

NC Institutional Galleries

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to North Carolina's rich centuries-old tradition of wood-fired pottery. The exhibition showcases some great historic pieces from different regions and traditions within the state and places them in proximity to wonderful examples of more recent and contemporary pieces being made today. This juxtaposition allows the viewer to visually explore sometimes their similarities, sometimes their differences, and sometimes the similarities in their differences. This is a broad survey of NC wood-fired pottery. Some contemporary pieces will be available for purchase. Purchased pieces must remain in the show until it ends. **Mar. 5 - 8** - "33rd Annual North Carolina Potters Conference: The Similarities in Our Differences". The North Carolina Potters Conference is the Southeast's premier ceramics conference. Through its history, the conference has featured some of the best ceramics artists from around the world who demonstrate their techniques and share presentations about their work and professional practices. The conference was created by Dwight Holland, Mark Hewitt, and Dorothy Auman in partnership with the Randolph Arts Guild in 1987 and to this day continues to be a major convergence and contributor in education and networking for North Carolina ceramics. Beginning with the 2020 conference, the North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, will assume organizational leadership and host the conference. Since its inception 32 years ago, the Randolph Arts Guild has built and maintained a great reputation as the host of this internationally acclaimed conference. The Randolph Arts Guild established a firm foundation on which to continue to grow the event, and, with their blessing, the NC Pottery Center will continue to grow and improve the conference for many years to come. The new home of the North Carolina Potters Conference could not be more fitting than in Seagrove, NC - known as the "Pottery Capital of the United States". Although the birthplace of the conference was in Asheboro, only 20 miles away, a packed conference program can make it difficult to take advantage of the proximity to such a rich living pottery epicenter like Seagrove. The majority of this year's conference programming will be held at the Historic Luck's Cannery located along the renowned NC Pottery Highway 705, just 0.7 miles from the conference host and organizer, the NC Pottery Center. The featured speakers during the conference will be Alex Matisse and John Vigeland of East Fork Pottery, Ron Philbeck, and Thomas Schmidt. The East Fork Pottery team creates a unique brand of ceramic wares out of an ever growing factory space in Asheville, NC; they just opened another manufacturing space in Atlanta, GA. Alex and John will both give separate talks about the evolution of the business and marketing direction of the East Fork model. For more information about all of our presenting artists, full conference schedule, registration, accommodations, and much more visit (www.NCPottersConference.org). **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).



Glass fruit from STARworks Glass 2020 line

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. **Mar. 7, from 9am-5pm** - "GlassFest," a premier North Carolina handmade functional glass sale. STARworks will host guest artists and hold glassblowing demonstrations throughout the day. The Smokehouse Bistro food truck will be on site. The event is free to attend and open to all ages. It is the first opportunity to view and purchase items from the 2020 line of STARworks Glass products. Guest artists will also have work available and they include: Leckie Gassman, Isaac Feuerman, Rainbow Glass

Productions operated by Andrew Thompson and Jamie Estes, and Joe Hobbs. **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.starworksncc.org/caf-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 8am-9pm & Thur.-Sat., 8am-10pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: call 910/428-9001 or at (www.starworksncc.org).

Siler City

Throughout Siler City, Mar. 20, 6-9pm - "Siler City Art Walk," featuring exhibits at many of the city's exhibit spaces, live entertainment, artist demonstrations, food, local wine or beer tastings, offered in town on the 3rd Fri. of the month. Hosted by the North Carolina Arts Incubator. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

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).

Southport

Franklin Square Gallery, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Through Mar. 14** - "2020 Spring Art Show," presented by the Associated Artists of 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).

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 Apr. 3** - "TACS' Artist of the Year Exhibition," features eleven artists who held the title of Artist of the Month in 2019: Keith Berner, Jimmi Buell, Doug Dacey, Ellen Davison, Irene Heckel-Volpe, Sarah Jane Kennedy, Dorothy Lasco, Kristen Mode, Jean Preston, Joe Rhodes, and William Rogers. The show includes a variety of disciplines, such as silversmithing, pottery, silk painting, felting, wire wrapping, wood and metal assemblage, painting, and blacksmithing. **Through Apr. 3** - "The LEAP!" features a group show including entries submitted in response to a public call-to-artists. In acknowledgement of the Leap Year, artists were prompted to take a leap in their artistic practice. The resulting exhibit shows exciting and precarious instances of risk with artists stepping outside of their comfort zones. Exhibiting artists include: Lauren Bergrud, Jorie Browder, Jimmi Buell, Susan Cannon, Don Clarke, Deede Cohen, Becky Hintz, Melinda Holland, Grace Lertora, Judy Lindsey, Judy Martin, Patti Miles-Cooner, Judith Royer, Donna Sabolovic, Cathey Cassidy Stoney, Vicki Van Vynckt, Holly Wilkes, Lydia Wilson, and Patty Wright. **Gallery & 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).



Work by David Zacharias

Upstairs Artspace, (Celebrating 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Through Mar. 13** - "Worker Bees: Artists of The Upstairs"; "Drawing Marathon IV"; and "Patricia Cole-Ferullo: Experimental Work". All the artists live in Polk County and Landrum, SC. "Worker Bees" pays tribute to members of the gallery's current Board of Directors - plus members of its Exhibits committee - who are professional artists, but also work hard to keep the gallery fully operational. These artists are Alexia Timberlake Boyd, Mark Holland, Linda Hudgins, Dale McEntire, Janet Orselli, Cathey Stoney, John Walters, Hague Williams, David Zacharias. "Drawing Marathon IV" is a combination of work sessions for participating artists and a regular Upstairs' exhibit; the event is held biennially. "Patricia Cole-Ferullo: Experimental Work" will present a solo show of recent work in which she pushes the envelope of "experimental." **Upstairs Gallery, Mar. 21 - May 1** - "David Zacharias: Art for All Seasons". A Walk & Talk will be offered from 5-6pm, with a reception to follow from 6-7:30pm. The Upstairs Artspace is very pleased to present a rich and broad exhibit of the work of longtime friend of the gallery, David Zacharias. With a MFA from the University of South Carolina, he has been a practicing artist for over 50 years and has been art faculty at Converse College since 1986. He is well-known for his extensive work with ceramics, where he continues to push the boundaries of the material both physically and conceptually. **Downstairs Gallery, Mar. 21 - May 1** - "Rising Artists of the Region," curated by Hague Williams, Landrum High School's Fine Arts Teacher and board member. A Walk & Talk will be offered from 5-6pm, with a reception to follow from 6-7:30pm. Featuring the most dedicated and talented young emerging artists from four local high schools in the South Carolina Upstate and Western North Carolina, the students chosen for this exhibition have shown a determination to work professionally with a sustained investigation on one theme. These artists have self-motivation, technical skill, and talent. Artists in training, their works are compelling, full of energy and beaming with fresh ideas. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at (www.upstairsartspace.org).

Valdese

Valdese Heritage Arts Center, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center of-

fers 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 Haywood County Arts Council's Gallery 86, 86 N. Main Street, Waynesville. **Mar. 6 - 28** - "8th Annual ArtShare," is a showing of fine works of art which have been donated to or consigned with the HCAC. The HCAC welcomes pieces from collectors that may be downsizing, changing décor, or who wish to consign estate items to benefit the arts in this community. "ArtShare" was born out of a desire to allow collectors to be able to pass on art for someone else to enjoy. **Ongoing** - The gallery lends itself to showcase high quality fine art by local and regional artists. Winter Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-4pm, closed Wed. & Sun. 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 or at (www.artsin-rockingham.org).

Wilmington

Downtown Wilmington, Mar. 27, 6-9pm - "Fourth Friday Gallery Nights," featuring a free monthly event where downtown galleries and studios open their doors to the public in an after-hours celebration of art and culture. The art walk is a self-guided tour featuring exhibitions of various artistic genres including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, metals, ceramics, mixed media and more. Maps are available at all participating locations as well as the Visitors and Convention Center. For more info visit (www.wilmingtonfourthfridays.com).



Work by Janet B. Sessoms, 2019 1st Place winner

Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 120 South Second Street, Wilmington. **Mar. 28 - Apr. 5** - "38th Annual Juried Spring Show and Sale," presented by the Wilmington Art Association, features new works by artists from Wilmington and surrounding areas. The exhibition is the official art show of Wilmington's annual Azalea Festival. The exhibited art will be from over 250 artists and will consist of art created using multiple mediums, including watercolors, oils, pastels, acrylics and a section of 3-D art will also be included. The show will include working artists demonstrations, drawing and

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