

## Meet Our Judges:



**Les Slesnick** is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design with a master's degree in photography. Slesnick was an active art show exhibitor for more than 30 years and has gone on to document small town America since leaving the art show circuit in 2006. Slesnick believes it is artists' responsibility to educate the public about what they do and how they do it and to bring great art to the masses. He also supports educational and student-mentoring programs as a vehicle of encouragement for young artists. Slesnick said "the art of America is on the street," and he has continued to

volunteer his time at various art shows around the country. His commitment to do whatever he can to help to ensure a continued livelihood for his colleagues.

**Susan Bach**, educated at New York's Pratt Institute and Penland School of Crafts, has been a full-time studio artist since 1982. Bach, a potter, works with traditional material in a non-traditional way. She is the daughter of wildlife artist Tom Beecham, whose style has had a major influence on her work. She is the president of McRae Art Studios, Inc. in Winter Park, and her work is featured in many private, corporate and university collections. Bach lives with her husband, landscape and mural artist Stephen Bach, in historic downtown Orlando with their three daughters.

