

# NC Institutional Galleries

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Bob Ross giving demonstration of painting

**Mims Art Gallery**, Dunn Center for the Performing Arts, NC Wesleyan College Campus, 3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd., Rocky Mount. **Nov. 2 - Jan. 4, 2024** - "Fantastic Little Paintings," featuring works by Bob Ross. Did you grow up watching Bob Ross paint happy little trees on PBS' The Joy of Painting? If so, we have just the thing for you coming this fall to NC Wesleyan University. With over 75 original paintings, this will be the first time a Bob Ross exhibit has been to North Carolina and the largest exhibition ever seen under one roof globally. This exhibition will be open to the public and tickets are now for sale at \$15 per person, children under five receive free admission, and school field trips are \$7 per student with two free chaperones. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: call Jan Volz, Gallery Art Curator, at 252/985-5268 or e-mail to (jvolz@ncwu.edu).

## Rutherfordton

**Rutherford County Visual Arts Center & Gallery**, 160 N. Main Street, at the intersection of W. Court St., Rutherfordton. **Ongoing** - Offering a changing exhibit of 2D and 3D art including oils, watercolor, scratchboard, calligraphy, fiber, wood, glass, pottery and fine craft by local artists/fine crafters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 828/288-5009 or at (www.artatthevac.com).

## Salisbury/Spencer

**Waterworks Visual Arts Center**, 123 E. Liberty St., in the East Square Arts District, located one block East of Main Street, across from the Salisbury Police Station, Salisbury. **Ongoing** - At Waterworks, all exhibitions are free to see (donations gladly accepted). The galleries and Museum Store are open Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm. An elevator, braille signage, bench seating in all galleries, and wide hallways make the museum accessible to everyone. Visitors can experience the gated sensory garden, as well as sculpture gardens around the building. Waterworks offers three rotating exhibitions a year, K-12 Student exhibitions, and art classes for students ages 18 months to 100. Keep abreast of exhibitions, events, art classes, and new art for sale in the Museum Store. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm, (business hours M-F, 9 am-5 pm). Contact: 704/636-1882 or at (www.waterworks.org).

## Seagrove Area

**Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden**, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at (www.cbsculpturegarden.com).



Work by Kate Waltman

**North Carolina Pottery Center**, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Through Dec. 16** - "Face Jugs & More: NC Folk Art Pottery". The show features a variety of eye-catching pieces from traditional or traditional-influenced to more contemporary works. Every piece in this show will be available

for purchase and may be taken home immediately if desired. **Through Dec. 16** - "Woodfired Grande," toasty with hints of chocolate, caramel, and butterscotch so good you can almost smell the woodsmoke. Woodfiring is arguably the most revered and evocative of all pottery traditions, and North Carolina's woodfiring potters in our humble, completely non-biased, opinion create some of the best woodfired pottery. And, what's better than woodfired pottery? "Woodfired Grande" pottery! Featuring a single piece from 25+ potters across our state, our Woodfired Grande show features a wide, diverse sampling of exceptional woodfired craftsmanship. **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at (www.ncpotterycenter.org).

## Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center), 122 E. Main St., Seagrove.

**Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.



Works by STARworks Glass

**STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise**, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shimpo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **School House Gallery, Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here unforgettable. Gallery Hours:

Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (https://www.starworksn.org/cafe-taproom) for the schedule. Hours: Mon., 9am-3pm & Tue.-Sat., 9am-9pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: Claire Sellers, Starworks Communications Coordinator by e-mail at (claire@starworksn.org).

## Siler City

**North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry, metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

**PAF Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

## Southern Pines

**Campbell House Galleries**, Arts Council of Moore County, 482 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. **Nov. 3 - Dec. 16** - "Mélange of Experience," features works by artists Grace Hill, Anne Raven Jorgensen, Paula Montgomery, and Nanette Zeller. Each artist works in varying mediums, such as oil paints, acrylics, fiber arts, pottery, and mixed media. A reception will be held on Nov. 3, from 6-8pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Aug. 19, from 2-4pm. Contact: 910/692-2787 or at (www.MooreArt.org).

## Southport

**Franklin Square Gallery**, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at (www.franklinsquaregallery.com).

## Spruce Pine

**Throughout Mitchell and Yancey Counties, Nov. 10 - 12, 2023, from 10am-5pm** - "2023 Toe River Arts Fall Studio Tour". This driving tour through Mitchell and Yancey Counties will take visitors along the meandering Toe River, across its many bridges, around barns, acres of fields, and miles of forests all while visiting the talented studio artists and galleries participating. For more information about the Studio Tour, visit the website at (www.toeriverarts.org) or call 828/682-7215 (Burnsville) or 828/765-0520 (Spruce Pine).

**TRAC Arts Center**, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Kokol Gallery, Nov. 4 - Dec. 30** - "Fall Studio Tour Preview Exhibition," featuring work from participating studio tour artists. **Owen Gallery, Through Nov 18** - "Exhibition of Work by Melisa Cadell". **Ongoing** - Toe River Arts will feature artist demonstrations and continue to sell artist's work in the gift shop. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at (www.toeriverarts.org).

## Sylva

**Gallery One**, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

## Tryon

**Tryon Arts and Crafts School**, 373 Harmon Field Rd., in the old Tryon Middle School, Tryon. **Through Nov. 1** - "Animals in Art," featuring works by regional artists, judged by Charlotte-based artist and arts organizer, Susan Jdrzejewski. **Through Nov. 1** - "Fictions of Fauna," animals in five contemporary artist's works, curated by Dr. Lili Corbus and Will Barclift. There is a long, rich history of animal representations in art that has inspired viewers and artists through time, from ancient Lascaux cave paintings to the present. Such images often touch upon deeper concerns, reflecting not only on the creatures depicted but on human issues such as ecology, politics, and more. This exhibit highlights the work of five contemporary artists who use animals as imaginative vehicles of expression in a variety of media. The artists include Anne Ellis Berry (photography), Todd Frahm (stone, wood, metals), Lisa

Hager (ceramics), Bryant Holsenbeck (fiber), and Barbara Schreiber (painting). **Through Nov. 1** - Featuring a surprise fine craft exhibit with original works by potter Cynthia Bringle and weaver Edwina Bringle. The Bringles are the subject of a new documentary film that will be screened at the Tryon Theatre as part of the Tryon International Film Festival on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4:30 pm. **Nov. 11 - Dec. 20** - "Holiday Market". **Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat. 9am -1pm. Contact: 828/859-8323 or at (www.tryonartsandcrafts.org).



Elizabeth Matheson, "Milton", North Carolina, archival pigment print

**Upstairs Artspace**, (Celebrating over 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Through Dec. 2** - "Uncommon: Elizabeth Matheson Photographs 1970-2018". The exhibition gives Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina a look at the work of one North Carolina's most celebrated photographers. Matheson is one of North Carolina's most renowned photographers, and this exhibit, originally organized by Cassilhaus (a home-based artist residency and exhibition program located between Durham and Chapel Hill), is a survey of images drawn from Matheson's 50-year career ranging from her early vintage gelatin silver prints to her stunning (and mostly unseen) self-portraits and her contemporary large-scale color work. Frank Konhaus, a retired AV System Designer, Director of Cassilhaus, and noted collector of photography, organized Uncommon, and it was originally curated by Lori Vrba and Kent Corley. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at (www.upstairsartspace.org).

## Valdese

**Valdese Heritage Arts Center**, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center offers a great selection of unique gifts on exhibit and for sale, including, but not limited to original paintings, pottery, needlework, wood-carvings, hand crafted furniture, ceramic sculptures, stained glass, photography, jewelry, floral arrangements, greeting cards, quilts and home made soap. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 828/874-1849 or at (http://vhac.webs.com).

## Washington

**River Walk Gallery and Arts Center**, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

## Waynesville

**Little Gallery on Church Street**, 37 Church Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring monthly exhibits by regional arts. Sponsored by the Haywood County Arts Council. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at (www.haywoodarts.org).

**The Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts**, 307 Shelton Street, corner of US 276 So. and Shelton Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handicrafts of North Carolina in the historic Sheldon House. Hours: Museum hours change seasonally, call 828/452-1551.

## Wentworth

**Dan River Art Market & Gallery**, 1122 NC Hwy. 65, Wentworth. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers art and craft by local artists and 6 gallery exhibits throughout the year, workshops and lectures. Hours: Thur., 10am-4pm; Fri., 11am-2pm; and by appt. Contact: 336/349-4039.

## West Jefferson

**Ashe Arts Center**, 303 School Ave., West Jefferson. **Through Nov. 20** - "Best of the Blue Ridge," a juried exhibition. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: the Ashe County Arts Council at 336/846-2787 or visit (www.ashe-countyarts.org).

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