

SC Commercial Galleries

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Four Green Fields Gallery & Gifts, 117-A Central Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the new home of Silver Pail Pottery by potters Jillian and Robin Carway. The gallery showcases the work of 45+ American fine craft artists with an emphasis on local and South Carolina artisans. Offering a wide range of talent from the master potter to the emerging silversmith. Other media represented include fiber, wood, photography, baskets, paper, glass, metal, leather and handmade artisan products. Craft artists interested in exhibiting with Four Green Fields can find an "Artist Info Packet" on the website. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/261-7680 or at (www.fourgreenfieldsgallery.com).

Imperial Framing & Specialties, 960 Bacons Bridge Road, Palmetto Plaza, Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lowcountry artists. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 843/871-9712.

Miles Gallery, 208 S. Magnolia St., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Whimsicalities for eclectic personalities. Fun art from local, regional, and international artists. Handmade jewelry, paintings, folk art, pottery and much more. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 843/851-1182 or at (www.milesgallery.us).

People, Places, & Quilts, 129 W. Richardson Avenue, Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring fabric, books, patterns, notions, quilts and Folk Art. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm and Sat.,

10am-5pm. Contact: 843/937-9333 or at (www.ppqquilts.com).

Tea Farm Cottage, 808 N. Cedar St., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by the largest group of artisans and crafters in the tri-county area with 90 sellers under one roof, plus locally-made foods and antiques. Monthly arts and crafts shows on our 1/2 acre property. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 843/871-1113.

The Finishing Touch, 140-A West Richardson Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original art, fine crafts, framing and interior design by appt. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm & Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 843/873-8212.

Treasure the View - Sand Carved Glass, 129 1/2 W. Richardson Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Unique sand carved glass sculptures created by renowned artist Lex Melfi. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece produced by cutting images into glass using high-pressure sand. Hours: by appt. only. Contact: 843/875-7822 or at (www.lexmelfi.com).

Sumter

Elephant Ear Gallery Fine Arts and Creations, 672 Bultman Dr., Sumter. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by 23 artists offering every medium from watercolor to angora grown rabbits producing fur for spinning. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 803/773-2268.

NC Institutional Galleries

Aberdeen

The Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Through Feb. 11** - "See How It's Done," featuring works by the League's 2014 art instructors, including oil paintings by Harry Neely, Joan Williams, Diane Kraudelt, Courtney Herndon and Andrea Schmidt, and paintings by watercolor artists, Sandy Scott, Irene Dobson and KC Sorvari. Drawings by Sandra Kinnunen, Pat McMahon and Barbara Sickenberger, and pastel and colored pencil work by Betty Hendrix will be included. Collage work by Sandy Stratil and ink paintings by Pam Griner will also be featured. **Feb. 17 - Mar. 21** - "Wednesdays with Friends". A reception will be held on Feb. 21, from 6-8pm. This group of oil painters includes Deirdre LaCasse, Julie Martin, Mary Ann Halsted, Bonnie Hanly, and Pat Anderson. **Ongoing** - The Artist's League of the Sandhills currently houses 35 artists-in-residence studios and offers classes by local professional artists and workshops by nationally known artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon-3pm. Contact: 910/944-3979, or at (www.artistleague.org).

Albemarle

Falling Rivers Gallery, 119 West Main St., next to Starnes Jewelers, Albemarle. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a cooperative venue of the Stanly Arts Guild. Member staffed, this gallery offers the very best in local art and crafts including oil and watercolor, photography, pottery and ceramic art, jewelry, native American art, gourd sculpture and much more. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 6:30pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/983-4278 or at (www.fallingrivers-gallery.com).

Alamance County

BAL Gallery, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/I40, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Since the beginning of Burlington Artists League in 1972, we have grown to represent many local artists in our immediate area. BAL's express purpose is to promote and elevate the area artists and their fine art spirit in Burlington, NC, and surrounding areas, thereby creating outlets for the artists and encouraging their continuing efforts to improve and create more art work. Along with wall art and bin reproductions, the BAL Artists Gallery also includes 3-D art such as sculptures and pottery. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-8pm; Sat., 10am-9pm, & Sun. for special events. Contact: 336-584-3005 or at (<http://balartists.com/joomla/>).

1873 Capt. James & Emma Holt White House, 213 South Main Street, 2 1/2 blocks off I85/I40, exit#147, Graham. Home of the Alamance County Arts Council. **Ongoing** - We are commit-

ted to shaping the cultural identity of Alamance County by making art a tangible presence in the lives of its citizens. We strive to enhance the quality of life by engaging people in a diverse array of art through the delivery of programming and education, and through the provision of facilities, advocacy, promotion, and funding. **Ongoing** - Picasso's Gift Shop, located in the Captain White House, promises unique finds of local, regional, and international art. The beautiful arts and craft items sold in the store help support the artist in the community. Featuring a wide variety of art, pottery and glass. Admission: free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 336/226-4495 or at (www.artsalamance.com).

Asheboro

Sara Smith Self Gallery, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Feb. 4 - 25** - "Rodney Bennett". A reception will be held on Feb. 4, beginning at 5:30pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

Asheville Area



Thornton Dial, *After the Burn*, 2012, fabric, metal, wood, clothing and enamel on canvas and wood, 72 x 72 x 10 inches. Collection of the Souls Grown Deep Foundation, Atlanta.

Asheville Art Museum, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **Feb. 7 - May 25** - "Blueprints: A Collaboration," celebrates the collaboration of two important contemporary artists, Susan Weil and José Betancourt. Alongside these evocative works, the Museum is pleased to show a selection of Susan Weil's *Livres d'Artistes*, which are also spirited collaborations. A reception and gallery talk will be held on Feb. 7, beginning at 5pm. **Through May 18** - "Social Geographies: Interpreting Space and Place". The art world operates within geographic frameworks. Spatial divisions between "inside" and "outside" impact how the art world describes, identifies and validates artists featured within the exhibition, *Social Geographies: Interpreting Space and Place*. Whether

deemed "outsider" – Henry Darger, Martín Ramirez, George Widener – or "self-taught" – Thornton Dial, Sr., Minnie Evans, Lonnie Holley – these artists bear categorical markers that organize their art but do not adequately speak of their art's unique qualities and circumstances. In response to such prescriptive terms, "Social Geographies" asks viewers to experience artwork regarded as different, differently. 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., 16 College Street, Asheville. **Feb. 1 - 28** - "Blue Ridge Palette Impressions," featuring an exhibit of works by Lissa Friedman. A reception will be held on Feb. 7, from 5-8pm. The exhibit depicts her palette-knife-produced oil paintings of the North Carolina landscape. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 28 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: M.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and first Fri. of the month till 8pm. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **Through May 17** - "Cynthia Homire: Vision Quest". The exhibition will focus on the work of poet, potter and visual artist Cynthia Homire, a Black Mountain College alumna, now in her early 80s, who has worked in a variety of media over the course of her prolific career. Homire was a student at Black Mountain College from 1950-1954, where she studied with Charles Olson, Robert Creeley, and M. C. Richards, among many others. Homire describes this seminal experience with her typical humor and grace. **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).

Blowers Gallery, main floor of UNCA's Ramsey Library, Asheville. **Through Feb. 28** - "Robert Wilson vs. Burning Man". This two-part exhibition examines two different events in contemporary American culture: the conceptual innovative theater of Robert Wilson, and spontaneous theatrical performances in the desert of Nevada. Hours: regular library hours. Contact: 828/251-6546.

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Flood Gallery, Feb. 1 - 28** - "SightsUnseen," featuring a new series of work by artist, Linda Larsen. A reception will be held on Feb. 1, from 6-8pm. The exhibit includes paintings and monotypes, some of which will be paired with literary and historical texts selected by Deborah James, Professor of Literature and Language at UNC-Asheville. In addition, also on display from the Register of Deeds, the facsimiles of Buncombe County's Cohabitation Slave Records, collected and digitized in partnership with UNC Asheville's Center for Diversity Education. A panel discussion will be offered on Feb. 27, beginning at 7pm. A diverse panel and community conversation with artists, writers, activists, sociologists, philosophers, educators and all those interested in commenting, questioning and feeling their way through this topic. Moderated by Brian Butler, Thomas Howerton Distinguished Professor of Humanities, and Board Chair of Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center. **Pump Gallery, Feb. 7 - 28** - In December, the Flood Gallery friends and volunteers began a project for Black History Month with kids from the Burton Street Community Center. For the last several weeks, the kids have been hard at work researching Black History Leaders and their contributions to the Civil Rights Movement, and beyond. In addition to collages that portray images of the work and impact of these important leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, the kids have also produced paintings in the style of noted Haitian American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, a contemporary of Andy Warhol. A reception will be held on Feb. 7, from 4-5:30pm. **Ongoing** - Dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging and mid-career artists, as well as educating the public and furthering the understanding of contemporary art and its importance within the community and beyond. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/255-0066 or at (www.philmmechanicstudios.com).

Guild Crafts of Southern Highland Craft Guild, 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.

Highsmith University Union Gallery, located on the ground floor of UNC Asheville's Highsmith University Union, Asheville. **Through Feb. 9** - "UNC Asheville Student Art Organization Annual Members' Show". The exhibition includes works in ceramics, oil painting and photography, among other media. Many pieces will be available for purchase. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Contact: 828/251-6559 or at (<http://art.unca.edu/>).

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S. Tucker Cooke Gallery, UNC-Asheville, 1st floor, Owen Hall, Asheville. **Through Mar. 17** - "Drawing Discourse," the 5th annual exhibit of contemporary drawing. Juror Tim Lowly, a Hendersonville, North Carolina native, is a Chicago-based artist, curator, and professor who is known for his egg tempera pictures of disabled children. Lowly selected 37 works for this exhibit from among more than 1,100 entries submitted by 402 artists. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm. Contact: call UNCA's Art Department at 828/251-6559 or at (<http://art.unca.edu/>).

Southern Highland Craft Gallery, 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).



Erin Rose Gardner, Engagement Ring Brooch, 2010, Found Rings, cz, steel, silver, rhodium plated, 3 x 3 in, Photo credit: Richard Gehrke

New Location

The Center for Craft, Creativity and Design, 67 Broadway, Asheville. **Through May 10** - "Taking Shape: Celebrating the Windgate Fellowship". The show was juried by Cindi Strauss, the curator of Modern and Contemporary Decorative Arts and Design at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and features works from 14 of the 50 artists who were awarded Windgate Fellowships in the first five years of the program. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: call 828/785-1357 or at (www.craftcreativitydesign.org).

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through May 11** - "Eyecatchers: The Hunter Collection". From the collection of Robert & Barbara Hunter, this exhibition highlights a variety of designs, fabrics and techniques found in traditional and contemporary quilts. An important side benefit has been getting acquainted with quilt artists both here and abroad, developing a fascination with their varied designs, the fabrics and combinations used, stimulating learning about the many techniques chosen, prompting more reading of quilt books and other related publications. **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. Hours: daily from 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Our gallery exhibits new work by many of the fine ceramic artists who have been part of Odyssey during the last 20 years. The gallery also serves to inspire and educate the community and our students about the nature of clay and the variety of ways clay can be used, enjoyed, valued and collected. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-4:30pm. Contact: 828/285-9700 or at (www.highwaterclays.com).

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

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