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ALICE

Alice Ravenel Huger Smith
Charleston Renaissance Artist

CHARLESTON, S.C. — December 1, 2020 — Alice Ravenel Huger Smith (1876–1958), a leader of the Charleston Renaissance, immortalized the beauty and history of the Carolina Lowcountry and helped propel the region into an important destination for cultural tourism. In a career of sixty years, she defied gender expectations and gained national acclaim. *Alice* is a personal account of the artist’s life and work that draws on unpublished papers, letters, and interviews. It is enriched by over 200 illustrations of paintings, prints, sketches, and photographs, many shared for the first time.

A lifelong Charleston resident with limited professional training, she forged her style from a wide range of sources—her French teacher at the local Carolina Art Association, mentors who introduced her to Tonalism and Japanese woodblock prints, and extensive fieldwork. She helped spark Charleston’s historic preservation movement, depicted the waning days of rice planting, and captured the mystical spirit of the Lowcountry’s coast, marshes, and woodlands in luminous watercolors.

Alice blends personal insights with scholarship into a comprehensive volume about Alice Ravenel Huger Smith—artist, author, innovator, preservationist, and steadfast friend—from the perspectives of those who knew her best. In a broader sense, her story raises important questions about historical memory and how Charleston became the city it is today.

Alice: Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Charleston Renaissance Artist, by Dwight McInvaill, Caroline Palmer and Anne Tinker, will be released March 1, 2021 by Evening Post Books, and will be available in hardcover for \$60.00 at the Middleton Place store, selected area bookstores, and online at shop.middletonplace.org.

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