

# NC Institutional Galleries

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the instruction and direction of a strong group of FRANK member and consigning artists, as well as a number of photographs documenting their journey. **Mar. 25 - Apr. 6** - "Meet Our Heroes: Secret Room Books Created by Durham Academy 6th Grade Students". A reception will be held on Mar. 27, from 5-8pm. The students return with their Secret Room Books, illustrating the hero in each student's life in a vibrant pop-up style, handmade book. **Ongoing** - Featuring work from over 70 artists, Frank offers more than you'd expect from an art gallery. Frank is a collective, founded by the area's finest artists working together to open the door for creative innovation in the arts. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-6pm; Thur. till 8pm and Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 919/636-4135 or at ([www.frankisart.com](http://www.frankisart.com)).

**Horace Williams House**, Chapel Hill Preservation Society, 610 East Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. **Through Mar. 23** - "Big, Bold, Black & White," featuring an exhibit of paintings by Murry Handler. Hours: Tue-Fri 10 am-4 pm, & Sun 1-4 pm. Contact: 919/942-7818 or at ([www.chapelhillpreservation.com](http://www.chapelhillpreservation.com)).

## Charlotte Area

**North Davidson Arts District Gallery Crawl - From 6-9 or 10pm on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For info check ([www.noda.org](http://www.noda.org)).**

**Uptown Gallery Crawl - From 6-8pm on the 1st Friday of each month.**

**South End Art Gallery Crawl - From 6-9pm on the 1st Friday of each month.**



View of the Mario Botta exhibition

**Bechtler Museum of Modern Art**, Levine Center for the Arts, 420 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through July 25** - "Mario Botta: Architecture and Memory". Botta is among the most noted architects on an international scale. His reputation and status have long been established throughout the rest of the world by the great number and wide variety of commissions the 70-year-old architect has received in the last 50 years throughout Europe and most recently Asia. He is considered one of the world's foremost architects of churches and museums. Botta's body of work ranges from private residences in the Swiss Alps to urban projects in Europe and Asia. The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is the only US venue for this engaging exhibition that highlights the designs for some of Botta's significant museums, libraries, theaters and religious spaces. Over the last decades, Botta has focused on creating major public buildings worldwide. The exhibition features sketches, original wood models and photographs for 30 of these projects. **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection comprises artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; and open until 9pm the 1st and 3rd. Fri. of each month. Contact: 704/353-9200 or at ([www.bechtler.org](http://www.bechtler.org)).

**Charlotte Art League Gallery, Classes & Studios**, 1517 Camden Road, South End, Charlotte. **Mar. 7 - 28** - "COMMUNITY." A reception will be held on Mar. 7, from 6-9pm. Interpretations of what bonds us as communities will be offered. Coming in April, "SPRING INTO ART", a regional juried exhibition. Prospectus and entry labels available at ([www.charlotteartleague.org](http://www.charlotteartleague.org)). **Ongoing** - CAL offers affordable fine art by local professional and emerging artists in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Thurs., 11am-3pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 11am-5pm; & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at ([www.charlotteartleague.org](http://www.charlotteartleague.org)).

**Davidson College Art Galleries**, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every Gallery, Mar. 13 - Apr. 13** - "Darren Douglas Floyd: Destroyer of Dreams, Or, Container of All Future Meaning." A reception will be held on Mar. 13, from 6-8pm and a lecture on Mar. 20, at 6pm in Semans Auditorium. **Smith Gallery, Mar. 13 - Apr. 9** - "Yvonne Petkus: Serial Self." A reception will be held on Mar. 13, from 6-8pm. A lecture will be given on Mar. 12, at 6pm in Semans Auditorium. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at ([www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org](http://www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org)).

**Elizabeth Ross Gallery**, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Ross Gallery, Through Mar. 6** - "Jewelry + Metals of the Carolinas," featuring works by seven emerging and established artists, including Eliana Arenas, Claire Avery, Mi-Sook Hur, Katie Poterala, Caitie Sellers, Courtney Starrett and Loring Taoka. The exhibition will include a variety of techniques and materials, including enamel, plastic, resin and others. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: Sharon Dowell, Gallery Coordinator, at 704/330-6211 or at ([www.cpcc.edu/art\\_gallery](http://www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery)).

**Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture**, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through June 1** - "African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives From The David C. Driskell Center African American Art Since 1950". Featuring an exhibition in which works by renowned artists such as Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, and Sam Gilliam are coupled with exciting new visionaries, including Chakaia Booker, Lorna Simpson, and Kara Walker, collectively reflects the growing prominence and complexity of the field of African American art over the last 60 years. **Through June 1** - "Question Bridge: Black Males". The exhibit explores the ongoing challenges within the black male community by instigating a transmedia conversation across the geographic, economic, generational, educational and social divisions of American society. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at ([www.ganttcenter.org](http://www.ganttcenter.org)).

**Lake Norman Art League Gallery**, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at ([www.LKNart.org](http://www.LKNart.org)).

**Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa)**, 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. The gallery, which has expertise in a number of different art media with a significant focus on paintings, will also be part of a larger planned expansion that includes open artist studios and a dining concept. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm or by appt. Contact: Neely Verano at ([neely@lacaprojects.com](mailto:neely@lacaprojects.com)) or call 704/609-8487.

**Levine Museum of the New South**, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at ([www.museumofthenewsouth.org](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)).

**McColl Center for Visual Art**, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Through Mar. 29** - "QUYNH VANTU: THRESHOLDS." During her residency in Fall 2013 Quynh Vantu, a trained and licensed architect who does not discern between architecture and art, will re-imagine the Center's first floor gallery and entry ways culminating in an architectural intervention using fabric and light. Vantu's commissioned project will respond to the building's soaring ceilings

and mix of industrial architectural elements and the visible remnants of the neo-Gothic church. Focusing on transforming transitional spaces – hallways, thresholds, stairways – into condensed social exchanges, compressed physical negotiations, or transforming the lens through which we re-evaluate our routine environment, Vantu's project will invite us to explore our physical relationship to the built environment of the McColl Center and how we interact with its spatial surroundings. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at ([www.mccollcenter.org](http://www.mccollcenter.org)).

**Mint Museum Randolph**, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through June 29** - "Bearing Witness: The New York Photo League and Sonia Handelman Meyer". The New York Photo League was established in 1936, and centered on the exploration of the power of photography to effect social change and capture the lives of ordinary people as they had never before been depicted. And now, the work of this era - focusing in particular on the remarkable photography of Sonia Handelman Meyer is on view. The exhibition includes approximately 100 photographs from Photo League members. **Through Aug. 17** - "North Carolina Pottery, Then and Now." Selections from the museum's recent exhibition, "A Thriving Tradition: 75 Years of Collecting North Carolina Pottery," are supplemented by more highlights from the museum's permanent collection. From the earliest decades of the nineteenth century regions of North Carolina emerged as key centers of pottery production. Randolph, Moore, and Chatham Counties in the Eastern Piedmont developed strong ceramics traditions, with potting families like the Foxes and the Websters creating well-crafted, utilitarian vessels in salt-glazed stoneware. Farther west, the Catawba Valley counties of Lincoln and Catawba developed their own notable ceramics traditions, with the Seagles, Hartsoes, and other potters making storage jars and jugs in ash-glazed stoneware. The ash-glaze tradition was kept alive in the twentieth century by Burlon Craig and his followers. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardens. **Harris and Crist Galleries** - Featuring some contemporary works that are new to the collection or have not been seen for a while. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at ([www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org)).

**Mint Museum Uptown**, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Mar. 1 - Aug. 10** - "Allure of Flowers: Botanical Motifs in Craft, Design, & Fashion." The exhibition



Maija Isola. Finnish, 1927–2001 | Marimekko. Helsinki, Finland, 1951– | Unikko (detail) designed 1964, printed 1966–67 | Cotton | Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Benson. Collection of The Mint.

presents a survey of outstanding works from the mid-nineteenth century to today that collectively illustrate the evolution of floral ornament in modern and contemporary applied art. Floral patterns have appeared in decorative arts since ancient times. Inspired by the forms, colors, and textures of the botanical world, artists from across the globe have copied and interpreted individual flowers, bouquets, and gardens in glass, ceramic, textile, and jewelry design. Allure of Flowers presents a survey of outstanding works from the mid-nineteenth century to today that collectively illustrate the evolution of floral ornament in modern and contemporary applied art. **Mar. 29 - July 20** - "Women of Vision: National Geographic Photographers on Assignment". The 11 photographers featured in this exhibition are inspiring trailblazers and storytellers. The 100 photographs capture compelling stories of our planet and its people. For the last decade, some of the most powerful and impactful stories published by National Geographic have been produced by a new generation of women. The 11 photographers featured in "Women of Vision: National Geographic Photographers on Assignment" are inspiring trailblazers and storytellers. They are as different as the places and the subjects they have covered, but they all share the same passion and commitment to storytelling that has come to define National Geographic. The more than 100 photographs in the exhibition capture compelling stories of our planet and its people from the savannahs of Botswana to the war torn streets of Libya and Afghanistan; the beaches of the Jersey Shore to the Mongolian steppe or the rainforests of New Guinea. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown will house the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at ([www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org)).

**Pease Auditorium Gallery**, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Pease Lane & Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. **Through Mar. 6** - "Artifice," featuring works by Betsy Birkner and Pam Winegard, which include a variety of media, including ceramics, found objects, gouache and encaustic. The exhibition will feature the collective works of both artists, who live and work in Charlotte, NC. **Mar. 17 - July 3** - "Past Perfect: Kirsten Tradowsky." A lecture and reception will take place on Apr. 9, beginning at 2pm. San Francisco painter Kirsten Tradowsky takes inspiration from the past. She paints scenes from old photographs, or of old objects, taking no pains to hide their present condition. An exhibition of her work feels like a search in a thrift shop, complete with the imperfect objects and places worn by time. This exhibition will include a group of her most recent paintings, rendered in both rich and faded hues that reference the age of her subjects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: Grace Cote, CPCC Gallery Coordinator by calling 704-330-2722 ext. 3183 or by e-mail at ([grace.cote@cpcc.edu](mailto:grace.cote@cpcc.edu)).

**Projective Eye Gallery**, UNC-Charlotte Center City Building, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through Mar. 12** - "Henrique Oliveira". The folds, curves, and caverns of Brazilian artist Henrique Oliveira's monumental installations confront the viewer with a voluptuous magnificence. Painstakingly constructed of strips of weathered plywood (often from tapumes, fences in his hometown of São Paulo), the site-specific works invade the space in an almost parasitic manner – protruding from walls and wrapping around architectural structures to suggest forms found in nature and the human body. Oliveira's installations speak to the human experience on a physical and universal level. His work for the Projective Eye Gallery will cover the 22-foot gallery wall with forms,

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