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Blowing Rock



Page Laughlin, "Flags at Sea," oil on Arches L'Huile, 2023, 51 ½ x 41 ¼ in.

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Community Room Gallery, Mar. 1 - Apr. 26** - "A Cardboard History of Blue Ridge Music". This unique exhibition offers an in-depth look at the rich history of Blue Ridge music, including 36 original, letterpress-style posters dating back to as early as 1939. Each poster has detailed information about the life and legacy of the featured musicians. Originally, window cards and other announcement posters were created to advertise upcoming entertainment events staged by troupes of traveling performers. By design, they were printed on inexpensive paper or cardboard to last only a few months and were nailed to telephone poles, plastered onto the sides of buildings, and placed in store windows. **Rankin West and East Galleries, Through June 8** - "Storybook to Storybook: The Beulah Campbell Collection at Appalachian State University," featuring an exhibition celebrating the creativity behind mid-20th-century children's literature. Featuring more than 30 original illustrations, collages and preparatory drawings, "Storybook to Storybook" offers a behind-the-scenes look at how artists crafted iconic children's stories. Spanning the 1950s to the 1980s, the collection explores themes of identity, heritage and imagination, reflecting the shifting cultural landscape of the time. **Fort Gallery, Through May 4** - "SHIP/SHAPE: Page Laughlin and David Finn". The exhibition features more than 20 paintings and sculptures that explore and delight in the various manifestations of ships as image, symbol and metaphor. The exhibition showcases two distinct, but interrelated, bodies of work presented side by side. Although at first glance the two artists' work might appear radically different—in medium, use of color, physicality—on closer examination strong parallels emerge. Both artists' works subvert expectations with layers of complexity and meaning. This marks the first time in over 30 years that the two artists, who are a couple, have developed an exhibition together. For Laughlin and Finn, one could understand both these bodies of work as portraiture of a sort: studies of seemingly familiar subjects. **Atwell Gallery, Through Aug. 10** - "Considerations: An Installation by Sarah Vaughn". Vaughn's "Considerations" invites visitors to step into a landscape of thousands of carefully crafted glass river rocks. Made using techniques like blowing, flame-working, casting, and laminating, these fragile stones are stacked and arranged to create an immersive installation that explores how we experience and remember the world around us. Each glass rock represents a moment in time—some tied to personal memories, others shaped from reclaimed glass, blending stories of loss and creation. **Ongoing** - "Reimagined Ginny Stevens Gallery: Blowing Rock, A History Exhibition," features a diorama of the iconic Mayview Manor Hotel. This immersive exhibition celebrates the town of Blowing Rock's rich history and features an extraordinary new highlight: a 1-to-87 scale diorama of the Mayview Manor Hotel, crafted by renowned Charlotte-based realist painter and diorama artist Dan Nance. The reimagined exhibition is a collaboration between Ashlee Lanier, a freelance curator with a master's degree in public history from Appalachian State University and a bachelor's degree in osteoarchaeology from North Carolina State University, and Ian Gabriel Wilson curator of exhibitions and collections at BRAMH. Samantha Burnette, graduate student in the public history program at Appalachian State University, supported the project through extensive review of available historical materials and photographs in partnership with the Blowing Rock Historical Society and BRAMH. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat.,

10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkway-craft@bellsouth.net).

Boone

Downtown Boone, 1st Friday every month, from 5-8pm - First Friday Art Crawl. For further info contact the Watauga Ars Council at 828-264-1789 (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/king-streetart.html#/>).

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Hands Gallery, 543 West King Street, Boone. **Ongoing** - What began as the dream of a small group of craftspeople in 1975 continues today in a very personal and continually-changing environment. The history of Hands Gallery Co-op is as varied and intriguing as the artists who have come and gone over the years. Dozens of artisans have explored the business opportunities Hands has given their work, while donating time and ideas to the growth and success of the gallery. Today, the co-op serves as a role model for arts and crafts co-ops throughout the Southeastern US. Hours: daily, 10am-6pm, except Thanksgiving & Christmas. Contact: 828-262-1970 of at (<http://www.handsgallery.org/>).

King Street Art Collective, Watauga Ars Council, 585 West King Street, (above Doe Ridge Pottery) Boone. **Ongoing** - A gallery and interactive art space with changing exhibits and activities celebrating the arts. Hours: Thur., 11am-5pm; Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 10am-2pm. Contact: 828-264-1789 or at (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).



Dr. Portia Maria, "Tears for Ta-tas"

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Hodges and Community Gallery, Through May 24** - "OAK SPRING: Seeding Artists". The Turchin Center is pleased to host an exhibition of works showcasing the work of many of the resident artists supported by the Oak Spring Garden Foundation. Since 2018, the Foundation has hosted over 120 residents. Their programs include the Interdisciplinary Residency, Botanical Artist Residency, Plant Conservation Science Fellowship, Plant Science Research Fellowship, Stacy Lloyd Fellowship for Bibliographic Studies, and the Eliza Moore Fellowship for Artistic Excellence. As Sir Peter Crane, president of the OSGF has written, the mandate of the Foundation is "to use this remarkable legacy to serve the public interest—by facilitating scholarship, inspiring public dialogue, and encouraging meaningful engagement with the history and future of plants—including especially their contributions to human well-being and significance in the culture of gardens and landscapes." **Mayer Gallery, Through May 3** - "The Clothes I Wear," featuring works by Dr. Portia Marie York and Dori Settles. "Bras of Beauty by Dr. Portia Maria York," explores the profound beauty and spiritual resilience found within the real and

metaphorical scars of breast cancer warriors. Through intricately crafted crocheted bras, this collection seeks to impart a sense of lightness and to lift the veil of shame associated with the loss of breasts, hair, nails, and changes in skin tone—challenges often mistakenly viewed as a loss of femininity. "Shoes: Storytellers of our Lives," by Dori Settles is an exhibit of glass shoes accompanied with stories written by the shoe owners. These stories, translated into glass, represent our common humanity. Like people, glass is both forgiving and easily shattered. **Gallery A, Through Apr. 5** - "Prints from the Permanent Collection: Celebrating the Generosity of Donors". Like so many small and medium-sized university art centers, the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts relies on the generosity of donors to support the permanent collection which is enjoyed both on and off-campus by students, alumni, staff, and faculty as well as visitors to the center's galleries. "Prints from the Permanent Collection: Celebrating the Generosity of Donors" showcases both a recent donation by Julia Rothschild Gidney in honor of her parents, Dr. Judith Rice Rothschild and Dr. Gerard Harry Rothschild, as well as the ongoing generosity of long-time donors Peter and Joni Webb Petschauer. **Petti/Peiser Gallery, Through Apr. 5** - "Master Printer: Bill Lagattuta and Friends". In 2024, Master Printer, Bill Lagattuta generously made a significant donation of his professional artwork to Appalachian State University, his undergraduate alma mater. Thirty of Lagattuta's fine art prints, created in collaboration with such well-known artists as Suzi Davidoff, Lesley Dill, Jim Dine, Tony Fitzpatrick, Tom Joyce, Louise Nevelson, Lilianna Porter, Johnnie Winona Ross, May Stevens, and Hollis Sigler, among others, are now part of the permanent collection at the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. A master printer works diligently behind-the-scenes to assist artists in realizing their vision for fine art prints. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-6pm; Fri., noon-8pm; & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone Throughout Appalachian State University campus, Boone, Through May 14 - "38th Rosen Sculpture Competition and Exhibition". This is a national juried competition presented annually by An Appalachian Summer Festival and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. Since its establishment by Martin and Doris Rosen in 1987, the Rosen Competition continues a tradition of showcasing contemporary American sculpture in outdoor settings across the beautiful campus of Appalachian State University. The competition, in its 38th year, has become firmly established as a cultural treasure and a significant point of pride for Appalachian State University and our entire region. The competition has garnered national praise for the free access to the "best of the best" in contemporary sculpture it offers for countless residents and visitors across North Carolina and beyond. The Rosen Family proudly continues the legacy of Martin and Doris by generously supporting this important program dedicated to sharing the power and joy of public art, creating a fascinating glimpse into the world of contemporary sculpture, and building new audiences for the visual arts. This program is made possible by the generous support of the Martin & Doris Rosen Giving Fund/Debbie Rosen Davidson and David Rosen and the Charles & Nancy Rosenblatt Foundation. Hours: daylight hours. Contact: For more information, please visit (tcva.org). Free guided tours for classes and groups are available upon request. Please contact the Turchin Center by e-mail at (turchincenter@appstate.edu) or call 828/262-3017 to schedule a tour.

Watauga Arts Council, 377 Shadowline Drive, Boone. **Ongoing** - In 1981, a core group of Watauga County residents who love the arts and wanted to protect Appalachian culture and crafts gathered together and formed the Watauga Arts Council. Their goal was to create activities and events that shared their love of the community, to educate children, to continue the tradition of artistry and craftsmanship in the High Country, and to provide artists with the assistance they need to grow and develop their voice. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: 828/264-1789 or e-mail to (info@watauga-arts.org).

Brasstown

Folk School Craft Shop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Olive D. Campbell Building, Brasstown. **Ongoing** - The shop represents more than 300 juried craftspeople and features an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary Appalachian craft, including jewelry, pottery, wood, fiber, ironwork, basketry and other disciplines. You'll find marquetry earrings, clay serving platters, turned-wood bowls, functional fireplace poker sets and many more unique items. The shop is also proud to be the home of the world-renowned Brasstown Carvers. A book room houses hundreds of instructional and celebratory books on

everything from basketry to writing. Buy a few art supplies or a CD from our collection of traditional Appalachian music. You can take home a Folk School t-shirt, hat or bag as a souvenir. Find the perfect scenic postcard to tell everyone back home about your visit to the Folk School. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8am-5pm; Thur. til 6pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 800/365-5724 or at (www.folkschool.org).

Brevard

Downtown Brevard, Mar. 28, 5-8pm "Brevard 4th Friday Gallery Walk". Enjoy an evening stroll in downtown Brevard, NC as you explore the art galleries, art stores, retail stores and restaurants that are staying open late from 5-9 pm on the 4th Friday from April - December. Experience art, music and wine. Be sure to look for the 19 animal sculptures and five murals located in downtown as well. Make an evening of it and stop by and have dinner in one of our downtown restaurants. A brochure for the gallery walks can be found at any of the participating galleries or at the Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the TC Arts Council at 828/884-2787 or go to (<https://www.tcarts.org/>) and click on Art Tours.

Number 7 Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 2 West Main Street, historic McMinn building, Brevard. **Ongoing** - A Fine Arts and Fine Crafts cooperative featuring the juried works of 22 of Transylvania County's finest artists and craftspeople. New works on display daily. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/883-2294 or at (www.number7arts.com).

Spiers Gallery, Sims Art Center of Brevard College, 1 Brevard College Drive, Brevard. **Ongoing** - Spiers Gallery is a contemporary 1,500 square foot gallery located within the Sims Art Center on the Brevard College campus. Exhibitions in Spiers Gallery are ongoing throughout the year and include shows by Brevard College students and faculty members, as well as visiting artists from Western North Carolina and around the country. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: 828/883-8292.

Burlington

Point of View Gallery, 717 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by member artists: Kathy Alderman, Frances Baker, India Cain, John Dodson, Steven Durland, Debra Farmer, Bill Ferree, Brenda Garner, Wendy Gellert, Michael Kennedy, Cheryl Knox, Peggy McCormick, Jacqueline Mehring, Christine Seiler, Lane Watson, and Rose Wenkel. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 336/270-4998 or at (www.PointOfViewGallery.com).

Burnsville

Burnsville Gallery, Toe River Arts Council, 102 W. Main St., Burnsville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by artists from Mitchell and Yancey Counties sponsored by the Toe River Arts Council. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at (www.toeriverarts.org).

Cary

Throughout Cary, Final Friday of the Month, from 6-8pm - "Cary Art Loop," featuring an evening tour of art spaces in Cary held on the final Friday of the month. Take the C-Tran to the Cary Art Loop! The free bus will make stops at Coffee and Crepes, Studio 180 Salon, Ashworth Village, Cary Arts Center and Page-Walker Arts & History Center/Cary Town Hall. Contact: (www.caryartloop.org).

Bond Park Community Center, 150 Metro Park Drive, Cary. **Through Apr. 27** - "Joely Rogers: Night Creatures". A reception will be held on Feb. 28, from 6-8pm. This collection of 10 images is part of a larger series called "Night Creatures" based on nighttime images captured by game cameras around our home on Rainbow Mountain in Montreat, North Carolina. All images were created using a combination of hand-drawn sketches and Adobe Illustrator/Photoshop. They are printed on Epson Hot Press Natural paper using archival ink and framed with archival framing components. My goals with this series are to raise awareness about the animals living in North Carolina, educate the public about the important roles these creatures play in its cove forest ecosystem, and inspire a sense of wonder at the beauty and diversity of our Appalachian wildlife. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-10pm and Sat., 9am-6pm. Contact: 919/462-3970 or at (www.townofcary.org).

Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue, Cary. **Cary Arts Center Gallery, Through Mar. 21** - "JoAnn Morgan". The wall-mounted hangings are constructed in layered cotton fabric. Because they resemble quilted comforters, which are familiar and approachable, the medium is ideal for addressing provocative topics related to social justice and inequality. Despite the unset-

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