



“Cherished”

A Community Art Project

Crooked Creek Art League



In partnership with the Town of Chapin, the Crooked Creek Art League is pleased to announce the public Dedication Ceremony and unveiling for the newest public art installation and addition to the **Chapin Arts Trail**.

The public is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 1pm** in front of the St. Francis Community Thrift Shop at 114 Courtland Road in Chapin, SC. This is a free event.



The artwork, titled “Cherished” is a permanent addition to the Chapin Art Trail. The artwork is a multipart sculptural public art installation created in collaboration with St. Francis Thrift Shop forming the shape of a heart to represent the love, acceptance, and inclusion this space embodies. It was designed and created by local artist Olga Yukhno.

Crooked Creek Art League (CCAL) and the Town of Chapin are committed to infusing the area with exciting public art. The goal is to shine a light on the vibrant arts scene in Chapin and surrounding lake communities.

CCAL is grateful for the support of the business community for the Chapin Art Trail and specifically to the St. Francis Community Thrift Shop for commissioning this wonderful new artwork. Gratitude also goes to the South Carolina Arts Commission for their support for the arts and this project. We invite you to join CCAL members and others from the community in supporting future growth of the visual arts in the Lake Murray region.

For more information, visit crookedcreekart.org/chapinartrail or contact Project Manager Barbara Teusink at crookedcreekartleague@gmail.com.

About the Artist:

Olga Yukhno is an artist originally from Pyatigorsk, Russia. It was in Russia her passion for art began. Inspired by the culture of her home country, she started by working with batiques, stained glass and enameling. She studied under world renowned enamellist, Nikolai Vdovkin for several years to hone her skills, before moving to the United States in 2008.

Her current work is a mixture of three dimensional ceramic and mixed media wall pieces, figurative sculpture, and larger scale installation works. The process used to create many of her signature looks is achieved by hand pressing each individual impression into the clay using small custom made metal tools. She hand makes all of these tools herself out of repurposed architectural metal scraps. She also loves to incorporate found objects, as well as utilize techniques from other art forms she's studied and practiced, such as weaving, encaustic and metal working. The result of this process, different incorporated elements and techniques are what create her unique and visually interesting personal style. Her degree in psychology shapes the ideas and concepts behind many of her pieces, with the intention that observing her work encourages the viewer to think more about what they're seeing, and the emotions it evokes.

About the Chapin Art Trail:

An easy way to check out ALL the great art around Chapin, the self-guided trail seeks to stir the public imagination and sense of creativity as well as beautify the community with public art displays created by local artists. The trail includes currently installed public art pieces and galleries throughout the greater Chapin area.

One of the best parts of visiting an area is finding all the wonderful things that make it unique. Artwork is a vital part of that and enriches our daily lives. Murals, statuary, gardens and sculptures make places more interesting and memorable. Public works of art throughout the greater Chapin area are mapped out on the web at crookedcreekart.org/chapinarttrail and in other promotional materials designed to enable citizens to better access and appreciate the art. You are encouraged to participate in an ongoing self-guided tour of the area and its many works of public art. You can go in any order and view as many as you like during your visit. You are invited to play along by hunting through Chapin to see if you can find all the great art on display on the Chapin Art Trail. Complete the online Scavenger Hunt Form. Turn your

completed form in online to be entered into a quarterly drawing to win prizes. Winners will be notified by email.

About the Crooked Creek Art League:

Crooked Creek Art League (CCAL) is located in Chapin, South Carolina. Its more than 160 members, from Chapin and the surrounding lake communities, include painters of all mediums, photographers, sculptors and mixed media artists. All are welcome. CCAL is chartered as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of federal tax law. As, a dynamic non-profit organization, CCAL depends on its members, business partners and donors to help it continue to grow the visual arts in our area in many varied ways. The league provides on-location art exhibits at local businesses, associate juror training and workshops. It also hosts one of the largest juried art shows in the Midlands each year and, when possible, provides arts supply funding to local schools. Founded in 1995, the mission of the Crooked Creek Art League has been to grow awareness of the visual arts in our communities while providing inspiration and recognition for existing and aspiring artists. Learn more at CrookedCreekArt.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @crookedcreekartleague.