

Artists' Guild of Spartanburg

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Who: Artists' Guild Presents Works by Linda Hudgins
What: "Contemporary Cave Paintings"
When: Dec. 31 – January 29
Where: Artists' Guild Gallery at the Chapman Cultural Center

Gallery Hours: 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Of Special Interest: Artist's Reception, Thursday, January 15, 5 – 7 p.m., free and open to the public

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"Contemporary Cave Paintings," an exhibit of works by Linda Hudgins, opens Dec. 31 at the Artists' Guild Gallery in Spartanburg's Chapman Cultural Center.

Hudgins' works are large, colorful abstracts created using oil and acrylic paints and pastel drawings done as copies of segments of her own paintings. The artist describes the subject matter as "totally nonobjective abstractions" using brilliant colors and lively shapes and spaces.

She likens her studio in Tryon, NC, where she does her work to a primeval cave, a space that recreates the aura of exploration of the unconscious and joy of discovery that she envisions even the earliest cave painters felt.

"Caves are indeed places of storytelling and places for hidden treasure," the artist says, alluding to both Jungian philosophy and ancient Greek mythology to support her feeling that her studio is a "cave" in which she can explore her unconscious.

"I too tell stories and find hidden treasures. I too encounter ignorance and witness the birth of deities. It's a domain of being so personal it can never be fathomed by consciousness. Art is its only language, as cave painters have always known"

Hudgins was born in Converse, SC, and earned a bachelor's degree at Converse College and a master's at Rhode Island School of Design. She pursued a broad range of studies not only in the United States but in such different locales as Guilin, China, where she studied Chinese decorative style painting under an instructor. Over a period of several

years, she has studied pottery, beadwork, printmaking and weaving in Francistown, Botswana. Most recently the well-traveled artist studied batik techniques in Ghana, West Africa.

An art educator as well as an artist, early in her career Hudgins taught at Spartanburg Day School as well as Woodruff and Jenkins junior high schools. She has also taught for three years in Botswana and four years in Guilin and Shenzhen in China.

An artists' reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Jan. 15, 5 - 7:00 p.m., and is free and open to the public. The exhibit continues through Jan. 29.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission to the Guild Gallery is free of charge.

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