

# Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County to Present Innovative Holiday Aerial Light Showcase - Nov. 25, 2022

Holiday lights may be the norm but the Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County (Arts Council) in Fayetteville, NC, is bringing a spectacular, high-tech aerial light showcase of breathtaking holiday designs that will illuminate the night sky during its 'Holidays on Hay... A Season of Light' celebration. Imaginations will soar as onlookers marvel at the innovative aerial displays that will feature 200 state-of-the-art drones choreographed to present stunning holiday imagery across the night sky.

The 'Season of Light Drone Show' will be the capstone feature to the Arts Council's reimagined 'Holidays on Hay... A Season of Light' celebration slated to take place on Friday, Nov. 25 throughout the Historic Downtown Fayetteville area.

The Arts Council is gifting the all-new 'Season of Light Drone Show,' a free and one-of-a-kind holiday experience that brings the holiday alive via three-dimensional seasonal shapes and characters that can be seen up to four miles away, to Fayetteville and their region. The unique aerial light display also provides a safe, environmentally friendly showcase that is sensory-friendly for pets and audiences that manage PTSD, autism, and those with other issues can enjoy.

Prior to the 'Season of Light Drone Show', the Candlelight Processional will circle around the Cool Spring Downtown District's 22-foot Holiday Tree located in front of The Arts Center for attendees to gather in the spirit of unity and reflection of our loved ones and those that were lost this year. The streets will fill with holiday cheer, music, art installations to share with friends and caroling as this grand illumination ushers in the holiday season.

"The Arts Council wishes to engage even more of our vibrant community," says Bob Pinson, Interim President and CEO of the Arts Council. "Beginning in November through late December, this celebration will become a much greater economic engine for our county that will attract even more visitors to see all our community has to offer."

Planning for additional activities is currently underway between the Arts Council, the Cool Spring Downtown District, and the Downtown Alliance which will include a Victorian-themed 'Dickens Village' operated by the Downtown Alliance at the Fayetteville History Museum on Franklin Street.

The showcase is provided by Pixis Drones, a Virginia-based production company that has performed at such noted events as the Super Bowl LVI, FIFA World Cup, the recent NBA draft, and the Olympics just to name a few. View the Pixis Drone promotional video at (<https://youtu.be/9b4Z5S0An1g>). More information about celebration activities is forthcoming.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Fayetteville, NC, that supports individual creativity, cultural preservation, economic development, and lifelong learning through the ARTS. As a primary steward of public and private funding for arts, cultural, and historical activities in the Cape Fear Region, all affiliated programs of the Arts Council exemplify our 5 core values: Excellence, Accountability, Transparency, Collaborations, and Innovation.

For further information visit ([theartscouncil.com](http://theartscouncil.com)).

# Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County in Fayetteville, NC, Features Native American Exhibition

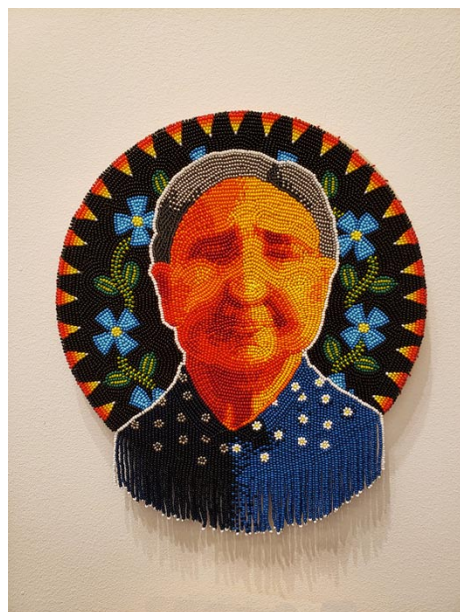
The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County in Fayetteville, NC, is presenting *Still Here Still Native*, a Native American Heritage exhibition on view at The Arts Center, through Nov. 27, 2022.

Eighteen artists have contributed to this empowering collection of historical and iconic native-based artwork that gives inclusive perspectives on the human experience of the Native American and Indigenous people who have lived and worked in North Carolina. The resiliency of their great history and heritage are reflected through an illustrative celebration of symbolic cultural themes and aesthetic artforms: paintings, sculptures, artifacts, Regalia, quill and bead embroidery, and textiles.

The ACFCC developed a creative space that respectfully recognizes the Native American and Indigenous people's shared kinship and connectedness to the land, water, and communities where they reside to open a dialogue among exhibit attendees that is thoughtful, insightful, and compassionate towards their experience and advancement.

"The Arts Council is committed to supporting and sharing the stories of the Native American people through their OWN perspective," says Savanna Davis, Curator. "It may be common practice to display Indigenous artwork and crafts alongside dinosaur bones, but these artists prove that Native American art and culture is 'still here'."

Since 1990, each November has been set aside as Native American Heritage Month where people all over the United States



Work from the exhibit, artist unknown

celebrate and recognize the major contributions that the first Americans have made to the establishment and growth of the country. Rodney Jackson, Indian Education Coordinator of the Cumberland County Schools: Office of Indian Education, states, "Be proud of your Native Heritage and enjoy Native American Heritage Month. Remember... WE ARE STILL HERE, and WE ARE STILL NATIVE!"

For more info check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit ([WeAreTheARTS.com/stillnative](http://WeAreTheARTS.com/stillnative)).

# Cape Fear Studios in Fayetteville, NC, Offers Exhibit Focused on Food

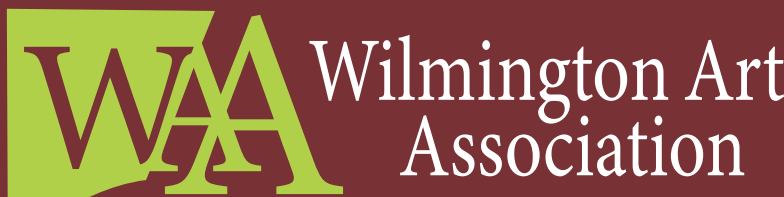
Cape Fear Studios in Fayetteville, NC, is presenting *Celebration of Food*, on view through Nov. 22, 2022.

This exhibit features the work of artists from 10 states. The art is a "celebration" of one of life's basic needs – Food. The invited artists have provided Fayetteville and surrounding communities with a visual "menu" of "delicious" art! Please visit Cape Fear Studios to view this colorful display, and bring your "appetite" for art with you!


The juror for the exhibit is Leslie Pearson, local artist and owner of "Curate Essentials", an herbal apothecary. Leslie is a multimedia artist who utilizes many fiber-based materials, processes and techniques to create sculptures, installations, encaustic paintings, and handmade books in which she explores themes of memory and identity. She pursues art as a studio artist, community arts advocate and educator. In 1998,

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she earned a Bachelor's degree in Fine Art from Southeast Missouri State University and was heavily involved in community arts programming as the Assistant Director of the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri and co-curator of Gallery 100 and the Lorimier Gallery in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. In 2000, she earned a Master's degree in Museum Studies at Newcastle University in England and completed an internship at the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art in Sunderland, UK.



Work by Val Taylor

In 2011, Pearson earned an MFA in Textile Design at East Carolina University's School of Art and Design in Greenville, NC. She has taught at various colleges and Universities and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Arts Council of Fayetteville, and on the Board of Directors for the Surface Design Association. Pearson exhibits her work nationally and internationally.

This exhibit has two judges that will



Work by Chris Winn

choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place cash awards. Cape Fear Studios is pleased to announce the collaboration of Antonella Scibilia, Chef and Restaurateur, Antonella's Italian Ristorante, and Tony Kotsopoulos, Restaurateur, Luigi's Italian Chophouse and Bar, both popular Fayetteville dining and gathering places.

Please make plans to stop by and enjoy the locally created artworks displayed at the CFS main exhibit and our retail section.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, e-mail to ([artgallery@capefearstudios.com](mailto:artgallery@capefearstudios.com)) or visit ([www.capefearstudios.com](http://www.capefearstudios.com)).

# Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC, Offers Holiday Art Market - Nov. 11 – 13, 2022

Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC, will hold its annual Holiday Art Market from Friday, Nov. 11 – Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022 from 11am to 5pm each of the three

days.

Always a popular seasonal event, once again the Market will take place over three

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