

Summer Dreams, a gallery wide Art League show, and The Whole Box of Crayons – recent jewelry creations by Caroline Alder opens with a reception on Tuesday, July 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Art League Gallery. The exhibitions run from July 14 through August 9. The Public is invited to meet the artists.



Summer Dreams – everybody has one – is a whimsical approach to the Gallery's July exhibit. Close to 100 Art League artists will interpret their dreams, wishes and flights of fancy in various painting styles and techniques in a light and inspiring way throughout the entire Gallery.

What's your dream for this summer? Let your imagination run free ... a cruise to exotic islands with Margaritas or Daiquiris, brought right to your chair? Weeks of golf without interruption? Unlimited visits to a spa? Hiking and exploring in cool mountain areas away from the heat? Or just lazy days on the beach right here at home – some time with absolutely nothing to do?!?

Cheryl Eppolito's "Pink Umbrella" is just waiting for you to take your spot at the beach! The summer heat will make you want to stay in the breeze and close to the surf as Anita Stephens' richly colored seagull in her painting "Keeping it Cool." And who, as a teenager, did not dream of a lifeguard summer job on the beach watching the girls go by and taking a dip in the ocean when no one is looking - just as in Ed Funk's photograph titled "On Duty." I'd be in paradise 'sitting pretty' in the midst of my favorite food, just like the beautiful butterfly on its juicy watermelon in Martha Worthy's painting. And what's for dinner tonight? What's better than freshly caught seafood after a relaxing day with your favorite fishing partner, as beautifully rendered in Joyce Nagel's pastel painting "Just Fishing." And last but not least – Romance! John Crum's Star Dust & Memories conjures up a romantic night reminiscing with a loved one under the full moon and a sky of stars on the Love Boat of your dreams!

Come and get inspired for your summer dreams by your Art League artists' original artwork - whatever strikes your fancy, be it paintings, photographs or jewelry.

"The Whole Box of Crayons" is an exhibit of recent jewelry creations by Caroline Alderman. Her work features colorful and intricately patterned polymer clay pendants, brooches and beads combined with fiber, colored wire and sterling silver components made from precious metal clay. Caroline also employs intricate caning, sculpting and textures and uses faux finishes imitating ivory, bone, jade, turquoise and jasper; other favorite techniques of hers are Mokume gane and marbling.



Caroline's sense of playfulness and humor is evident in many of the whimsical necklaces and pins. Goddesses, fashionista flounders, divas, fairy godmothers, and fanciful felines abound in riotous rainbows of complex color harmonies.

Caroline has been working in polymer clay since she moved to Hilton Head seventeen years ago. She is inspired by the flora and fauna of the island. She is a quilter and lectured throughout the Midwest on quilt making and surface design. She was well known for her opulent wearables and whimsical children's clothing which she sold at art shows. She began experimenting with

polymer clay when she needed some interesting closures for these garments. Soon, she was spending more and more time with the clay. It is a fascinating medium that continues to capture her imagination.

The Art League of Hilton Head is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the visual arts through education, exhibitions and partnerships for the cultural enrichment of the community and its visitors. It operates a Gallery staffed by volunteers for the display and sale of artwork by its members.

The Gallery is open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. For additional information contact the gallery at 843-681-5060 or check the website at www.artleaguehhi.org