

# NC Institutional Galleries

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geoning artistic talent. **Through Feb. 5** - "Beyond the Lens: Photorealist Perspectives on Looking, Seeing, and Painting". Throughout the history of painting from the mid-19th century forward, artists have used an endless variety of approaches to record their world. "Beyond the Lens: Photorealist Perspectives on Looking, Seeing, and Painting" continues this thread, offering an opportunity to explore a singular and still forceful aspect of American art. Photorealism shares many of the approaches of historical and modernist realism, with a twist. The use of the camera as a basic tool for organizing visual information in advance of painterly expression is now quite common, but Photorealists embraced the camera as the focal point in their creative process. "Beyond the Lens" presents key works from the collection of Louis K. and Susan Pear Meisel, bringing together paintings and works on paper dating from the 1970s to the present to focus on this profoundly influential art movement. The exhibition includes work by highly acclaimed formative artists of the movement such as Charles Bell, Robert Bechtle, Tom Blackwell, Richard Estes, Audrey Flack, and Ralph Goings as well as paintings by the successive generations of Photorealist artists Anthony Brunelli, Davis Cone, Bertrand Meniel, Rod Penner, and Raphaella Spence. **Judith S. Moore Gallery, Through Apr. 15** - "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. The next generation of artists like Hayden Wilson and Alex Bernstein continue to create here. **Through Apr. 29** - "American Art in the Atomic Age: 1940–1960," which explores the groundbreaking contributions of artists who worked at the experimental printmaking studio Atelier 17 in the wake of World War II. Co-curated by Marilyn Laufer and Tom Butler, American Art in the Atomic Age which draws from the holdings of Dolan/Maxwell, the Asheville Art Museum Collection, and private collections. "We are delighted to partner with the Asheville Art Museum to present an exhibition that highlights the brilliance of the Atelier 17 studio and artists during the Atomic Age," says Ron Rumford, Director of Dolan/Maxwell. "Though challenged by the times, Atelier 17 preserved and pioneered a legacy in printmaking that still inspires." **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](http://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](http://www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com)).



Andy Oates, Vera Williams, ca. 1950. Collection of BMCMA+AC.

**Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center**, 120 College Street, Asheville. **Through Jan. 6** - "Weaving at Black Mountain College: Anni Albers, Trude Guermonprez, and Their Students," is the first exhibition devoted to tex-

tile practices at Black Mountain College (BMC). Celebrating 90 years since the college's founding, the exhibition reveals how weaving was a more significant part of the College's legendary art and design curriculum than previously assumed. The weaving program was started in 1934 by Anni Albers and lasted until Black Mountain College closed in 1956. Despite Albers's elevated reputation, the persistent treatment of textile practices as women's work or handicraft has often led to the discipline being ignored or underrepresented in previous scholarship and exhibitions about the College; this exhibition brings that work into the spotlight at last. **Jan. 26 - May 11** - "Vera B. Williams / STORIES Eight Decades of Politics and Picture Making". Vera B. Williams attended BMC from 1945-1950 when she became one of the few to formally graduate. She was a student of Josef Albers and had sculptor Richard Lippold as her outside examiner prior to graduation. She married architect Paul Williams at the college and, with him, co-founded the artists' co-op community called The Land in Stony Point, New York. Williams was an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books that often centered on diverse, working-class families, perhaps informed by her own childhood growing up during the Depression as the daughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe. **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](http://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](http://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. Winter Hours: Fri.-Mon., 11am-5pm & closed Tue.-Thur. Contact: 828/505-8707 or at (<https://www.odysseycoop-gallery.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-6pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at ([www.craftguild.org](http://www.craftguild.org)).



Work by Janice MacDonald

**Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center**, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Jan. 17** - "Embellishments". This exhibition features the work of fifty-one Guild members showcasing embellished work in a variety of craft media. The exhibition curator, Nikki Josheff, chooses a theme and title for each member show that opens at the Folk Art Center. "I thought Embellishments would be a fun theme for our members to explore. Member

exhibition theme's are always open to interpretation by the maker. It adds another layer of fun to the theme. Our members hit this one out of the ballpark! This is one of my favorite exhibitions!" Josheff states. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection 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 Feb. 28** - "Creating Textures". This exhibition features the work of five Guild members: Michael Hatch (glass), Valerie Berlage (wood), Joseph Rhodes (jewelry), Barry Rhodes (clay), and Joanna Warren (leather). The glass face jugs in the exhibit are by glassblower, Michael Hatch, Guild member since 2005. "My Face Jug series is inspired by ceramic vessels made in the Appalachian region for over one hundred years," states Hatch. "When I first started this series twenty years ago there was no one else making Appalachian style face jugs in glass. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: call 828/298-7928 or at ([www.southernhighlandguild.org](http://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.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville  
**The North Carolina Arboretum**, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **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](http://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. **Rankin East and West galleries, Through May 5** - "Lee Hall: Immediate Landscapes. Lee Hall (1934 – 2017) had a long and varied career in the arts but her deep North Carolina roots always seemed to bring her and her work back to the Tarheel State. Born in Lexington, NC, her abstract expressionist paintings are vivid examples of those traditions while retaining the kind of detail that truly brings a viewer into a specific place and time. A graduate of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina (now the University of North Carolina-Greensboro), Hall was one of the first



Work by Lee Hall, courtesy of Jerald Melberg Gallery

women to make headway in the post-WWII New York art scene. **Cannon Gallery, Through June 30** - "Highlights: Selections from BRAHM's Permanent Collection". BRAHM stewards a growing Permanent Collection of over 800 objects. Museums build collections for a variety of reasons preserving artworks and other objects of historical importance for future generations; cataloging, documenting, and researching said objects; and displaying and interpreting the collection for the public through exhibitions, publications, and other educational programs. Schaefer Gallery, **Through Apr. 20, 2024** - "Crafted Modern: The Collection of Rob Williams". **Schaefer Gallery, Through Apr. 20** - "Crafted Modern: The Collection of Rob Williams". The Studio Craft movement of the 20th Century witnessed a broad resurgence of artists working in mediums historically understood to be less precious than their fine art counterparts. Clay, metal, glass, wood, and fiber were the materials of daily life, constituting the tools and wares of domestic and professional labor. **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](http://www.blowingrockmuseum.org)).

## 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/kingstreetart.html#/>).

**Appalachian Cultural Museum**, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

**Hands Gallery**, 543 West King Street, Boone. **Ongoing** - What began as the dream of a small group of craftspeople in 1975 continues today in a very personal and continually-changing environment. The history of Hands Gallery Co-op is as varied and intriguing as the artists who have come and gone over the years. Dozens of artisans have explored the business opportunities Hands has given their work, while donating time and ideas to the growth and success of the gallery. Today, the co-op serves as a role model for arts and crafts co-ops throughout the Southeastern US. Hours: daily, 10am-6pm, except Thanksgiving & Christmas. Contact: 828-262-1970 or at (<http://www.handsgallery.org/>).

**King Street Art Collective**, Watauga Arts Council, 585 West King Street, (above Doe Ridge Pottery) Boone. **Ongoing** - A gallery and interactive art space with changing exhibits and activities celebrating the arts. Hours: Thur., 11am-5pm; Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 10am-2pm. Contact: 828-264-1789 or at (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).

**Turchin Center for the Visual Arts**, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Mayer Gallery, Through May 4** - "Revelation: Michael O'Neill". "Revelation" supports the mission of the Turchin Center to showcase creative responses to local, regional, and global climate change. All of O'Neill's ethereal landscapes were made in the South. The land bears the ongoing scarification of a deeply troubled history at the same time the photographs reveal the beauty of what yet may be lost if we do not find a more equitable way to care for the lands of which we are the current stewards. **Hodges Gallery, Jan. 16 - June 1** - "Trophic Cascade: April Flanders". The web of life under the surface of aquatic ecosystems is exceedingly complex and devastatingly beautiful. In a place where species interactions begin at a microscopic level, small changes have huge

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