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### Quick Facts

- The Dalton Downtown Arts Initiative is a yearlong schedule of programs beginning with the exhibition of "Works by Leo Twiggs" at Winthrop University and Clinton Junior College.



*"High Cotton" by Leo Twiggs*

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Connecting the creative dots, finding new synergy, bringing people together, hearing the voice of the citizen artist, building a cultural environment for everyone – these are some of the ideas behind a new project called the **Dalton Downtown Arts Initiative**.

The project kicks off a yearlong schedule of programs with two companion exhibitions, one at Winthrop University's **Rutledge Gallery** and the other at Clinton Junior College's **Dalton Gallery**. "Works by Leo Twiggs" features the narrative batiks by one of South Carolina's most celebrated artists at Clinton from Sept. 4-Oct. 20 and at Winthrop from Sept. 4-Oct. 6.

As the first program of the **Dalton Downtown Arts Initiative**, "Works by Leo Twiggs" at Winthrop and Clinton helps emphasize collaboration as a core idea. Another goal of the initiative is for the voices of artists and designers to be understood and to play a role in how the heart of the Rock Hill community – its downtown – can be enlivened for the long term. In the spirit of the **Rock Hill Gallery Crawl**, the initiative also seeks to find connections between programming at Rock Hill Center for the Arts, Winthrop University Galleries, Clinton Junior College's Dalton Gallery and Rock Hill's downtown commercial galleries including Gallery 5 and the Gallery at Gettys.

**Leo Twiggs** is widely seen as one of the most important South Carolina artists since the 1960s. His career retrospective, "Myths and Metaphors: The Art of Leo Twiggs," organized by the Georgia Museum of Art, recently completed a two-year tour. **Twiggs**, the first African

American to receive an Ed.D. in art education from the University of Georgia, has had dozens of solo exhibitions in museums and galleries in the Southeast and beyond, including the Studio Museum in Harlem.

He was the first individual visual artist bestowed with the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award, South Carolina's highest award in the arts. He has been inducted into the Claflin University Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame, and the National Black Alumni Hall of Fame in Atlanta. Among his many honors, **Twiggs** was a 2004 recipient of Winthrop's **Medal of Honor in the Arts**.

For more information about the Dalton initiative or "Works by Leo Twiggs," call Tom Stanley at

Events are currently planned through April 2007 at all the partner venues include:

**FALL**

Sept. 4-Oct. 6  
Winthrop's Rutledge Gallery  
"Works by Leo Twiggs"  
<http://www.leotwiggs.com>

Sept. 4-Oct. 20  
Clinton Junior College Dalton Gallery  
"Works by Leo Twiggs"

Oct. 5  
6 p.m. public reception, Rock Hill Center for the Arts  
6:30 p.m. Girlstories Exhibition Gallery Talk  
Girlstories exhibiting artists are Kathy Yancey of Atlanta, Ga., Barbara Schreiber of Charlotte, N.C., Tonya Gregg of Baltimore, Md., Barbara Schreiber of Charlotte, N.C., Tonya Gregg of Baltimore and Paula Smith of Rock Hill.

Oct. 5, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Gallery 5 – 131 Main St.  
The New Downtown Arts Initiative  
Leo Twiggs, Tonya Gregg, Karen Yancey

Oct. 5, 6 p.m.  
Gallery at Gettys  
"Eye to Eye: Perspectives on People and Place"  
Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Oct. 30-Dec. 13  
Clinton Junior College Dalton Gallery  
Todd Stewart Exhibition

Nov. 15, 10 a.m.  
Clinton Junior College  
Todd Stewart Presentation

**WINTER/SPRING**

Jan. 11, 2007, 6:30 p.m.  
Rock Hill Center for the Arts  
Bob Doster Gallery Talk

Jan. 15-March 2, 2007  
Clinton Junior College Dalton Gallery  
"Pearl Fryar Topiary and Junk Art"

Jan. 24, 2007, 10 a.m.  
Clinton Junior College  
Pearl Fryar lecture  
March 19-May 4, 2007  
Clinton Junior College Dalton Gallery  
Beverly Smith Exhibition (lecture to be announced)

March 22, 2007, 6:30 p.m.  
Rock Hill Center for the Arts  
Dr. Minuette Floyd Gallery Talk

April 19, 2007, 6:30 p.m.  
Rock Hill Center for the Arts  
Brian Rust Exhibition and Gallery Talk

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