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GALLERY

WALTER ANDERSON AND HIS LEGACY

Mary Anderson Pickard
Leif Anderson **Christopher Stebly**
Mary Annette Anderson **Carolyn Anderson**

A visual artist speaks most clearly, most directly, through his chosen language of images. The great body of my father's work stands witness to the fervor, the compulsion with which he pursued his goal, understanding… 'realizing' through his work. –Mary Anderson Pickard

Since 1982 Luise Ross Gallery has presented Walter Anderson's watercolors to appreciative audiences. *Walter Anderson and His Legacy*, our fourteenth exhibition of his work includes for the first time watercolors, pastels, oils and drawings by his family, revealing the powerful and enduring influence of his passionate vision.

The deep beauty in nature, that so captured her father, has been the cornerstone of Mary Anderson Pickard's own artistic expression. The local landscape of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the creatures and flowers of the bayou are all expressed with a sure sensitivity in Pickard's compositions.

Pickard's son, Christopher Stebly is following in similar footsteps. Assuredly and intuitively, he paints the Gulf Coast with compositional integrity, bringing high color and formal dexterity to his art.

Many of Leif Anderson's drawings are reminiscent of her earlier life in dance. She expresses a rhythmic, musical quality in her ink drawings, and like her father, is drawn in by the local flora and fauna.

Another grandchild who is superbly talented is Mary Annette Anderson. Her vivid colors and soft, but sure touch echo Walter Anderson's love of the natural world. Compositions reveal themselves with almost abstract interpretations.

Some of the first creations of Walter Anderson were his monumental linoleum block prints, many depicting fairy tales. Executed between 1933 and 1950, these prints were exhibited at the Brooklyn Museum in New York. His daughter-in-law Carolyn Anderson has continued this pursuit, making sure that all of us remember our fairy tales.

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