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Artist shares her collection at space in Kings Mountain

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A new art exhibit featuring works by a Belmont-based artist is on display at the Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain beginning this week and running through Feb. 28.

“The Illustrated Line” an exhibition of works by Lori McAdams is on view in the Reavis Gallery. Also on display in the Founders Gallery are photographs by Alex Pietersen, colored pencil works by Terry Ratchford, painting by Annie Sylling and mixed media by Chris Tessnear.

The public is invited to meet the artists during a reception on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m.

McAdams is an artist and illustrator based in Belmont. She has an artistic interest in antique items that is often reflected in her art. Using fine lines and a great sense of depth, her sharp attention for detail brings the past into the present. She works mostly in scratchboard, watercolor, colored pencil and acrylic. With scratchboard, which is traditionally black and white, McAdams often adds color to bring out the details in her work. Even when she works from present day inspirations, the graphic quality of her works lends an old world feel to them.

Old buildings, antique and consignment shops, quirky coffee shops and old bookstores are her main hunting grounds for subject matter. Old - and not necessarily expensive – jewelry makes for rich artworks. Older often repurposed buildings make for brick and stone portraits.

Part of this fascination with vintage subject matter resulted in her series of vintage hats, rendered in color with minute detail in watercolor and occasional acrylic. They are on view at this exhibit, and she plans to continue the series, while seeking secondary art projects on which to share them.

Southern Arts Society (SASi) Gift Shop & Gallery is located at 301 N. Piedmont Ave. at the intersection of Piedmont and Battleground Avenues, Kings Mountain, in the historic Southern Railway Depot. SASi offers a gift shop, ongoing exhibits and art competitions, programs and classes in a variety of media for artists of all levels.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Admission is free. For more information call, 704-739-5585 or visit southernartssociety.org, or email southernartssociety@gmail.com.

To see more about Lori and her art visit mcadams-studio.com and lorimcadams.com.