ARTISTS AMONG US
PUBLICATION
Jane Allen Nodine, Lisa Anderson, Dr. Mary Lou Hightower, Richard Mack, Dr. Henry Fagen, Judi Battaglia, Alicia Mack, and 94 other Upstate artists were presented in a locally published book called *Artists Among Us*. Additionally each of the artists were brought together for a book signing and an Artists Among Us Exhibition at the West Main Artists’ Co-op. It was a great night for Spartanburg and the artists who work in our area. The book is edited by Edward Emory and the photography was done by Stephen Stinson and is currently available for purchase at the West Main Artists’ Co-op.

FACULTY EXHIBITIONS
In February and March of 2011, Jane Nodine, Lisa Anderson, Dr. Mary Lou Hightower, Richard Mack, Dr. Henry Fagen, Judi Battaglia, Alicia Mack, Leslie Lyon, and AK McMillan exhibited a variety of artworks in the Curtis R. Harley Gallery at USC Upstate and at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, S.C.
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ACHIEVEMENTS

On November 11, the Southeastern College Art Conference presented the 2011 SECAC Award for Outstanding Exhibition and Catalogue of Historical Materials to Jane Allen Nodine and Dr. Rachel Snow, professors of art at the University of South Carolina Upstate, for their work on the catalogue, *Andy Warhol: The Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Project.*

Dr. Snow was nominated for the University of South Carolina Upstate 2011 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

Dr. Snow received a University of South Carolina Upstate Academic Support Initiative grant to continue the Art History Lecture Series. The 2012 speaker will be Lauren Greenfield, award winning photojournalist and author of *Girl Culture* and *Fast Forward* and director of the HBO documentary *Thin.* Greenfield’s talk is open to the public and will be February 29, 2012. Email rsnow@uscupstate.edu for further details.

Jane Allen Nodine, served as a guest program speaker for Charlotte Art League on Dec. 13. She spoke about the process of judging competitive art activities, from exhibitions and competitions to grants and scholarships. Nodine was the juror for CAL’s November art competition, *The Power of Innovation: Art Inside the New Energy Age,* cosponsored by Siemens Energy.

Dr. Mary Lou Hightower received the Columbia Museum of Art Outstanding Art Educator, Mac Arthur Goodwin Award, in Columbia, S.C., in May.

PUBLICATION

Dr. Rachel Snow published book reviews of Luc Sante’s *Folk Photography: The American Real-Photo Postcard 1905-1930* and Jeff Rosenheim’s *Walker Evans and the Picture Postcard* in caa.reviews.

EXHIBITIONS

Jane Allen Nodine, gallery director of the Curtis R. Harley Gallery and professor of art at the University of South Carolina Upstate, exhibited in three recent shows. Her encaustic works, “trace.111” and “Venetian Lace.14” were on display at the WOW, *Women of Wax* exhibit at the Art Center Sarasota (Fla.) from November 3 – December 31, 2011 and at WAX-INC exhibit at South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, Mass., from November 4 – December 21, 2011. Her third exhibit included four pieces with an installation called “they stand alone” which was hosted by The Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science and The Florida State University in Tallahassee. The exhibit, *Coming Out of the Closet: Clothing as an Emergent Form,* will run from November 4, 2011 – February 26, 2012.

Nodine also exhibited a collection of encaustic works called “Fire and Wax” from May 6 through June 11, 2011 at the McDunn Gallery in Greenville, S.C.

Dr. Hightower’s work “Circling Around the Problem” was exhibited in the Artists Guild of Spartanburg 38th Annual Juried Show, Carolina Gallery, Spartanburg, S.C., October, 2011. “Stained Glass Quilt” was selected for publication in Artists Among Us, Hub City Publications, Spartanburg, S.C., November, 2011.

SECAC 2011: SAVANNAH, GA

Dr. Rachel Snow delivered a paper entitled “Message Received: Text on Real-Photo Postcards 1900-1930” on the panel called “The Subject Speaks? Reading into the Photograph”.

Dr. Hightower chaired a panel called, “Art Education Forum VIII-B: Research, Instruction, and Best Practices” and delivered a paper entitled, “Museum Connection: An Involvement of Pre-Service Art Teachers.”


DESIGN WORK
Richard Mack contributes web and print designs to the Artists Guild of Spartanburg, located at the Chapman Cultural Center and Thermo-Pur Technologies, www.thermo-purtechnologies.com, manufacturers of high-efficiency engine and transmission coolers located in Greenville, S.C.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2011 GRADUATES REVIEW
Fall 2011 graduates exhibited their research in an intensive portfolio review with industry professionals on December 5, 2011. The review showcased projects ranging from package design to websites. Representatives came from Erwin Penland, Bounce Agency, Anderson University and AmerisBank in Columbia, SC.

ALUMNI NEWS
Justin Ryon, a recent graduate of ours, who received a BA in Studio Art with an Emphasis in Graphic Design has acquired a new occupation. Here’s what he had to say about his experience with us: “I’m one of three graphic designers at The Palladian Group in Spartanburg. I get to do a little bit of everything, such as design websites, participate in corporate rebranding projects, and design promotional packages for various companies. I wouldn’t have the skills or experience to do these kinds of things were it not for the professors at the Upstate art department. The job market might be tough right now, but the education you’re getting at Upstate can give you the edge you need.”

Lane Brown, BFA 2011, has been awarded an Artist in Residence Fellowship sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The S.C. Parks Artist in Residence placement committee has recommended Lane Brown, BFA 2011, for a residency at Barnwell State Park located in Blackwell, S.C. just west of Orangeburg. The park will provide a week long stay in a park cabin where Brown will spend time creating new works of art inspired by the natural location. After completing his stay Brown will donate an original work of art created during the residency to the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Collection. The work will then be on public display at park.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW DEADLINES
February 1, 2012

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NEW GALLERY MANAGER
The Curtis R. Harley Gallery is pleased to announce the addition of Michael Dickins as gallery manager. Working with director Jane Allen Nodine to expand gallery sponsored activities, Dickins comes to USC Upstate from Young-Harris College in Georgia. His office is located in HPAC 106 and he is also managing the USC Upstate Theatre Box Office.
Art Education Teacher Candidates Updates
Upstate NAEA Student Chapter raised $200 for Spartanburg Regional Breast Cancer Association by selling bracelets, key chains, and pink ribbons. This special fundraiser was the club’s first activity. Thanks to the hard work of Meghan Ford, Katie Garland, Jonathon Miller and Miriam Jackson.

During the last weekend of October, 12 students in the NAEA student chapter attended the South Carolina Art Education Association State Conference in Greenville. The theme this year was “STEAM”- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The students enjoyed numerous workshops on integrating the different disciplines with art. The students also created special tie dyed t-shirts for the conference with a silk screened logo.

Plans are underway to attend the National Art Education Association in March in New York City.

NEWS RELEASE FOR FALL 2011
Southern Folk Art History Class works with Hickory Museum of Art. Dr. Mary Lou Hightower’s Southern Folk Art History Class had a unique opportunity this semester to create YouTube videos for Hickory Museum of Art (HMA) for their new permanent “Discover Folk Art Exhibit” in Hickory, North Carolina. Each student created a video about a folk artist, focusing on their life and what influenced their creative work. The videos will be posted on the HMA website as well as placed on the iPads that are throughout the exhibit. All the students in Southern Folk Art History Class were able to make a special field trip to see the work of their selected artist and see the beginnings of the exhibit. Another special treat was a Skype call to Allen and Barry Huffman who collected the work and gave it to the museum. During the call, the class gained insights about their particular artist and what made the Huffman’s collect their work. Don’t forget to visit the HMA website: http://www.hickorymuseumofart.org/

FIELD STUDY TO CHARLOTTE
Richard Mack and Dr. Henry Fagen organized successful trips to Charlotte, N.C. in September. Under faculty direction, students viewed art in world-class museums and galleries including works by Romare Beardon and several contemporary artists.

Club Art & Design offers field study opportunities each year to current members. Details and future opportunities can be obtained from the Club Art & Design’s Facebook page.

CLUB ART & DESIGN
2011 - 2012 announced officers:
President: Gabrielle Garner
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Secretary: Sherry Shaunte Kennedy-Ables

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