

What's Going On

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Fall brings all sorts of fun and festivity to the Lowcountry. Here are some



highlights...

You're Invited to a Public Art Exhibition at Honey Horn

The Lowcountry is blessed with breathtaking natural landscapes and a myriad of majestic creatures. We relish the expansive salt marsh and are continually grateful for the sight of Bottlenose Dolphins and Great White Egrets. We are stewards of our environment, because we appreciate all that is beautiful in our backyard.

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Our outdoor canvas is impressive. And thankfully, our community is rich with residents eager to make our surroundings even more magnificent through the creation of public art. The Lowcountry is about to be awed by a unique event coming to Hilton Head Island, which is sure to inspire thousands and complement our innate appreciation for our native soil.

Presented by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and bestowed upon residents and tourists through its Public Art Fund, the inaugural Public Art Exhibition will be held at the picturesque Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn September through December, 2011, and will showcase large-scale, outdoor sculptures amidst the natural beauty of Honey Horn.



A nationally-recognized jury of five was selected to review over 300 pieces from all over the world. The sculptures were required to meld with the look and feel of Hilton Head Island and integrate well with the natural environment. In addition, artists were reminded of the outdoor elements associated with the Lowcountry while creating their pieces of work.

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Twenty sculptures were chosen, which include a variety of abstract, literal and modern works. They will be placed along the scenic path surrounding the main house at Honey Horn. The Coastal Discovery Museum, which teaches the public about the natural history and cultural heritage of the location, is the ideal setting for this notable public display of art.

The exhibition will begin Sunday, September 25 and continue through the month of December. Docent-led tours and educational outreach events by the artists will be offered in conjunction with the event. And best, a sculpture-based curriculum is being offered to the Beaufort County School District and other local youth programs.

Carolyn Torgersen, Vice President for Marketing and Communications for the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, explains, "We want groups of people and students who have never seen large-scale art before to enjoy this exhibition."

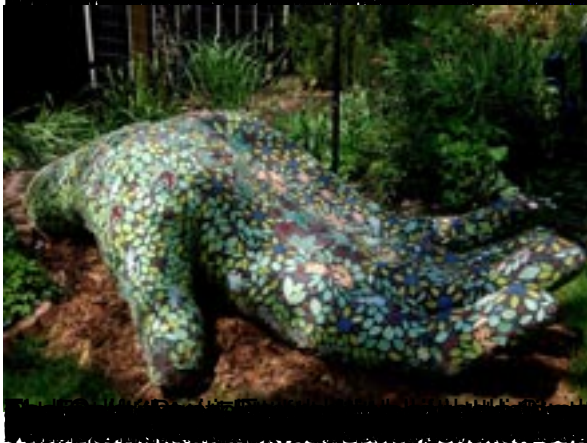
The event is free and open to the public during the Coastal Discovery Museum's hours of operation, Monday through Saturday 9am-4:30pm and Sunday 11am-3pm. Additionally, the exhibition will run in conjunction with annual events like the Chili Cook-Off and the Concours d'Elegance.

The Public Art Exhibition is not only a juried show of fine art, but it is also a competition. On

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