

NC Institutional Galleries

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Childe Hassam. **Through Jan. 20, 2025** - "Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination" and "Bill Viola's Moving Stillness: Mount Rainier". Both exhibitions explore our unique connections with the environment through art innovation. These exhibitions invite visitors to engage with innovative art that bridges technology and nature, reflecting our profound connection to the environment. Ruffner's work emphasizes themes of reforestation and environmental awareness, while Viola's installation offers a meditative exploration of human consciousness and examines our understanding of the natural world. **The Van Winkle Law Firm Gallery, Through Oct. 21** - "Honoring Nature: Early Southern Appalachian Landscape Painting". This exhibition explores the sublime natural landscapes of the Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina and Tennessee. While there were several regional schools of painting around the early 1900s, this group is largely from the Midwest, and many of the artists trained at the Art Institute of Chicago or in New York City. Through their travels, they captured waterfalls, sunsets, thunderstorms, autumn foliage, lush green summers, and snow-covered mountains—elements that were novel for viewers from cities and rural areas. Though some of these paintings include people, they are usually used for scale and painted with little to no detail, highlighting the magnificence of nature. **Debra McClinton Gallery, Through Mar. 31, 2025** - "Forces of Nature: Ceramics from the Hayes Collection". Ceramic artists throughout history have become masters of all four elements - creating clay from a mixture of earth and water to shape their work, drying it in air, and hardening it in fire. Throughout this process, the artist decides which aspects of the work will be tightly controlled, and when the elements can step in to leave nature's mark. This exhibition traces the historical, stylistic, and conceptual origins of work that either embraces or refuses the element of chance in ceramics, looking at modern and contemporary work made in Western North Carolina. The ceramics in this exhibition are all drawn from the robust collection of Andrew and Hattia Hayes, who have been collecting important regional pottery and sculpture for decades. Through their close relationships with artists, they have brought together works that show not only the different aesthetics seen in the region, but also a picture of the ceramics community. Regional artists including Cynthia Bringle, Donna Craven, Mark Hewitt, Fred Johnston, Ben Owen III, and Norm Schulman will be on view, demonstrating the many different approaches to ceramics in this region. **Judith S. Moore Gallery, Through Oct. 7** - "Western North Carolina Glass: Selections from the Collection". Western North Carolina is important in the history of American glass art. Several artists of the Studio Glass Movement came to the region, including its founder Harvey K. Littleton. Begun in 1962 in Wisconsin, it was a student of Littleton's that first came to the area in 1965 and set up a glass studio at the Penland School of Craft in Penland, North Carolina. By 1967, Mark Peiser was the first glass artist resident at the school and taught many notable artists, like Jak Brewer in 1968 and Richard Ritter who came to study in 1971. By 1977, Littleton retired from teaching and moved to nearby Spruce Pine, North Carolina and set up a glass studio at his home. Since that time, glass artists like Ken Carder, Rick and Valerie Beck, Shane Fero, and Yaffa Sikorsky and Jeff Todd—to name only a few—have flocked to the area to reside, collaborate, and teach, making it a significant place for experimentation and education in glass. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Art Museum, the hub for 20th- and 21st-century American art in Western North Carolina, has re-opened to the public. The \$24+ million, state-of-the-art facility encompasses 54,000 square feet and adds 70 percent more Collection gallery space. For the first time in the Museum's history, it has the capacity to host major traveling exhibitions from nationally recognized museums. The expansion increases its physical space and dramatically increases its role as a community center, educational resource, economic engine for WNC, and cultural concierge for the region's residents and visitors. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 82 Patton Avenue, across from Pritchard Park opposite the old location, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 31 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: Mon., 11am-6pm & Fri.-Sat., noon-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 120 College Street, Asheville. **Through Jan. 11, 2025** - "The Farm at Black Mountain College". A reception will be held on Oct. 25, from 7-9pm. The story of Black Mountain College (BMC) has grown to mythical proportions

since the liberal arts school officially closed its doors in 1957. Countless books, exhibitions, and artworks have been created to capture what it was like to live and learn at this singular college and to chart its unparalleled cultural legacy. But before this exhibition and accompanying book, nobody had written about the farm at BMC in any great detail. Built on more than a decade's worth of deep, original archival research, "The Farm at Black Mountain College" exhibition constitutes a deep new history of BMC. By focusing on the farm, the exhibition sidesteps the popular paradigm of approaching BMC through its famous faculty and students, and instead offers a new cast of characters, one that includes mostly students, women, and farmers. It spotlights the importance of collaboration, both on campus among students, faculty, and faculty families, and in the community with farmers and organizations in nearby cities and towns. Finally, the exhibition shows what happens when communal living is no longer communal, and offers a detailed account of the final dark days of the college, a dramatic and often dangerous story. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

NC Homespun Museum, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - This museum presents a historical overview of Biltmore Industries, an Arts and Crafts enterprise once renowned for its hand-loomed fabrics. The museum showcases memorabilia including photographs, letters, artifacts, woven samples and tailored suits from the active years of the industry. Located on the historic Grovewood grounds, adjacent to The Omni Grove Park Inn. Admission is free (donations appreciated). Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, & Sun., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

NC Glass Center, 140 Roberts Street, Suite C, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Glass Center is a non-profit, public access glass studio providing daily educational offerings & demonstrations. We are proud to represent the work of our artists and instructors in the NCGC glass gallery. Hours: Mon., Wed., Thur. & Sun., 10am-5pm and Fri. & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/505-3552 or at (www.ncglasscenter.org).

Odyssey Co-Op Gallery, 238 Clingman Avenue, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Our Gallery features works by 25 local clay artists, working in a variety of styles to create functional and non-functional pottery and works of figurative and abstract sculpture. Hours: Wed.-Mon., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828/505-8707 or at (<https://www.odysseycoopgallery.com/about/>).

Southern Highland Craft Guild, Biltmore Village, 26 Lodge Street, former Biltmore Oteen Bank Building in Biltmore Village, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring a wide range of work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, including: pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, fiber, metal, paper, mixed media and natural materials. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-7pm & Sun. noon-5pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at (www.craftguild.org).



Work by Heidi Bleacher

Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Jan. 18, 2025** - "New Members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild". This show will debut the work of 27 new members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, accepted into the Guild for their fine quality craftsmanship in 2023 and 2024. The room will be filled with wearable, decorative, and sculptural fiber, glass, wood, clay, jewelry, metal, and mixed media. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Col-

lection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history – that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. Wells Fargo of Asheville has donated Hardy Davidson's Carvings to the SHCG's Permanent Collection. Hailing from Swannanoa, NC, woodcarver Hardy Davidson became a Guild Member in 1944 and was awarded Life membership in 1973. **Focus Gallery, Through Nov. 11** - "Beautiful Mystery, featuring both traditional and contemporary craft by five members of the Guild. The colorful batik paintings on display are by Robin Ford, the clay pieces by Susan Grier and Joe Frank McKee, jewelry by Ilene Kay, and wood sculptures by new member, Brian Melton. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: call 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild on Tunnel Road, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s -1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.



Works by Dale Chihuly at Biltmore Estate

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville **Biltmore Estate**, One Lodge Street, Asheville. **Through Jan. 5, 2025** - "Chihuly at Biltmore," a thrilling new exhibition experience. Featured in museums and gardens around the world, including the spectacular 2018 Chihuly at Biltmore exhibition, Dale Chihuly's awe-inspiring works have captivated millions. A new experience of the artist's iconic creations makes its debut at Biltmore Estate this spring. Presented in an intimate gallery setting at Amherst at Deerpark®, Chihuly at Biltmore includes pedestal works, drawings, and large-scale installations of chandeliers, towers, mille fiori, and neon. For info about tickets and special packages visit (<https://www.biltmore.com/stay/village-hotel/special-offers/>) or for general info visit (www.biltmore.com).

Harrah's Cherokee Center (formerly US Cellular Center), 87 Haywood Street, downtown Asheville. **Oct. 17-20, 2024, 10am-5pm** - "77th Summer Edition Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands". For four days each July and October, Harrah's Cherokee Center-Asheville comes to life with functional and decorative crafts made in the Southern Highland region. Over one hundred artists, makers, and craftspeople will fill the two-level building to sell their works of pottery, sculpture, furniture, tapestry, apparel, mixed media, jewelry, and more. Admission: Adults \$12, children under 12 free. Contact: Visit (<https://craftguild.org/craftfair/>), call 828/298-7928, or e-mail to (info@craftguild.org).

The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Baker Art Center, Through Jan. 24, 2025** - "Only Owls". This exhibit brings together an array of artistic representations of owls in pencil, charcoal, ink, watercolor, and woodcut, all from Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum of Art collection. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also

enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

Beaufort

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, historic Rustell House of the Beaufort Historical Association, 100 Block Turner Street, Beaufort. **Ongoing** - The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Carteret County's Oldest Gallery, is housed in one of the Historic Site's oldest buildings and features over 100 local and regional artists. An extensive collection of fine art, pottery, crafts, and gifts can be found at this special gallery. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 252/728-5225 or at (<https://beauforthistoricsite.org/gallery/>).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Cannon Gallery, Through Feb. 22, 2025** - "Anna Buckner: And other Myths". Buckner is a painter in the most expanded sense of the word, creating compositions at the intersection of design, textile, and painting. "And other Myths" features a body of work that leverages the storytelling potential of quilting within the context of painterly composition and design precision. She is interested in exploring the limits of existing structures within painting, language, textile patterning, new media, and emerging modes of teaching and learning. **Schaefer Gallery, Through Nov. 2** - "Two Headed Diver: Lynne Hobaica & Rickie Barnett". This is an exhibition in three entangled parts, featuring the individual yet mutually-informed studio practices of Lynne Hobaica, Rickie Barnett, and their collaborative work under the moniker "Two Headed Diver." Their characters—often simultaneously fantastic and mundane—are produced through a heady concoction of personal myth-making, morality tale, and a distinct sense of New World wonder. Both artists' work is driven by narrative, though their singular approaches to storytelling are often pleasantly obscured by layered surface treatments and enigmatic symbology. Hobaica's work utilizes recurring patterns and decorative elements to elevate seemingly humble or alien subjects—chihuahuas and antlered beasts seen here, for example. While gauzy glazes and sheer fabrics shroud her characters in a fog that reinforces an almost mythological interpretation of them. Working in both ceramic and textile, Hobaica's compositions prioritize the inexplicability of the human experience. **Fort, Atwell, & Rankin East Galleries, Through Jan. 5, 2025** - "The Hard Edge & The Soft Line: A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood". Maud Gatewood (1934-2004) is an exceptional figure in the art history of North Carolina and the American Southeast. A painter of exacting technique with a keen eye for composition and cultural commentary, her pictures capture the Carolinas (and the expanding world beyond) across much of the 20th Century. A native of Yanceyville in Caswell County, NC, Gatewood's paintings reveal rural landscapes and their denizens in the midst of transformation while also cleverly framing the experience of modern life with acerbic wit and a surprising wealth of empathy. "The Hard Edge & The Soft Line: A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood" is a major undertaking by BRAHM. This retrospective project provides a comprehensive narrative of Gatewood's career, considering the evolution of her oeuvre and her significant contributions, as an artist and an educator, to the field of contemporary representational painting in North Carolina and the region. A recuperative exercise, the exhibition and its accompanying scholarship will feature a broad range of her works, including paintings, works on paper, and archival material, excavating Gatewood's rigorous technical experimentation, coded but no less rich explorations of gender and sexuality, and reverence for depicting the built and natural landscapes of her native state and elsewhere. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkway-craft@bellsouth.net).

Boone

Downtown Boone, 1st Friday every month, from 5-8pm - First Friday Art Crawl. For further info contact the Watauga Arts Council at 828-264-1789 (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/king-streetart.html#/>).

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