of us," Gregar said.

Gregar is no stranger to giving back. He has written children's books to raise money for St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. He also helped renovate the May River Montessori School. Gregar is a New York native who moved to Bluffton 23 years ago. He worked in telecommunications for more than 30 years, 8 of which were spent at Hargray. When he retired 10 years ago, he started painting as a hobby — which quickly became his passion.

"If you are looking to fill an empty space on a wall at home or office, give my work a look and know that if it is appealing to you, a purchase will not only fill an empty space on your wall

but also an empty space in a hungry person's stomach," Gregar said.

About The Society of Bluffton Artists:

SOBA offers an art gallery and Center for Creative Arts in Bluffton's historic District at the corner of Church and Calhoun streets. In addition to regular featured artist exhibits and art shows, SOBA offers regular art classes and an annual Judged Show with cash prizes. Please visit www.sobagallery.com for a complete calendar of events and other information or call 843-757-3776