

# Southern Jewel

The Charleston Fine Art Dealer's Association's 9<sup>th</sup> Fine Art Annual was a special treat for collectors and art lovers.

There's nothing like the charm and beauty of Charleston, South Carolina to serve as the backdrop for this year's Fine Art Annual hosted by the Charleston Fine Art Dealers Association, November 2-4, 2007. The festivities began with a very well attended art walk on Friday of the 16 member galleries. During the gallery walk, collectors were able to see new paintings by artists like Mary Whyte

(Coleman Fine Art), Lindsay Goodwin (Ella Walton Richardson), Robert Lange (Robert Lange Studios), Jill Hooper (Ann Long Fine Art), and Mark Horton and Christopher Groves (Horton Hayes Fine Art). On Saturday, each gallery picked an artist to participate in a plein air event held at Washington Park in historic downtown Charleston. The pieces were then auctioned on Saturday night and all the

money was donated to help art programs in the Charleston County Public High School program.

On Saturday night, the Morris and Whiteside Gallery and the Sylvan Gallery joined forces to host the Charleston Art Auction. The auction featured over 100 pieces from artists like William Berra, Ray Ellis, Clark Hulings, Mark Horton, Glenna Goodacre, Johnathan Green, John





1. The staff of Coleman Fine Art, (from left to right) Marilyn McMilan, Smith Coleman, Croft Lane and Lauren Hensarling. 2. From left, J.B. Boyd, Megan Lange and Robert Lange from the Robert Lange Studio gallery. 3. Jill Hooper, New York Collector Tommy Marano and Ann Long in front of a new piece by Hooper at Ann Long Fine Art. 4. Huihan Liu and Wenzhen Liang's new show at Charleston's Sylvan Gallery was previewed in the November issue of *American Art Collector*. 5. John Carroll Doyle poses in front of a new painting during the opening night of his show. 6. Lindsay Goodwin speaks with collectors during the opening night of her school at the Ella Walton Richardson Gallery. 7. Mary Whyte in front of a new painting titled *Artist*. The large watercolor sold for over \$50,000 on opening night and was donated to the Gibbes Museum in Charleston. 8. Kim English, represented by The Sylvan Gallery, paints in Washington Park on the Saturday morning of the event. 9. Chris Groves, represented by Horton Hayes Fine Art, finishes works on his plein aire painting in the park.





Carroll Doyle, and Eric Sloane.

Hulings' painting, *Andalusia*, went for \$28,000, Sloane's *Golden Harvest* also sold for \$28,000, Green's *Last Harvest* went for \$22,400, Doyle's *Eggplant and Hydrangea* sold for \$18,480, George Pate's *First Light* went for \$6,384, Dean Mitchell's *Gulf Waters II* went for \$7,083 and Robert Griffing's *Out of the Morning Fog* sold for \$19,040.

CFADA galleries like Coleman Fine Art, Ella Walton Richardson Gallery, Helena Fox Fine Art, Martin Gallery, Robert Lange Studios, Smith-Killian Fine Art, The Sylvan Gallery and the Wells Gallery all experienced a variety of sales during the weekend events from both established and new clients.

*American Art Collector* was on hand for the entire event visiting galleries, educating collectors and speaking with gallery artists. ●

**10.** Mark Horton and Cynthia Hayes, owners of Horton Hayes Fine Art at the Charleston Art Auction. **11.** J.B. Boyd speaks with interested collectors at Robert Lange Studio. **12.** Ben Whiteside of the Morris and Whiteside Gallery with the auctioneer for the evening. **13.** Lauren from Morris and Whiteside Galleries in front of some of the auctioned work. **14.** The Sylvan Gallery on King Street was packed with collectors during Friday's art walk. **15.** David Leahy and Jack Morris of the Morris and Whiteside Gallery and Red Piano Gallery came up from Hilton Head Island to host this year's auction. **16.** Collectors wait in the lobby for the beginning of the auction. **17.** George Pate and Julian Davis at Saturday night's auction. **18.** Ella Walton Richardson and Lindsay Goodwin pose with one of Lindsay's top collectors in the south. **19.** Robert Lange gave a brief talk to the crowd on Friday evening.