

Sumter County Gallery of Art

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get back to a place where blackness isn't under attack but is thriving. Our gifts and abilities and how we interact with each other are acts of rebellion and revolution. We are masters of this domain but living a reality where that can be forgotten, so we address this with Afrofuturism to remind us. I'm attempting to liberate people mentally by reminding them who they are outside of what society tells them they are. I feel I am part of an artistic global collective."

As with all of the exhibitions we present, we could not do it without our community partners. Thanks to the Glenmore and May Sharp Charitable Trust, and Dr. DeAnne and Elielson Messias. Flowers by Bland Garden Club and the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Gallery at 803/775-0543 or visit (www.sumtergallery.org).

Newberry College in Newberry, SC, Offers Works by Dr. Peter L. Schmunk

Newberry College in Newberry, SC, is presenting *Abstraction and Landscape, Numbers and Haiku: Recent Photographs* by Peter L. Schmunk, on view in the Wessels Library Art Gallery, through Mar. 13, 2018.

Schmunk, an Art History professor and Chair of Fine Arts at Wofford College, in Spartanburg, SC, is trained in both musicology and art history and has a wide range of scholarly interests, including the influence of music on 19th century painters, the cultural history of Rome, and contemporary architecture. He has published and presented numerous papers and scholarly articles on painters who were variously engaged by musical culture, including Van Gogh, Corot, Degas and Whistler. He is currently studying issues of identity, site and sacred space in the many new churches constructed on the periphery of Rome and is writing an introductory textbook on the understanding of architecture. He is an avid traveler and photographer of wilderness and cultural subjects.

Schmunk writes: "In recent years I have become interested in non-representational imagery. The examples exhibited



Work by Dr. Peter L. Schmunk

here at Newberry College were found on weathered walls, railroad cars, the surfaces of garbage dumpsters, and places where advertising and graffiti accumulate. This visual phenomena, so easily overlooked, is often rich in color and pattern and suggestive in expression and allusion. In trying to mine the poetic potential of these abstract signs, I have teamed up with Wofford English professor Deno Trakas, who has supplied the haiku that complement several of the images exhibited here. Our collaboration remains an ongoing project."

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