

Craven Arts Council & Gallery

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Photographers of America (PPA) since 2005.

McCabe received his Certification as a professional photographer from PPA in September 2013 and his Master of Photography Degree in February 2015. In 2012 he received the Kodak Gallery Award and was awarded the 1st Place in Women's portraiture at the 2012 PPofNC Convention in Raleigh. McCabe is the past president of the Professional Imaging Group of Eastern North Carolina and is a current member of the Coastal Photo Club in New Bern, and sits on the Board of Directors for PPofNC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 252/638-2577 or visit (www.cravenarts.org).



Work by Tom McCabe

Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC, Features Works by Brenda Behr

The Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC, will present *Not Painted to Go With Your Couch*, featuring works by Brenda Behr, on view in the Main Gallery at the Bank of the Arts, from Mar. 1 - 31, 2023. A reception will be held on Mar. 10, from 5-8pm.

Brenda Behr is a local artist who is primarily known for her paintings en plein air and her portraits of people. She works in both oil and watercolor, depending on her subject matter and focus. Behr received her Bachelor's in Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University and her Masters in Fine Arts in Advertising Design from Syracuse University.

After working in Minnesota for several years as a graphic designer, Behr returned to North Carolina where she more seriously pursued painting. This led to Behr's work exhibiting at numerous galleries and museums including the Fort Wayne Museum



Work by Brenda Behr

of Art, the Iredell Museums, the Greenville Museum of Art and now a solo exhibition at the Bank of the Arts. *Not Painted to Go With Your Couch* will feature works from across her career.

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Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County in Fayetteville, NC, Offers The Black Culture Experience Series

Ellington-White Contemporary (EWC), with funding support from the Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County in Fayetteville, NC, is presenting inspiring artwork in the *Soul & Spirit* exhibit that signifies Black Joy as the heartbeat of our culture, on view at The Arts Center, through Mar. 4, 2023.

The Black Culture Experience Series is all about the artistry, connectedness, impact, and vision of African American creatives that dives deep into the undeniable influence that Black Culture has made in shaping the dynamics of our nation by honoring their innumerable contributions within the ARTS all year round.

Soul & Spirit is a national juried, Black Art competition that celebrates the spirit of Black Joy and its resiliency that has carried the existence of Black culture throughout history. Grounded in the roots of African heritage, the modernized artistry that signifies Black Joy has become the heartbeat of the culture that drives Black creatives to be bold and intentional in breaking the mold and mindsets of conventional artforms.

The *Soul & Spirit* exhibition is reflective of how the progression of the Black Art movement has made its impact. The inspiring collection of artworks is evolutionary. It shares the cultural identity of twenty-eight celebrated Black creatives from across the US through their traditional and contemporary African American visual artistry. Many of these national, award-winning Black creatives have exhibited in major international museums, and have been featured on PBS, *CBS Sunday Morning*, and other national media sources.

"Arts Council's support for this national



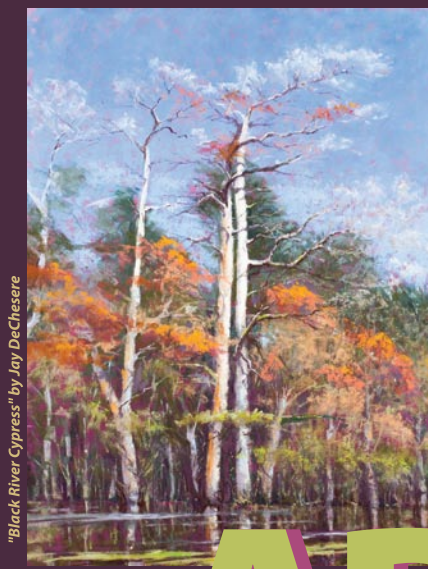
Work by Don DonCee Coulter

Black Art exhibition helps to assist EWC in implementing our mission of providing high quality arts events for the community," says Calvin Mims, Executive Director of the Ellington-White Community Development Corporation. Through a Café Call for Arts, EWC and the Arts Council invited artists of African descent to enter this national Black Art exhibition. Curator Dwight Smith, Associate Professor of Visual Arts at Fayetteville State University, and guest jurors Shirley Woodson and Senghor Reid selected the works on display in The Arts Center gallery.

Exhibiting artists include: Adeleke Atinuke, Alonzo Crawford, Andrew Johnson, Billye Schley, Brandon Dudley, Bryan Wilson, Bryane Broadie, Chad Everett, David Black, Desmond McFarlane, Don DonCee Coulter, Dwight Smith, Felicia Ashby, Gerold Vital, Gregory Johnson, Imani Cooper-Mkandawire, J'reyesha Brannon,

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CALL FOR ARTIST



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Jerry Weems, Jessica Kelly, K.E. Griffin, Leroy Robinson, Lydia Boddie-Rice, Lydia Thompson, Onzie Norman, Senghor Reid, Shirley Woodson, Timothy Porter, and Tyrone Geter.

"The Arts Council is proud to partner with the Ellington-White Community Development Corporation in support of this Black Culture Experience exhibition," says Bob Pinson, Interim President and CEO of the Arts Council.

Ellington-White Contemporary is a fine arts gallery for emerging and professional artists. This space presents a yearly exhibition calendar that reflects and responds to the cultural diversity in the community we serve and is of the highest quality artworks possible. Our yearly calendar includes exhibitions of local, regional, and national artists, touring exhibitions, juried and invitational shows, solo and group exhibitions. The space is also available for art classes, lectures, chamber music recitals, and a limited and select number of receptions.

Ellington-White Community Development Corporation believes that arts centered activities contribute to the sustained advancement of human dignity, health, and productivity within a community. They provide a gateway to the arts for everyone to enter, learn, and enjoy creativity, from the novice to the expert through community development. Their focus is to provide an inclusive, positive, arts experience to all who visit our gallery, attend their artist talks, take their classes, or partake in their community events.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Fayetteville, NC that supports individual creativity, cultural preservation, economic development, and



Work by Tyrone Geter

lifelong learning through the ARTS. As a primary steward of public and private funding for arts, cultural, and historical activities in the Cape Fear Region, all affiliated programs of the Arts Council exemplify our 5 core values: Excellence, Accountability, Transparency, Collaborations, and Innovation.

In the year 2021-22, the Arts Council distributed almost \$1 million in grant funds and allocations to Cumberland County arts and culture non-profit organizations, artists, and municipalities.

Grants, programs, and services of the Arts Council are funded in part by contributions from community partners, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the NC Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 910/323-1776 or visit (<http://www.theartscouncil.com/>).

So you're the Marketing Director of a visual arts organization, art museum, arts center, arts council or artist guild and you're wondering why you never see the exhibits presented at your facility included here. Maybe you're the owner of a commercial art gallery and you've never seen your exhibits included with others presented in your area. You might even be an individual artist who is having an exhibit in a non-profit space or commercial space and you don't see your exhibits included. My question to you is - How long will you put up with that before you ask someone, "Why that is the case?" If you're not included - it's your fault. Send your info about exhibits to "Carolina Arts" by e-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com). Our deadline is the 24th of the month "prior" to the month your exhibit starts.