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**FIRST-CLASS ART FESTIVAL SHOWCASING TOP ARTISTS RETURNS  
TO HILTON HEAD ISLAND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**2nd Annual Hilton Head Island Art Festival at Shelter Cove Harbour  
May 29 – 30, 2010, Eclectic Mix of Unique and Contemporary Art on Display**

- WHAT:** 2nd Annual Hilton Head Island Art Festival at Shelter Cove Harbour
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 29, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 30, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- WHERE:** Shelter Cove Harbour, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina - Navigational address:  
1 Harbourside Lane, Shelter Cove Harbour, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938
- WHY:** To support the arts and the local community
- ADMISSION:** Free and open to the public
- WEBSITE:** [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com)

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** [info@artfestival.com](mailto:info@artfestival.com) or 954-472-3755

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.** – The Hilton Head Island Art Festival at Shelter Cove Harbour returns to Hilton Head Island, May 29 – 30, 2010, with an eclectic mix of the country’s top established artists as well as new and emerging talent. The artistic media represented include paintings, life size sculptures, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, collage and ceramics. This first-class art affair appeals to families, art enthusiasts and serious art buyers hoping to enhance their collections. Prices range from \$25 hand-designed earrings to \$20,000 metal sculptures. Admission is free and open to the public.

“We are a national touring art festival company based in South Florida with customers from all over the country. We came to Hilton Head for the first time last year after many requests from some of our best clients,” says festival promoter Howard Alan. “We are happy to bring an event of this caliber to Hilton Head Island and thrilled it is now an annual tradition.”

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“We're thrilled to host the Hilton Head Island Art Festival again this year at Shelter Cove,” said Bret Martin, vice president of operations at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. “This event delighted residents and visitors last year with a wide range of talent. Shelter Cove Harbour will once again serve as an ideal location to showcase original work by talented artists and artisans from around the country.”

The festival gives artists an opportunity to exhibit their work and make their businesses grow; many have given up professional careers, trading in their dress shoes for sandals. The artists, local merchants, restaurants and hotels all benefit from the festival, which drives additional guests and dollars to the community. Howard Alan, founder of Howard Alan Events, advocates the importance of supporting the arts and artists because this in turn helps the local economy. “Art is a tangible investment that you can enjoy as it appreciates in value,” explains Alan, who says that while people may be more conservative in their buying habits, holding off on exotic vacations and new cars, they are still treating themselves to jewelry and art.

The artists will line Shelter Cove Harbour with their gallery style display booths transforming this popular waterfront shopping and dining destination into a high end outdoor art gallery. All of the artists will be present for the duration of the show allowing the public a wonderful opportunity to interact with them and discuss their creations and inspiration.

The artists were juried by an independent panel of expert judges, and hand-selected from hundreds of applicants based on quality and diversity. All of the artwork is original and handmade in America. The Hilton Head Island Art Festival at Shelter Cove Harbour makes the arts accessible to a broad audience.

For additional information on the 2nd Annual Hilton Head Island Art Festival at Shelter Cove Harbour and other Howard Alan Events art and craft shows across the country, visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com), email [info@artfestival.com](mailto:info@artfestival.com) or call 954-472-3755.

### **Media Notes:**

- Show producer Howard Alan and various artists are available for advance interviews.
- Photos of art festivals, participating artists and their work are available by contacting AnaBelle Dweck at [anabelle@artfestival.com](mailto:anabelle@artfestival.com) or 954-592-8500.

### **About Howard Alan Events, Ltd.:**

Howard Alan Events, a Florida-based company, develops and presents art and craft shows throughout the country. For the past 25 years, Howard Alan Events has produced some of the nation's finest juried art shows, including more than 40 venues each year such as the Downtown Aspen Art Festival (Aspen, CO), Beaver Creek Art Festival (Beaver Creek, CO), Downtown Naples Art Festival (Naples, FL), Chicago Tribune Magnificent Mile Art Festival (Chicago, IL), and the Las Olas Art Fair, (Fort Lauderdale, FL). Several shows are ranked in the top 100 art fairs in the country by Sunshine Artist magazine. The group's founders personally select culture rich cities for their show locations providing a complete outdoor experience unmatched by other festivals. Each show is unique with works of both established and emerging artists.

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#### **About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort**

A 2,000+ acre resort stretching from three miles of prime Atlantic Ocean beach to Shelter Cove Harbour's "sheltered" inlet adjoining the Intracoastal Waterway on Hilton Head Island, S.C., Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is consistently recognized among the world's finest resorts. The resort features three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis center, plus an 11 mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing. The resort also features a popular marina and Outfitters bike and adventure shop, along with one of the best beaches on the Eastern seaboard. Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, one of the finest ports of call on the East Coast, is the largest deep-water marina on Hilton Head Island. Shelter Cove features an impressive line-up of unique apparel and gift shops, restaurants and art galleries in a one-of-a-kind Mediterranean setting. In addition, Shelter Cove is home to a full variety of charters, nature cruises, dolphin tours, sport crabbing and fishing. Shelter Cove is located mid-island on the western side of Hwy. 278 at the entrance to Palmetto Dunes Resort. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit [www.palmettodunes.com](http://www.palmettodunes.com) online.

#### **About Greenwood Communities and Resorts**

A recognized leader in the design, management and operation of fine resorts and communities across the Southeast, Greenwood Communities and Resorts excels at creating gracious, contemporary living environments that enrich the lives of owners and guests. Based in Greenwood, S.C., Greenwood Communities and Resorts proudly celebrates 31 years of developing properties which offer truly unique lifestyle opportunities. Each Greenwood property has been strategically designed to maximize the area's natural beauty while steadfastly incorporating the principles of intelligent, sustainable land planning. From the rural charm of The Reserve at Lake Keowee in upstate South Carolina to the luxury beachfront resort setting at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, Greenwood's properties are as unique as the residents who enjoy them. For more information, please call 843-785-1106 or visit [www.greenwoodcr.com](http://www.greenwoodcr.com) online.

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