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Sheela Becton presents The Colors of India

An Artist's Memoir on Canvas

Columbia, MD (July XX, 2022) Sheela Becton takes you on a journey to experience The Colors of India at the Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House, September 8- October 14, 2022. Becton invites you to, "take in the beauty of the Indian landscape with its temples, intricate architecture, and colorful villages. Along the way, visit the bazaar and listen to the conversations, rhythm of the drums, and celebrate with the dancing ladies. Let the Journey of Colors begin!"

Bold strokes and bright, vivid colors fill Becton's art, which is inspired by her Indian culture and the beauty of nature. In this exhibit, Becton shares her memories of the vibrancy and allure of India. Through her paintings, she narrates the story of the richness and beauty of Indian Culture. It is a celebration of life and her wish to use art to, "transcend boundaries and bring people together."

Becton believes in painting with a purpose and has partnered with HopeWorks of Howard County, whose mission is to support and advocate for people affected by sexual and intimate partner violence. In 2021, HopeWorks featured her painting, "Love" on the cover of *Hope Collected*, an anthology celebrating the best entries to Dragonfly (their art magazine) since its inception in 2014. A portion of the proceeds of all sales from Becton's exhibit will benefit HopeWorks programs and services.

The Colors of India's reception will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 3-5pm and is open to the public at the Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House – 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD.

Sheela Becton's <u>Gallery Talk</u> will take place on Wednesday, September 21 from 10-11am. This is free and open to the public, but registration is recommended. Register by emailing <u>events@wildelake.org</u>.

Regular Gallery hours are M-F 9am – 4:30pm. We strongly recommend calling ahead to make sure all gallery areas are open to the public.

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