

# Craven Allen Gallery in Durham, NC, Features Works by Beverly McIver

Craven Allen Gallery - House of Frames in Durham, NC, is presenting *The Light Within*, featuring new works by Beverly McIver, on view through Apr. 3, 2021.

Beverly McIver returns to Craven Allen with a powerful new body of work. The show can be viewed in the gallery with social distancing, as well as online on the Craven Allen's Beverly McIver gallery page.

A nationally known artist who has been named Top Ten in Painting by *Art News*, McIver was working nonstop, teaching classes at Duke, leading workshops all over the country, caregiving for her family, and painting when she could. When COVID hit, along with all of 2020's racial and political turbulence, McIver's life changed dramatically. McIver faced the chaos and isolation the only way she knew how - through paint.



Work by Beverly McIver

created portraits of her sister and her 94-year-old father as a means of remaining intimate even as they all struggled with loneliness and isolation.

A colorful silk scarf draped over her head became a mask or a blindfold. Light filtering through blinds in her home beautifully contour her face, yet also suggest prison bars. A heavy black rope figures prominently in many of the new works. "Black friends interpreted the rope wrapped around my head as a noose and white people saw the rope as my dread-locked hair blowing in the wind. The interpretations of the two worlds I straddle daily, collided."

"My voice felt loud and unapologetic. I felt power in speaking my truth. I hadn't been loud enough, and I needed to scream it," says McIver. "These new works do just that. I have never felt the need to be so bold about constraints and restrictions. This is the time to be brave."

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 919/286-4837 or visit ([www.cravenallengallery.com](http://www.cravenallengallery.com)).



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It was an intensely productive time. "I painted daily. It was both thrilling and terrifying; all this energy poured into two dozen new paintings," says McIver. Through a series of self-portraits and paintings of family and friends, McIver confronted her feelings and fears. She

# Liquidambar Gallery and Gifts Celebrates 10 Years in Pittsboro, NC

The year 2020 marked 10 years of exhibitions and sales of works by over 85 artists in the Liquidambar Gallery and Gifts at 80 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro, NC. Beginning on Mar. 3, the gallery will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:30am until 5:30pm. There is a new exhibit featuring paintings by Lynn Goldhammer which will be on view through Mar. 27, 2021. There is also the exhibit, *Minimalistic B&W Photography - Less is More*, by John Mecham. This exhibit will be on display through May 29, 2021.



Work by John Mecham

Up until the unusual year of 2020, the Gallery featured one 2-D and one 3D artist every month and a reception for the new artists took place on the first Sunday of each month. The Gallery and sales area stresses handcrafted work of original design.

Kitty and John's art has not stood still during the past ten years. Both have adventured into new art platforms and media. A visitor to the Gallery will find jewelry, paintings, textiles, etching and block prints, hand-built and turned ceramics, photography, graphic design, and multimedia pieces by Kitty and John. Recent art excursions to Scotland, Italy, and the Southwest, as well as living, teaching and studying art in Kenya have influenced their artistic expressions. Gallery activities as well as links that highlight the work of Kitty and John are on the Gallery website ([www.liquidambarstudio.com](http://www.liquidambarstudio.com)).

As we enter 2021, Kitty has launched several new media outlets and the easiest way to take a look is at ([www.linktr.ee/Liquidambar](http://www.linktr.ee/Liquidambar)). The year 2020 gave Kitty and John the opportunity

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Work by Lynn Goldhammer

Liquidambar Gallery gets its name from the sweetgum tree (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), a common large tree along the Haw River where Gallery owners Kitty and John Mecham have their art studio and home. Kitty and John are artists who started Liquidambar as a venue to display and sell their own work; which they have done but the Gallery soon blossomed into a space for artists from the surrounding area to spotlight their art. The Gallery has been a showcase for a wide variety of both 2-D and 3-D arts and crafts during the past 10 years.

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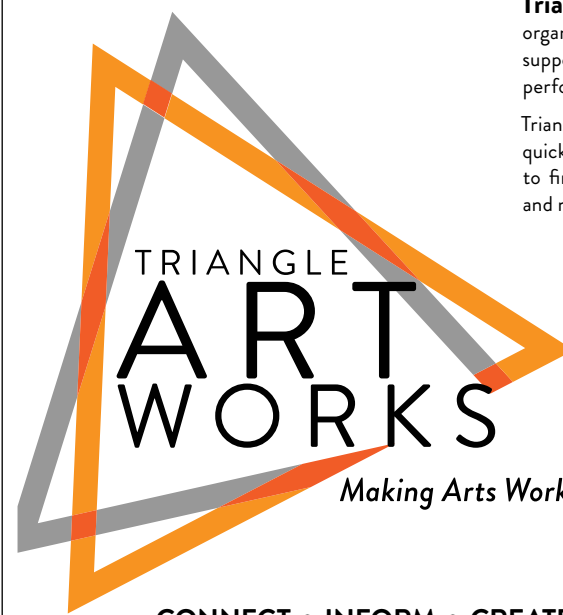
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to participate in courses that will help them develop digital educational modules in the arts. Kitty, as a gallery owner, plans to use her experiences to help artists find success procuring a show in an art gallery. By Mar. 1, she will be launching the course: Find Success: Presenting Your Art to a Sales Gallery. John is developing an Alternative Photography course that incorporates seven alternative photogra-

phy methods for photographing the figure; and, both Kitty and John are constructing a digital signature course that will be a comprehensive overview of Artistic Anatomy.

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