



Greenville County **Museum of Art**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *Horace Day in South Carolina* on view at the GCMA

Greenville, SC-- Born in China to American missionary parents, **Horace Talmage Day (1909 – 1984)** graduated from the Shanghai American School and began his formal art training in 1927 at the Art Students League in New York. In 1936, after serving as artist-in-residence at Manhattan's Henry Street Settlement, Day accepted the position as the first director of the Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art in Augusta, Georgia. Five years later, the artist joined the faculty of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. During World War II, Day served as an ambulance driver and cartographer in France from 1943 to 1945. He returned to Mary Baldwin College, where he continued to teach until his retirement in 1967.

A *plein air* realist, Day helped to extend the Charleston Renaissance into the post-World War II era by modernizing the genre, combining the punch of brilliant colors and textured brushstrokes with the same love of place expressed by Alfred Huttery, Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Anna Heyward Taylor, and Elizabeth O'Neill Verner. His fresh interpretations of typical Charleston and Lowcountry subjects documented vibrant city streets and their inhabitants, bucolic landscapes, rural cabins hidden beneath massive oaks, and churches still identifiable today by their distinctive architectural details. *Horace Day in South Carolina* focuses on the artist's work that was painted over four decades of traveling along the coast—from Charleston to Hilton Head Island.

The exhibition *Horace Day in South Carolina* is on view through July 10, 2016. A fully illustrated catalog documenting this exhibition is available for purchase in the GCMA gift shop, The Salon.

The Greenville County Museum of Art is located in the center of downtown Greenville's cultural campus, Heritage Green, at 420 College Street. The GCMA is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm and on Sundays from 1 pm until 5 pm. Admission is free.

Related event:

Sunday, May 15, 2016

2 pm - 3 pm

Sundays at 2: "Horace Day in South Carolina" with Tal Day

Join us for an inspiring look at the Lowcountry work of artist and educator Horace Day, presented by his son Tal Day.

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