

LILLIE MORRIS

(b. 1954, Augusta, GA)

Lives in Appling, GA

EDUCATION

The study of art has been a lifelong pursuit for Lillie Morris. Born in Augusta, GA in 1954 Lillie was essentially self taught as a child and encouraged throughout her public school years by her family and teachers alike. Pursuing her art degree at Augusta College in the 1970's her instructors included Freeman Schoolcraft, Nathan Bindler and Richard Frank. Other significant influences in her ongoing study have been Jim Lyle, Carrie Burns Brown and Bea Kuhlke.

Lillie is best known for her acrylic, collage and mixed media paintings. She specializes in abstract art, mostly non-representational. Her paintings, whether collage, acrylic or a mixture of mediums reveal a love of texture, color and experimentation. Richly layered and with her own vocabulary of gestural marks and linear elements, Lillie strives to convey the emotional impact of her source of inspiration...be it the landscape, music, poetry or deep personal experiences. Lillie enjoys creating visually stimulating images that leave the subject open to the viewer's interpretation.

Lillie is inspired by the landscape, waterways and rich history of the Piedmont region of Georgia. Her studio is located in rural Columbia County, GA. and the short walk from her house to her studio is filled with the sights and sounds of nature, taking her alongside a creek, a pond and across a pasture where goats graze in the distance.

Lillie also has an intense interest in the music, literature and landscape of Ireland and her work has been deeply influenced by her many travels there. Lillie has visited Ireland annually since 2000 and has enjoyed five art residencies (2006, 2009, 2016, 2017, 2018) in Co. Kerry Ireland in the southwest of Ireland.

Lillie's artwork has been exhibited both nationally and internationally. Her work is included in many private and corporate collections such as The Morris Museum of Art (Augusta, GA), Augusta University Cancer Center, Piedmont Hospital Cardiovascular Center (Augusta, GA) Fifth Third Bank, Columbia Co., GA., Firststate Bank, Harlem, GA and the Séanchai Literary Center, Listowel, Co. Kerry Ireland. Her work has been accepted into numerous national invitational juried exhibitions and she is a signature member of both the National Collage Society and the South Carolina Watermedia Society.

Lillie and her husband Bill currently reside near Augusta, GA on a farm located in rural Columbia County, GA.

HONORS

Woman of Excellence for the Arts [L] [SEP] Girl Scout Council, Augusta, GA - 2005 [L] [SEP]

Art Residency, Cill Rialaig Project, Co. Kerry Ireland - 2018, 2009, 2006

Best of Augusta Awards, by Augusta Magazine, "Best Visual Artist" - 2007 [L] [SEP]

The Best Awards by Columbia County Magazine: "Best Artist, Columbia County & Metro Augusta" [L] [SEP] [L] [SEP] - 2009

Art Residency, Olive Stack Gallery, Listowel, Co. Kerry Ireland - 2017, 2016

Greater Augusta Arts Council, Artist of the Year Award - 2021

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

University Hospital, Augusta, GA [L] [SEP]

Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA

Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery PC, Evans GA [L] [SEP]

Columbia County Government Center, Evans, GA [L] [SEP]

Bank of America [L] [SEP] Office of Judge Carl Roper [L] [SEP] [L] [SEP]

Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, GA

Farmers and Merchants Bank, Martinez, GA

Séanchai Literary Center, Listowel, Co. Kerry Ireland

Firststate Bank, Harlem, GA

Augusta University Oncology Center, Augusta, GA

SIGNATURE MEMBERSHIPS

The South Carolina Water Media Society (2018)

The National Collage Society (2019)

The National Society of Women Artists (2023)

GALLERIES

Art On Broad - 1028 Broad St. - Augusta, GA - (706) 722-1028
(<http://artonbroad.com/>)

The Frame Shoppe - 1542 Walton Way - Augusta, GA - (706)738-5529 (<https://www.theframeshoppeaugusta.com/>)

West End Collective - 106 Pleasant Home Road - Augusta, GA - (706)528-1730 (<https://www.westendcollective.com>)

PUBLICATIONS

The Augusta Chronicle – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001

The Columbia County News-Times - 2007, 2006, 2005

The Metropolitan Spirit, Augusta GA – 2012, 2006, 2005, 2004

The Augusta Press - 2021

Augusta Magazine – 2021, 2015, 2013, 2007, 2006, 2005

Columbia County Magazine – 2020, 2012, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005

Pillars Magazine – 2008

VERGE Magazine, Augusta, GA – 2012

Illustrations for Somewhere in Ireland: A Journey of Discovery by Santa Fe, NM poet Linda Wilbur-Whittenberg – 2011

Cover Illustration for Blue Egg My Heart by North Carolina poet Cathy Sky – 2013

Cover Illustration for Let Nothing Be Lost by Santa Fe, NM poet Linda Wilbur-Whittenberg - 2014

Cover Illustration for Stone by Stone by Santa Fe, NM poet Linda Wilbur-Whittenberg - 2018

Cover Illustration for Ballast by Portland, ME poet, Linda Aldrich - 2021

Selected Juried Exhibitions

Art & Renaissance Festival, Columbia County, GA - 2005

McCormick Art Center Annual Juried Show, McCormick SC – 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003

Augusta Symphony Painted Violins Project - 2004

New Horizons Art Festival, Columbia County, GA - 1999

Georgia National Fair Juried Fine Art Competition - 2006

Union County Arts Council, Union, SC - 2010

National Collage Society Annual Juried Exhibition– 2021, 2019, 2017, 2011

National Collage Society Signature Status - 2019

Atlanta Collage Society – “Paper Chase Exhibition: Celebrating 100 years of Collage” – 2013, 2012

Aiken Retrospective – 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010,

Columbia County Columbus Day Juried Art Competition – 2013

Atlanta Collage Society – Juried Exhibiton: Quinlan Art Center, Gainesville, GA - 2014

Atlanta Collage Society – Juried Exhibition Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Augusta, GA - 2015

South Carolina Watermedia Society - Annual Juried Exhibition - 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015

South Carolina Watermedia Society - Annual Traveling Exhibition 2015

South Carolina Watermedia Society - Annual Traveling Exhibition 2018

South Carolina Watermedia Society - Signature Status -2018

Ciel Gallery "Body Beautiful" Juried Exhibition - 2015

Westobou Gallery - "SEEDS" Exhibition - 2015

Gertrude Herbert Insitute of Art "The Sense of Place" National Juried Exhibition - 2019

Presentations

Morris Museum of Art – ‘My Cill Rialaig Experience’ 2008

McDuffie County Kiwanis Club – ‘My Cill Rialaig Experience’ 2009

The Atlanta Collage Society – ‘My Introduction to Collage’ 2010

The North Augusta Artist Guild – ‘My Introduction to Collage’ 2012

The Aiken Artists Guild – ‘My Cill Rialaig Experience’ 2014

The North Augusta Artist Guild – ‘My Cill Rialaig Experience’ 2015

Group Exhibitions

University Hospital, Augusta, GA - 2001, 2000, 1999

Medical College of Georgia – 2005, 2004

Women on Paper: Group Shows – 2013, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004

Augusta Symphony Painted Violins - 2005, 2004

Sacred Heart Cultural Center – 2020, 2012, 2008

Writer's Week 2009 Exhibition - Olive Stack Fine Art Gallery, Listowel, Co. Kerry Ireland - May 2009

Atlanta Collage Society - 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012

Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art Biennial Creel-Harison Exhibit – 2012

Southern Observatory Group Exhibition – Columbia County Library – 2015, 2014

Southern Observatory Group Exhibition – Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art - 2015

Westobou Festival Gallery - "SEEDS" Exhibition - 2017, 2015

Olive Stack Gallery, Listowel, Co. Kerry - 2017

Wolf and Finch Gallery, Augusta, GA - 2017

Beacham Art Series, Atlanta, GA - 2019

Sacred Heart Cultural Center, Augusta, GA - "From A Distance" (works by Lillie Morris and Roxane Hollosi) - 2020

North Augusta Arts and Heritage Center, N, Augusta, SC - "PERSPECTIVES - Five Women and Their Work" - 2020

"VISUAL CONVERSATIONS" - 31 Southeastern abstract expressionists - USCB Center for the Arts - Beaufort, SC - 2021

Solo Exhibitions

Sacred Heart Cultural Center, Augusta, GA - 2007

Gertrude Herbert Art Institute, (Creel-Harison Gallery) Augusta, GA – 2017, 2015, 2012

Aiken Center for The Arts – 2011

The Morris Museum of Art Education Gallery – 2011

Olive Stack Gallery, Listowel, Co. Kerry, Ireland - 2016

McCormick County Arts Council at The Ketura - "WATERWORKS" - 2019

The Morris Museum of Art - "WATERWORKS" - 2020

The Art Center of Kershaw County, Bassett Gallery , Camden, SC - "Uisce" 2021

Awards

Georgia National Fair Juried Fine Art Competition – Third Place - 2006

Pecan Orchard Gallery Annual Art Show,(Greensboro, GA)- People’s Choice Award – 2007

Columbia County Magazine - "Best Artist, Columbia County & Metro Augusta"- 2008

Union County Arts Council Annual Juried Show, Union, SC – 2nd Place – 2010

Aiken Retrospective , Aiken, SC – “Best of Show – Nandina Award” – 2010

Atlanta Collage Society – “Paper Chase: Celebrating 100 Years of Collage” (Aiken Center for the Arts) – Golden Award – 2012

Columbia County Columbus Day Juried Art Competitions – 2nd place – 2013

McCormick County Arts Council 2014 Juried Art Competition – 3rd place – 2014

Atlanta Collage Society – Juried Art Competition (Quinlan Art Center, Gainesville, GA) – ‘Best of Show’ – 2014

South Carolina Watermedia Society - (38th Annual Juried Exhibition) Artist of Studio South Award - 2015

South Carolina Watermedia Society - (39th Annual Juried Exhibition) Cash Award - 2017

South Carolina Watermedia Society - (40th Annual Juried Exhibition) Winsor-Newton Award - 2018

South Carolina Water Media Society - (41st Annual Juried Exhibition) Cash Award - 2019

Gertrude Herbert Insititute of Art "The Sense of Place" National Juried Exhibition Jurors Merit Award - 2019

National Collage Society - (35th Annual International Juried Exhibition) Merit Award - 2019

Camelback Gallery - "Artist's Choice V" International Juried painting competition
- Finalist Award - 2020

Camelback Gallery - "Shades of Blue" International Juried painting competition
- Finalist Award - 2020

National Collage Society - (37th Annual International Juried Exhibition) Cash
Award - 2021

Greater Augusta Arts Council Annual Arts Awards - "Artist of the Year" - 2021