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## Guide to the Galleries

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### **Shain Gallery**

2823 Selwyn Ave.

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There is a special place in my heart for Shain Gallery. For starters, when I had called to see whether I could swing by, they were closing, but the owner, Gabrielle, reassured me that it would be no problem. “Just come on by and knock on the door! I’ll be setting up for an event.” I hadn’t even mentioned who I was or that I would be doing a write-up. I was hoping that the gallery would be as warm and inviting as the conversation I had with Gabrielle, and it exceeded all expectations. Having been in business in Charlotte for 12 years and having received Charlotte Magazine’s “Best Conservative Artwork” distinction award, Gabrielle knows art. She mentions that she has even dabbled in painting herself. “Do you paint a lot?” my friend asked her. “I’ve painted enough to know that it’s very much worth it to pay for a great quality painting.” Well said. Shain Gallery is known for being a fine provider of contemporary art with works from artists such as Jim Chapman, Perry Austin, Nicora Gangi and Darren Young, to name a few. I found myself drawn to the simplistic, stunning and intriguing works depicting corporate scenes, from Geoffrey Johnson, and the bold, fun and flirty works of Kim Schuessler, the artist whose work was chosen for the invitation and program for the congressional club luncheon honoring Laura Bush in Washington, D.C. Shain Gallery serves regional homeowners and corporations and represents over 20 nationally and regionally acclaimed artists. The gallery also doubles as a venue, free of charge, for charity events.