



Figure 4 Art collector Anne Youmans enjoys the Fauve and German expressionist periods of art. Her selection of a Wade painting for her entrance hall adds the perfect touch of drama to her comfortable Sea Island home. She and her husband George travel the world over, where they collect paintings they truly enjoy, and will be memorable dramas on their walls.



Figure 5 Joan White, shown here admiring a recent dramatic shell painting by Jim Jones, had a passion for collecting art. An ardent supporter of the arts, Joan's collection is eclectic and all-encompassing.



Figure 6 This scene of Chatou by Vlaminck is coming up for auction. Its beauty is self-explanatory. Chatou is the site where Vlaminck, Derain and Matisse began painting their Fauve paintings. Both Anne Youmans and Joan White enjoy the colors of the Fauves and the German Expressionists.

#### Collectors and Connoisseurs

Anne Youmans of Macon and Sea Island collects dramatic paintings with deep intense colors. She is attracted to paintings such as the one shown in her entrance way by Wade Childress. (Figure 4) Wade's German Expressionist colors appeal to Ann as she has a colorful personality herself.

travel throughout the world and select work they like that will have personal meaning to them. This painting of Wade's at the entrance, as well as the painting over her mantel of the original Cloister entrance, greet one another in color and spirit.

Joan White is fascinated with so many different styles of art that one can hardly keep up with her eclectic spirit. She

wants to help artists by sharing their work with her many friends throughout the world. Her varied collection is amazing! It includes French and German works to landscapes from St. Simons and on and on. Joan is pure drama herself, moving about the world and being comfortable in whatever environment she finds herself. She has a great imagination and, like Alfred, is very comfortable in whatever she does. She is involved with many art boards and foundations and keeps the art world from being boring, that's for sure! This writer wishes she had the time to try to begin to keep up with this fascinating and smart world traveler, but then I do love what I do, running two art galleries and a museum, and writing for Coastal Illustrated.

I would be remiss not to mention Vlaminck (Figure 7) and show one of his paintings as the two collectors Youmans and White love his work. He is also one of my favorites and I can just see him with Matisse and Derain painting under the bridge at Chatou. Wouldn't you like to go there someday? I'm j o i n -

ing the McCrary family next year on a personal tour of the Impressionists and the fauves of which I have been fortunate enough to visit many times. Speaking of the McCrarys, don't forget to visit their exhibit entitled "The McCrary Family: Paintings and Collections:" which will be on display here at Left Bank through April 15, 2008.

The arts are alive in Glynn County, thanks to the vision held by many of the long time artists, who appreciated fine culture and wanted to bring it to the area. They have succeeded. And despite what the income tax man told my late husband in 1968: "you will never make it in the arts in this area," thankfully, none of us believed it and instead worked hard to make a successful arts community. Gratitude goes to

all the arts and humanities who stuck together to create a vision for the arts in Glynn County.

Yes, April is the month of Drama whether it be on the wall or off the wall. There is a lot going on hidden and not so hidden under the Tabby and the Tillandsia. **U**



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