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12 local artists we want on our walls

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You can meet them this weekend. 🏠

I moved into my Shandon home a year ago this month, and I'm still cringing at my leftover empty + sad walls (*decorating is a process y'all – and money doesn't grow on my stubborn kudzu vine in the backyard*). Grant me the patience to fill my walls with meaningful and local art.

It just so happens that this Saturday + Sunday are [Columbia Open Studios](#) – a home + studio tour of 70+ local artists throughout the Midlands, where you can meet the artists themselves, explore their workspace + materials, and purchase their art. *And what is more meaningful than filling your walls with local artists who you've personally met?*

This self-guided driving tour is a big deal for Columbia. Each year, 50+% of the ~14,000 attendees are from out of town. Nearly \$250,000 worth of art has been purchased right here in the Midlands since the event's inaugural weekend in 2011. And 33 of this year's 70 artists are brand new – participating in Open Studios for the very first time *or returning to the tour after a hiatus*.

Here are 12 local artists we want on our walls, floors + on our shelves. Find them this weekend ([tour map here](#)). And find me at one of the studios on Sunday, hunting for more deer art (*like this [Teil Duncan painting](#) from [Christenberry Collection](#)*) – deers are becoming a theme in my home.

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Judy Bolton Jarrett | 108 Beaufort St., Chapin | mixed media + paint

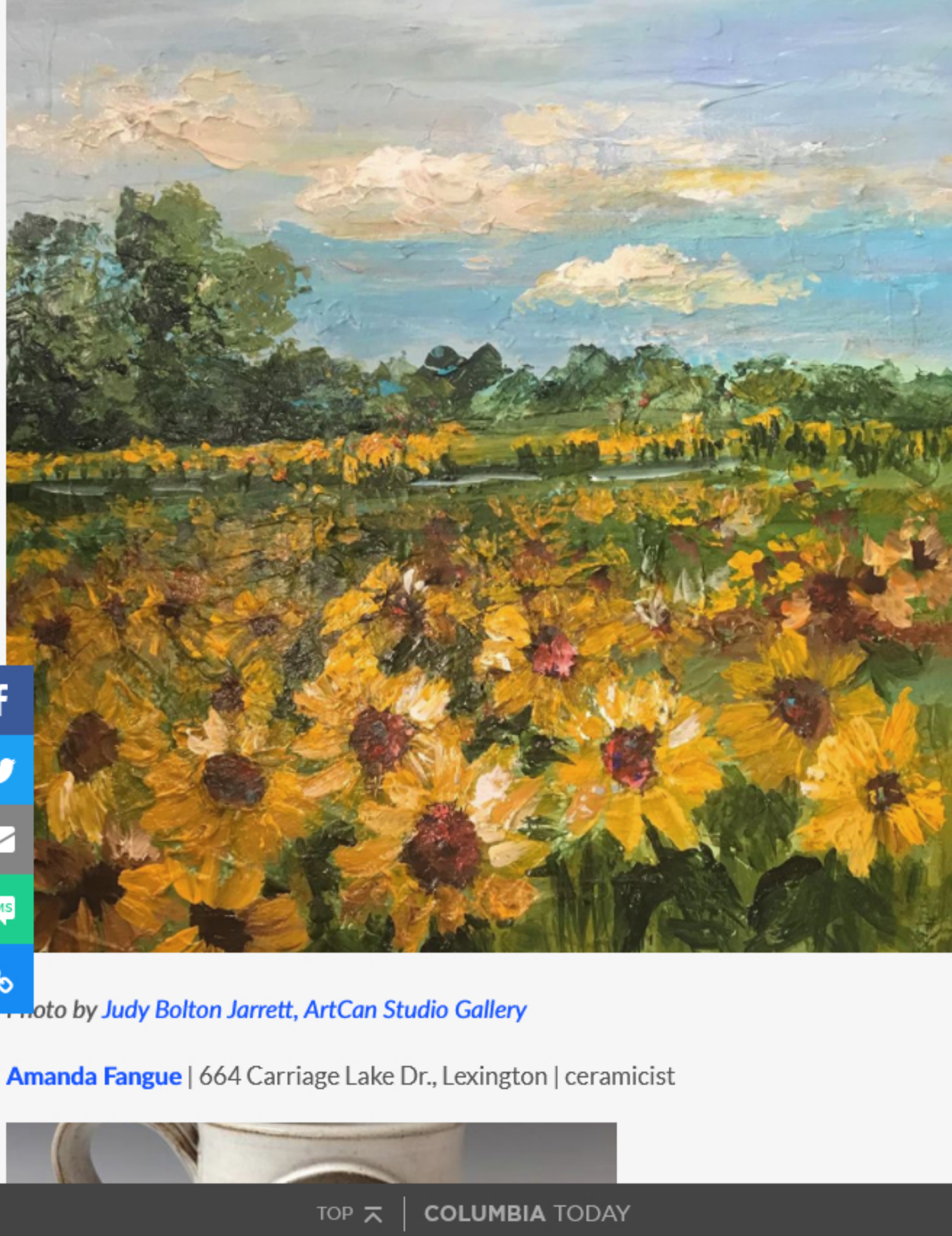


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Amanda Fangue | 664 Carriage Lake Dr., Lexington | ceramicist

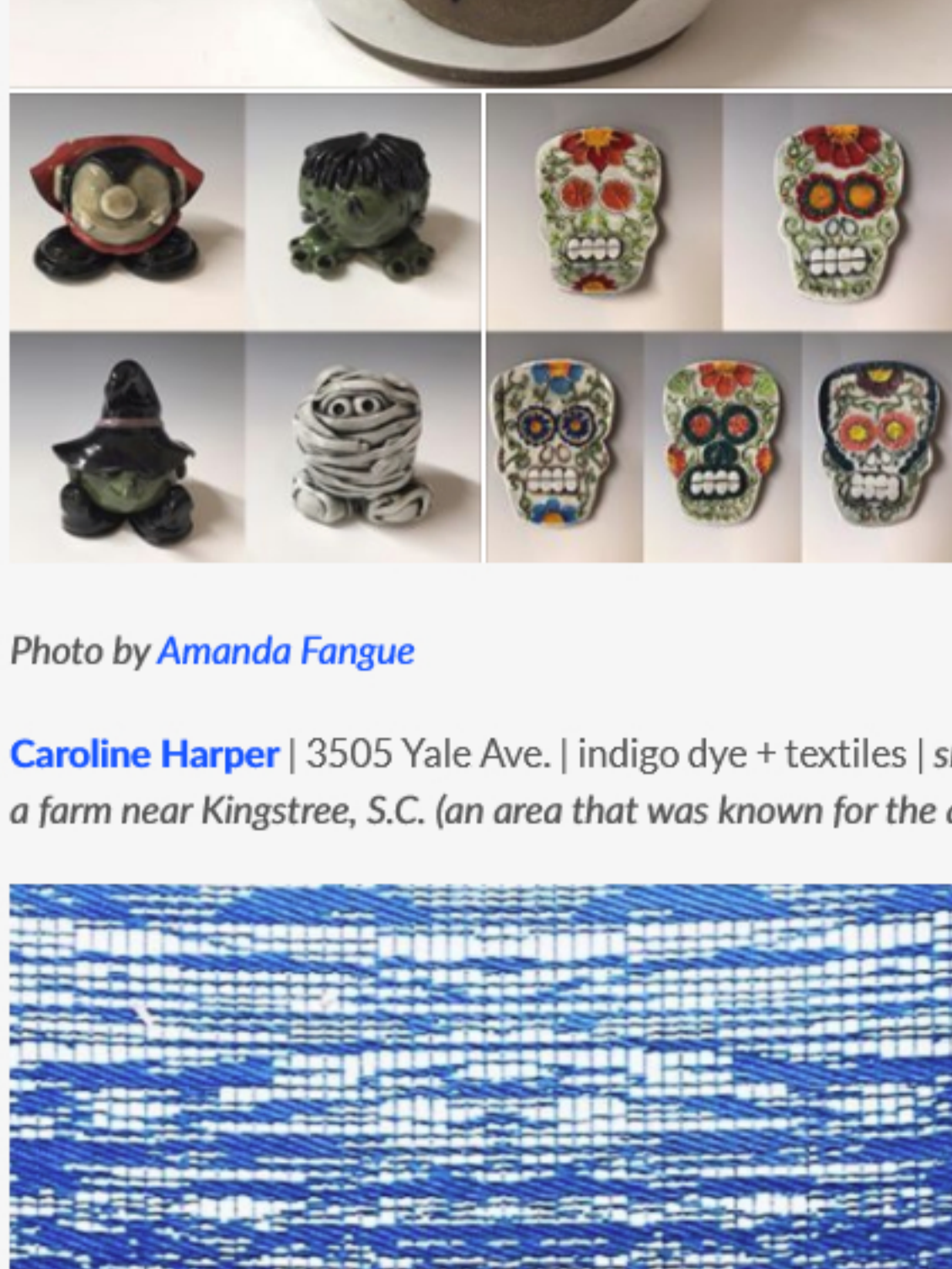


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Caroline Harper | 3505 Yale Ave. | indigo dye + textiles | she partners with local farmers to grow indigo and make dye powder at a farm near Kingstree, S.C. (an area that was known for the quality of its indigo in the 1700s)

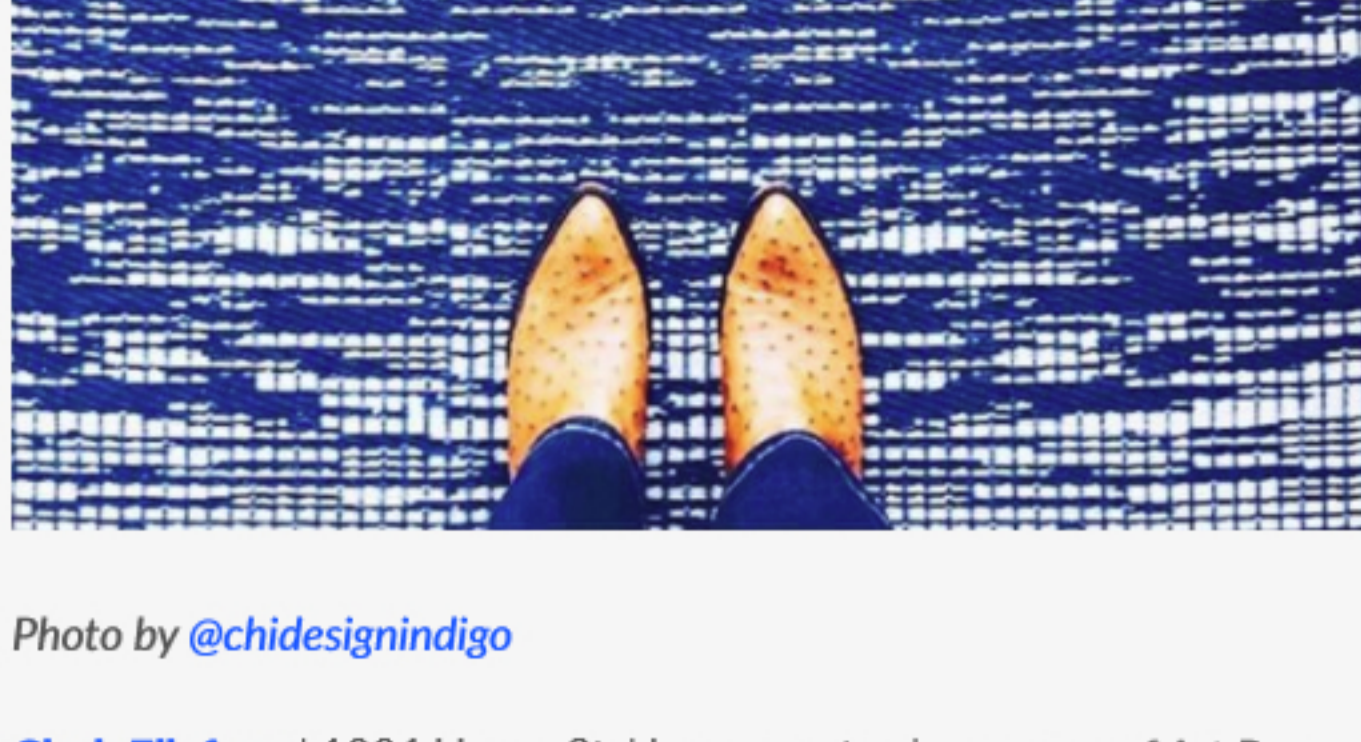


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Clark Ellefson | 1001 Huger St. | lamp creator | co-owner of Art Bar

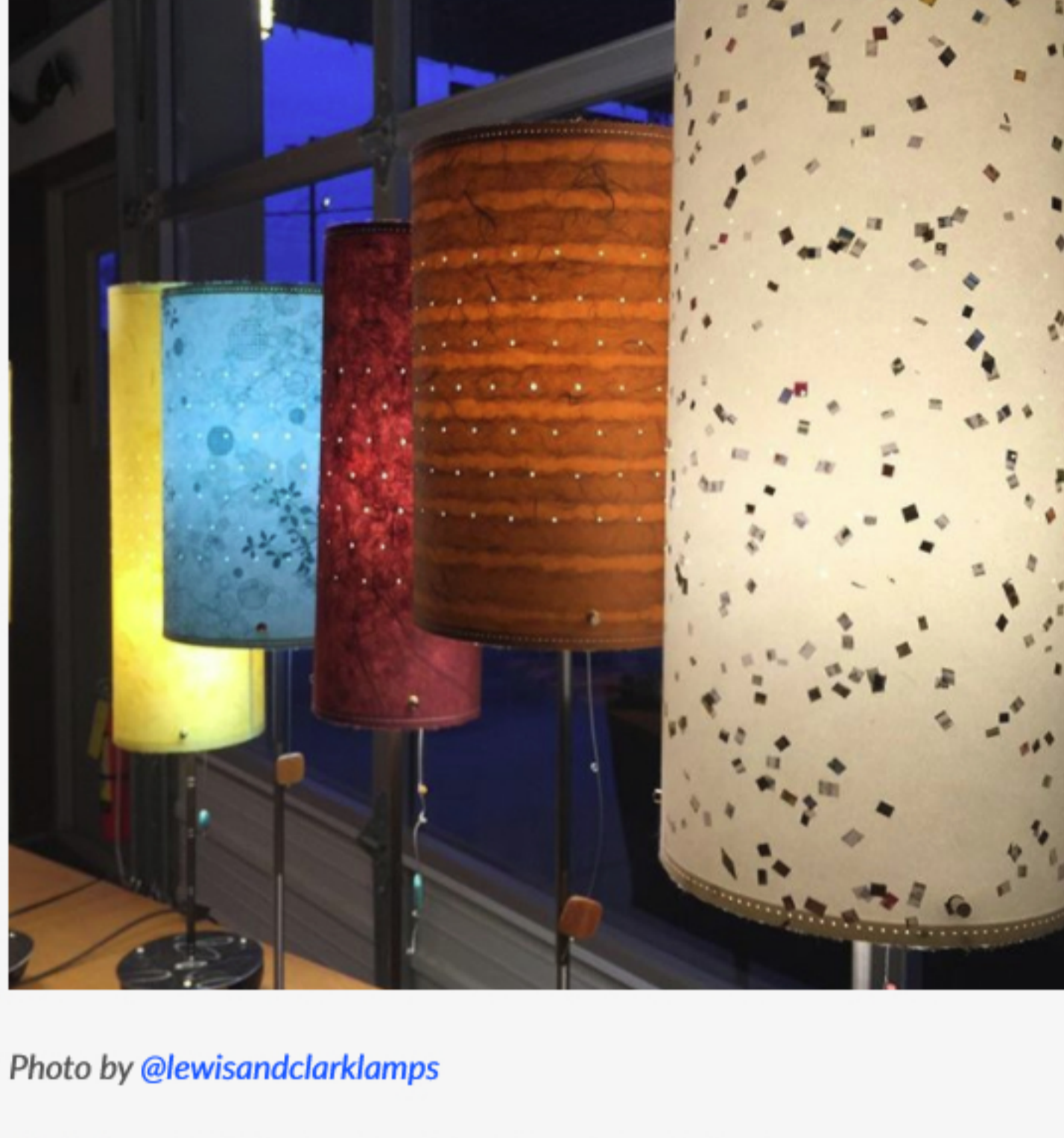


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Chris Lane | 1121 Woodland Dr., West Columbia | oil on canvas

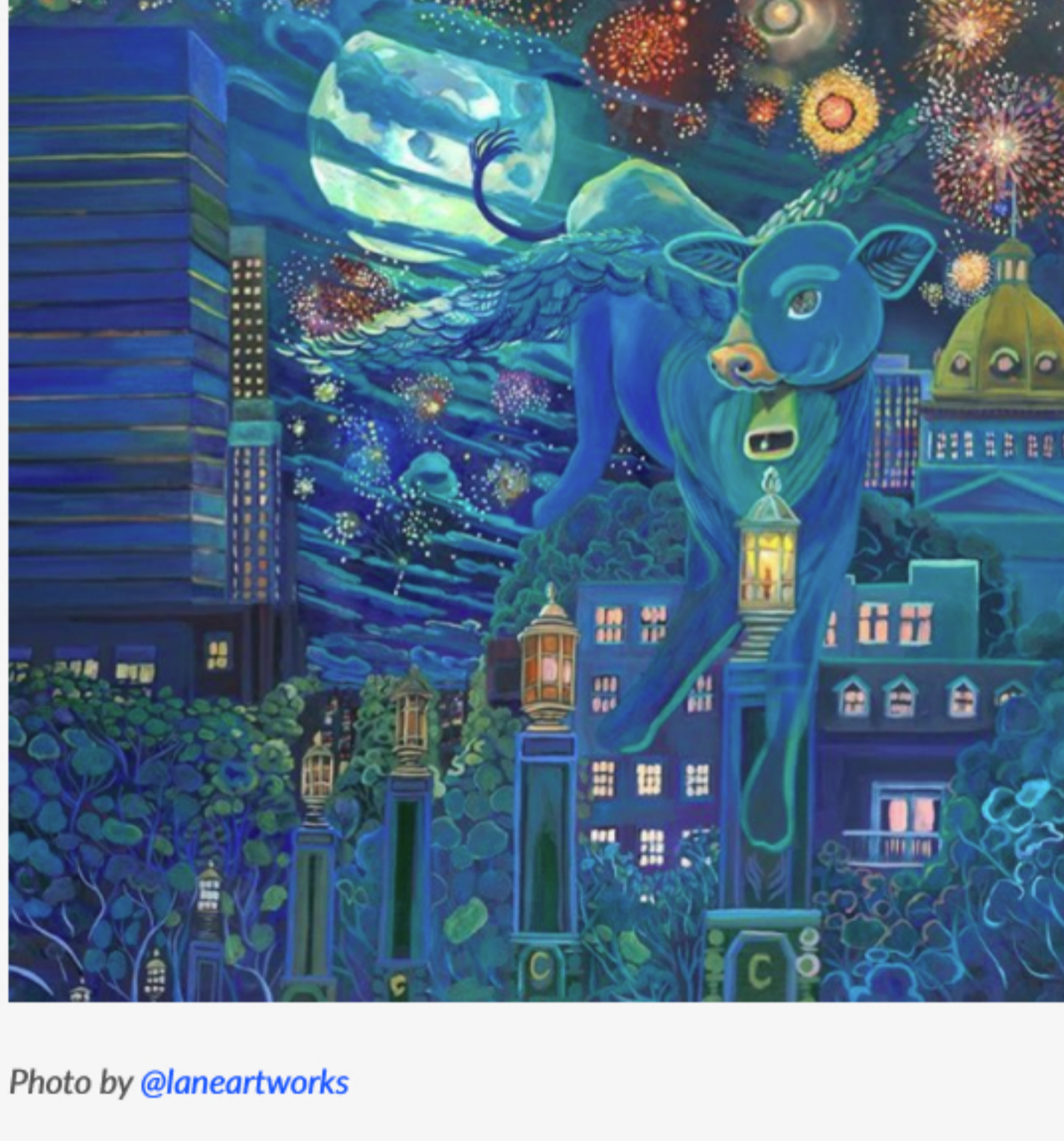


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David Yaghjian | 413 Pendleton St. | paint | resident of Stormwater Studios



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Noelle Brault | 2305 Park St. | oil paint | specializes in Southern landscapes



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Melinda Cotton | 978 Reynolds Dr. West Columbia | photography

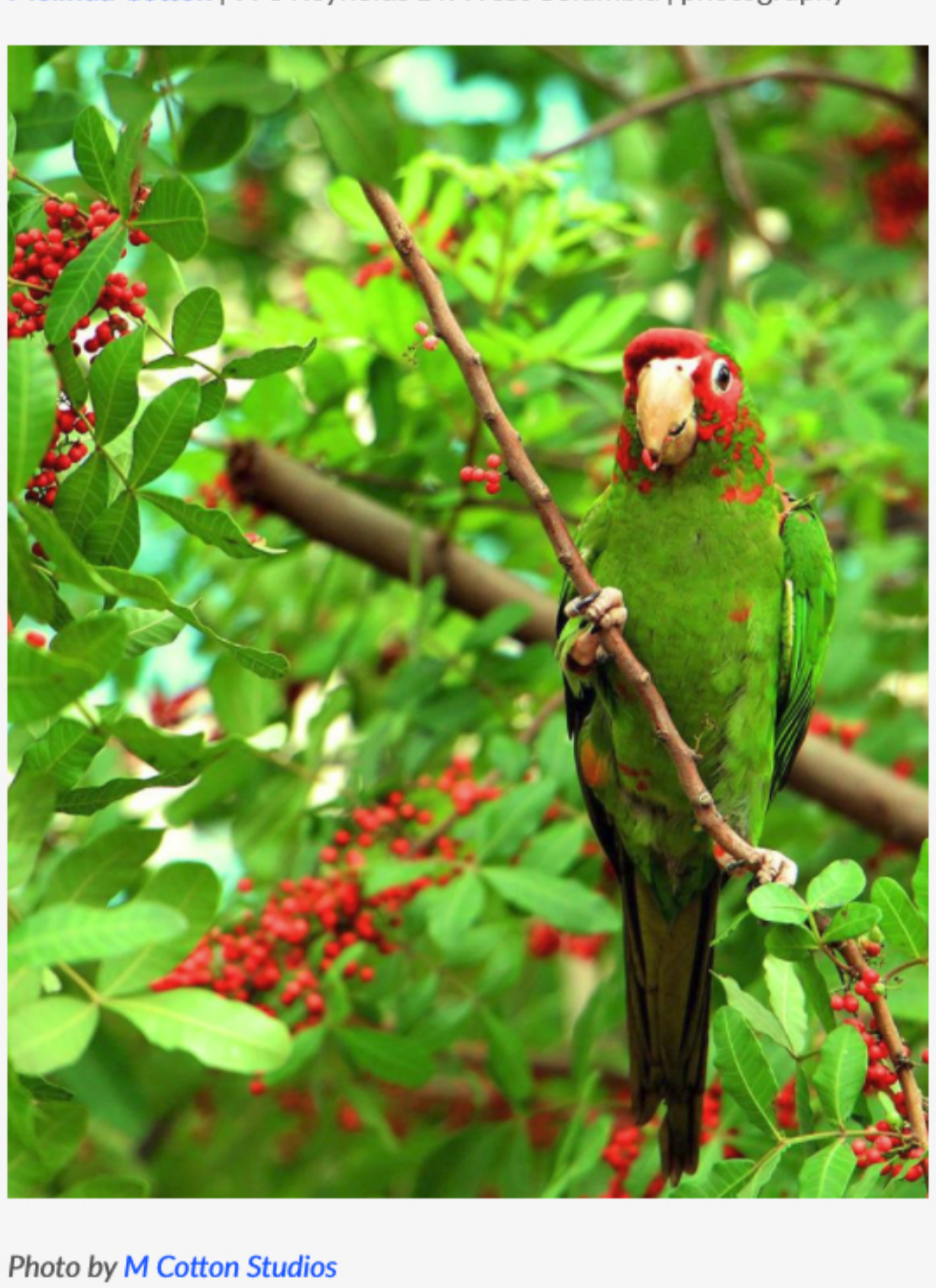


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Michael Dwyer | 206 South Waccamaw Ave. | paint



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Tyrone Geter | 321 Deer Run Rd., Elgin | paint | Did you catch his exhibit at the CMA?

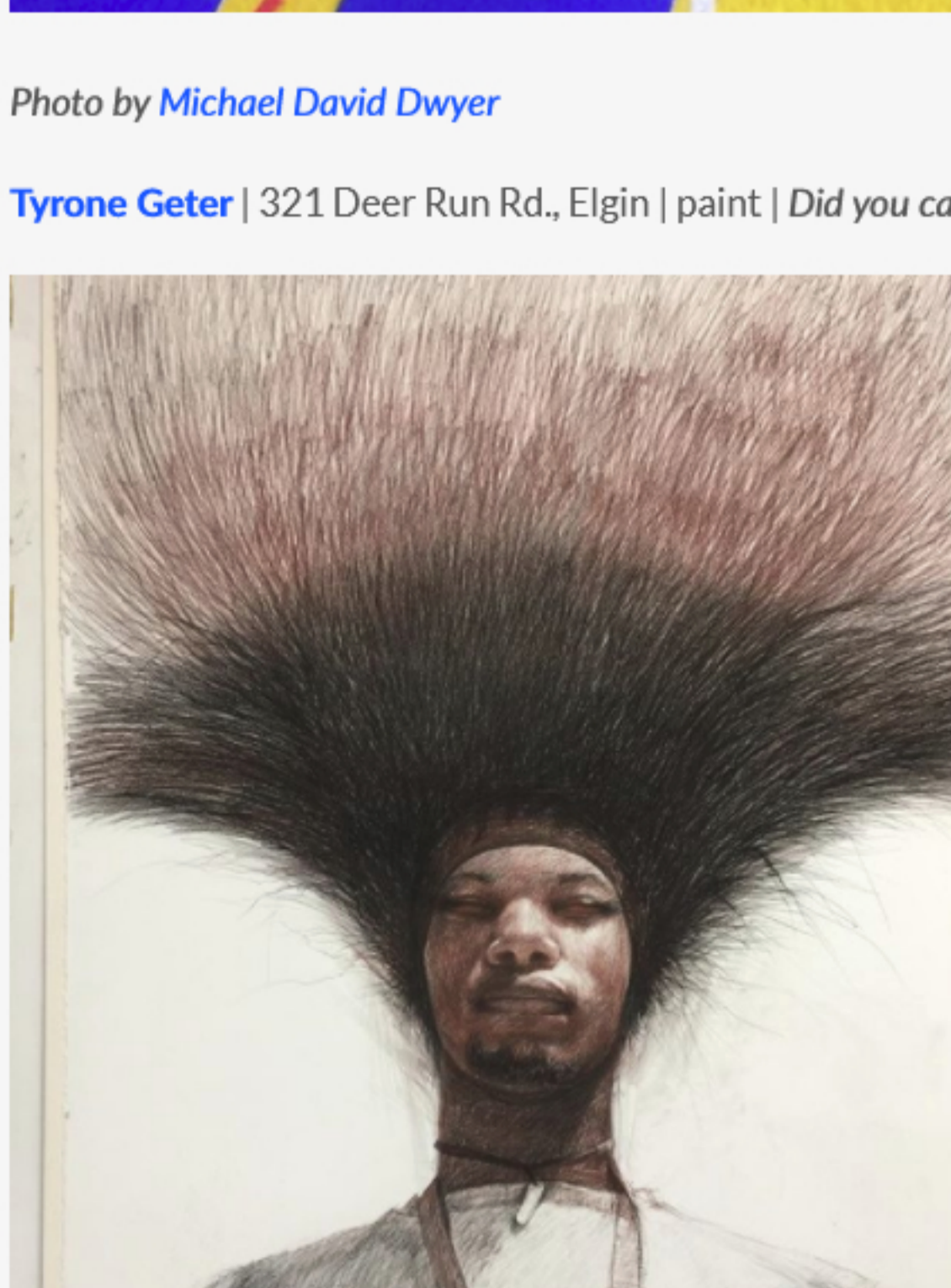


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Julia Moore | 3142 Carlisle St. | paint



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Alicia Leeke | 3821 Edinburgh Rd. | paint

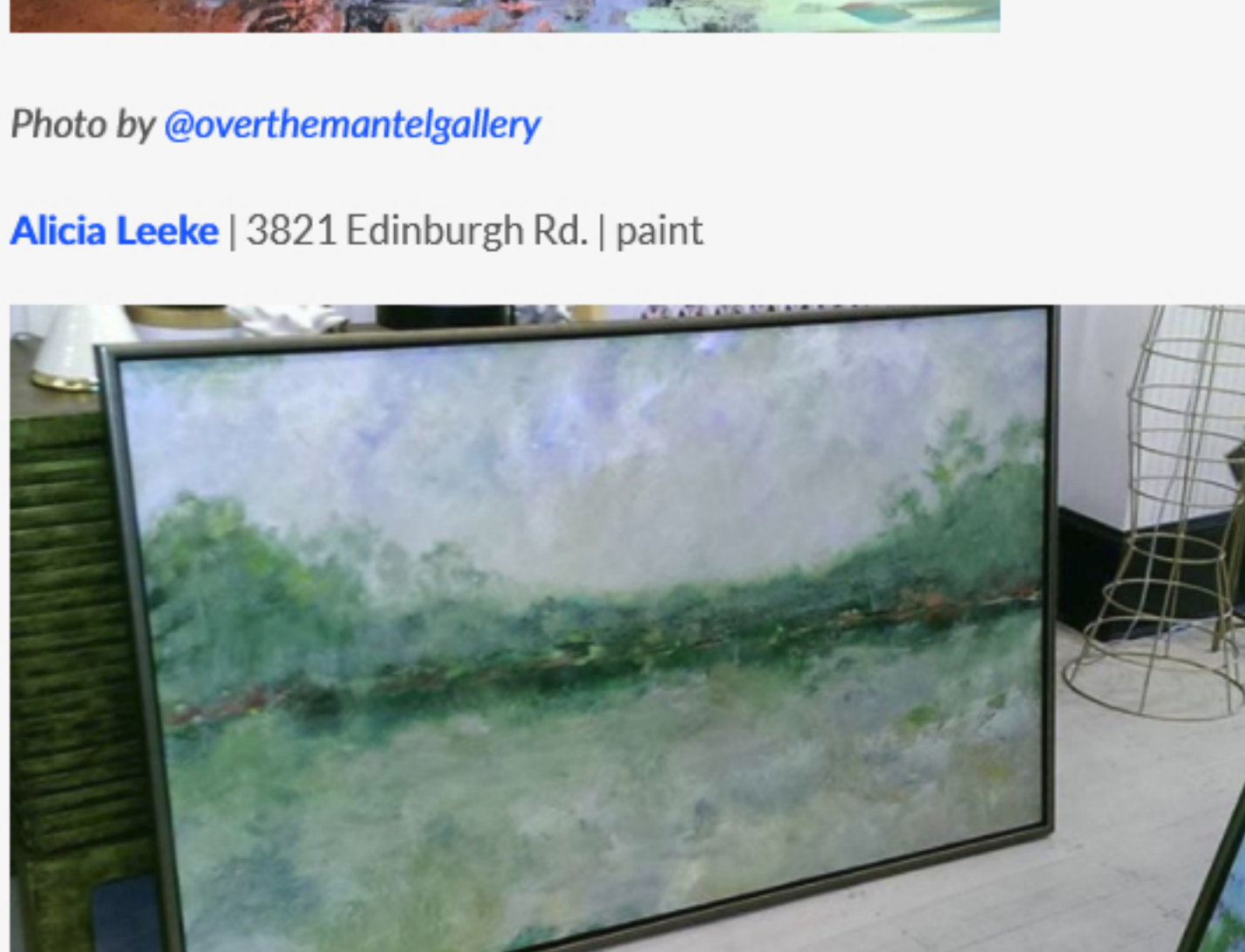


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Before the Columbia Open Studios tour kicks off, **you can party with the artists** (and pick up a physical guidebook) at the Preview Party tomorrow night, 7-9 p.m. at 701 Whaley St. Tickets (\$15) can be purchased [here](#) or at the door.

See you out there,

-Beth