

## Once Upon a Time

### Storybook Art exhibit captures whimsy of best-loved tales

Like two of her canine brethren before her, Sally the black lab has happily, if unknowingly, become the new inspiration for renowned children's storybook author and illustrator Stephen Huneck.

In her most recent adventure, "Sally Gets a Job," the loveable Labrador retriever considers running for president. Pretty lofty ambitions for a 10-month old, even if you factor in dog years.

Now on his eighth book in the "Sally, the Black Lab" series, Huneck remains ever the devoted dog lover.

"Dogs have such developed spirits," said Huneck, who also owns a black lab named Daisy and a golden retriever named Molly. "They can really help us become human – good humans. They bring out the love in us."

*The New York Times* best seller is one of nine children's book illustrators being featured this fall in the Arts Center's exhibit *Storybook Art: Telling Tales with Pictures*, on display through January 23.

Huneck's signature folk art-style woodcut prints are the centerpiece of a collection that includes the work of some of today's top illustrators, including Brooke Dyer, Rebecca Guay, Alice Provensen, EB Lewis, Neil Waldman, Tony DiTerlizzi, Jane Dyer and Barry Moser. All of the artwork in the exhibition is for sale.

Among the collection are limited edition litho prints created by Dr. Seuss for his books, "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories," "Hop on Pop," "Stepped on the Mat," "Black Fish, Blue Fish," and "Would You Could You in a Car," as well as a line drawing from "Horton Hears a Who."

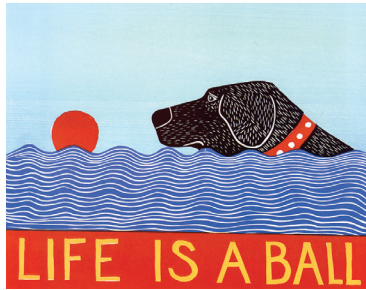
For his part, Huneck selected 35 of his favorite pieces, several of them from his Sally series.

Equipped with more than 180 chisels, hand planes and axes, Huneck creates his hand-carved

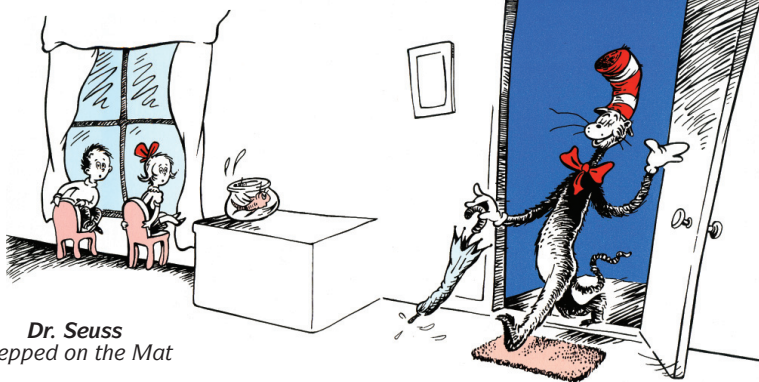
works in a studio located on his Vermont farm overlooking Dog Mountain, a 400-acre dog wonderland with rolling pastures, woods and ponds.

"It seems like everything today is manufactured," said Huneck, who attended *Storybook Art's* grand opening at the Arts Center in November. "I'm totally the opposite. I don't use machines. I prefer to make things by hand. I can make anything because I can carve it myself."

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Stephen Huneck - *Life is a Ball*



Dr. Seuss  
*Stepped on the Mat*

*Storybook Art* will be followed in February by the Gullah exhibit, *De Aarts Ob We People XII*. This year's show will feature sculptures, photographs, jewelry, watercolors and acrylics created by artists specializing in the Gullah culture or the Lowcountry lifestyle.

In March, the Arts Center will present the work of elementary and middle school students who participated in the Crayola

Dream-Makers program. More than 100 pieces, inspired by art projects featured in the '08-09 Crayola resource guide, "Dreams You Can Count On," will be on display.

Later in the spring, *Treasures from the Telfair* will open in the gallery, offering Lowcountry residents and visitors the opportunity to view modern and contemporary prints from the Savannah museum's permanent collection.



**Pack the car! Bring your friends (furry ones, too!)  
to Family Day with Sally the Lab!**

**Saturday January 10, 2009 at the Arts Center**

Whether you're a dog or a dog lover, join us when the Arts Center hosts Family Day with Sally the Lab in celebration of our current gallery exhibit *Storybook Art: Telling Tales with Pictures*.

**10:00 AM "Sweet Dreams with Stories"** Learn about the art of story book illustration and then create your own story pillow. The class will conclude in the gallery with a storybook reading from one of the books represented in the exhibit.

**Noon The Sally Look-Alike Contest** for all our furry friends. Enter your dog for \$5 ... or join in the fun by voting for your favorite Sally impersonator. Voting often is not only permitted, it's encouraged as the \$1 per vote fee goes to the Hilton Head Humane Association.

**1:00 PM Dog Prints Workshop** Not just for lab-lovers! Learn to use the printmaking process like Sally creator Stephen Huneck to make one-of-a-kind prints of your favorite dog!

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