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imagery by evoking natural and organic forms, using colored pencil and watercolors. Color and self-expression are important in Oliver's work.

Denton, NC, artist Anne Croom uses oils to create dramatic lights and darks, bright colors, lost shadow and delicate accents. Her style is painterly, with thick

paint (impasto) on highlights.

Edna Wolf of Winston-Salem uses oil paint to capture the beauty of the world around her.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or call Teenie Bingham at 336/249-8186, ext. 239.

Find Your Perfect Valentine's Day Gift on Busbee Road in Seagrove, NC - Feb. 11 & 12, 2011

Valentine's Day is about celebrating those you love. What better gift than something handmade by an artist. The Seagrove Potters of Historic Busbee Road are planning a weekend shopping experience designed to fit your Valentine's Day shopping needs, on Friday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011.

Ten shops, including three museums, a jeweler, a blacksmith and a wide variety of other crafts, all in less than a three mile scenic drive, where pottery has been made continuously for over 100 years will offer their creative talents. There is something for everyone on your list in the shops starting on Busbee Road at Pottery Highway 705 and ending at Jugtown Road.

Ben Owen Pottery will feature pieces in the Chinese Red for a special Valentine's weekend beginning Feb. 11. For info call 910/464-2261 or visit (www.benowenpottery.com).

Chris Luther Pottery will feature large vases, bottles, teapots, and smaller functional wares in a variety of multi-layered colors. Chris will also be demonstrating on Feb. 12, at the studio for visitors. For further info call 336/301-3254 or visit (www.chrislutherpottery.com).

Westmoore Pottery's shop will be decorated for Valentine's Day. On both days the Farrell's will feature pottery with hearts and will serve Valentine's Day refreshments. For further info call 910/464-3700 or visit (www.westmoorepottery.com).

Hickory Hill Pottery will serve light refreshments and feature their Mauve and Mauve and White glazes, and their handmade, large and small cake pans. For further info call 910/464-3166.

Mill Creek Forge, a blacksmith shop owned by Jerry Darnell, will have several items including hooks and hangers made

up around the heart theme. For further info call 910/464-3888 or visit (www.millcreekforge.com).

O'Quinn Pottery will have light refreshments made by Sandra O'Quinn, and will feature heart shaped bowls along with a fresh kiln load of pottery. For further info call 910/464-5125.

Cady Clay Works will have a nice selection of pieces available. For further info call 910/464-5661 or visit (www.cadyclayworks.com).

"Original" Owens Pottery will have their signature Owens red glaze, and a fresh supply of dinnerware. For further info call 910/464-3553 or visit (www.originalowenspottery.com).

Moore Pots Pottery will feature animals, including elephants, chickens, goats, and lions. You will find vases, jars, and faces jugs among the pieces from the latest firing. For further info call 910/464-1453.

Jugtown Pottery will have a new firing with Copper Red, Peach Bloom, and Lavender glazed pieces. The Owens will feature vases, tumblers, yunomis and teapots. There will be complimentary dark chocolate on both Friday and Saturday. For further info call 910/464-3266 or visit (www.jugtownware.com).

JLK Jewelry at Jugtown will feature new romantic jewelry with red stones and other new creations in a variety of colors. For further info call 910/464-2653 or visit (www.jlkjewelry.com).

Visit (www.potteryofbusbeeroad.com) for direct links to the individual pottery websites. You can pick up the brochure for the Busbee Road section of the Seagrove pottery area at the NC Pottery Center, all NC Welcome Centers and at any of the shops along Busbee Road.

Ben Owen Pottery Gallery Opens in Ritz-Carlton in Charlotte, NC

The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte, located in Uptown Charlotte, NC, has unveiled its exclusive new Ben Owen Pottery Gallery, presenting custom pottery pieces from renowned Seagrove, NC, artist Ben Owen III. The new retail setting will be open to the public daily and has been created to feature the work of an acclaimed contemporary potter whose pieces already highlight the hotel's extensive contemporary art collection.



Seventy of Ben Owen's original pieces are currently on display throughout The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte, and the opening of his first gallery in the city will open up new access to hotel guests and local residents wishing to purchase his work.

The gallery will offer 75-100 one-of-a-kind pieces of Ben Owen pottery, with prices beginning at \$45. Works will range from pots, vases, jars, bowls and plat-

ters to major showpieces and spectacular larger works of art. All items are hand-created by Owen, who also will make special appearances at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte for 2011 art weekends and art demonstrations.

"We are honored to be working with an artist of Ben Owen's stature," said David Rothwell, General Manager, The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte. "Many of our guests have commented on his work in our hotel public areas, and we are delighted to now make it available on a retail basis. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Owen to special art events at the hotel as well."

Born and raised in the legendary Seagrove pottery tradition, Ben Owen III learned his art from his grandfather, Ben Owen, Sr., the long-time master potter at North Carolina's Jugtown Pottery. Like his grandfather and other Seagrove potters, young Ben Owen has made a special study of Asian ceramics, finding that the Seagrove tradition has a special affinity for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean forms and glazing techniques. Owen incorporates these influences into vibrant glazed pieces which offer simplicity, strikingly smooth shapes and brilliant colors yielding to earth tones. Owen's works are owned by some of the world's most high-profile collectors, with his large installa-

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tions also seen in Ritz-Carlton hotels and select private residences worldwide.

The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte is home to several hundred pieces of fine art presented in striking locations throughout the hotel, from the first-floor Lobby and second-floor meeting spaces to guest rooms, corridors and the penthouse Spa & Wellness Center. The hotel's commitment to supporting local art and artists is visible as pieces and artists from the Carolinas are given special prominence in this curated collection.



The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte is located at 201 East Trade Street, in Uptown Charlotte. The Ben Owen Pottery Gallery will be open daily from 9am to 6pm.



For further information call the hotel at 704/547-2244 or visit (<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Charlotte/Default.htm>).

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