

# Waterworks Visual Arts Center

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Eleven regional North Carolina artists will take on the question of individualism in today's society in a group show of self-portraits, entitled *You and Me*.

Artists featured in the exhibit include Jessica DeHart from Mooresville, John Kuhnenbecker from Eden, Don Moore, Cara Reische, Phyllis Steimel, and James Taylor from Salisbury, Isaac Payne and Jenny Zito-Payne from Charlotte, Julie Rattley from Winston-Salem, Mark Stephenson from Misenheimer, and Nancy Toothman from Morehead City.

Waterworks will also host in the Young People's Gallery the 28th annual youth exhibition, *Celebrating Rowan County's Young Artists*. This display of artwork

features the works of nearly 800 students representing Salisbury-Rowan County's private, independent, and home schools, and public elementary, middle, and high schools. These exhibitions celebrate both the outstanding efforts of the art specialists who teach the creative process, and the extraordinary talents our county's youth.

Waterworks Visual Arts Center is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 704/636-1882 or visit ([www.waterworks.org](http://www.waterworks.org)).

## Stanly Arts Guild in Albemarle, NC, Features Works of Nature

The Stanly Arts Guild in Albemarle, NC, is presenting the exhibit *Nature At Its Best*, an art show, sponsored by the John Gaskin Family, features the best in both 2D and 3D art, on view at Falling Rivers Gallery, through Apr. 16, 2011.

All mediums of art presented including: clay, fiber, glass, metal and wood, as well as oil, pastel, and watercolor paintings and photography. Prizes awarded for first, second, third and honorable mentions amount to \$1200.

Well known photographer Gene Stafford was the juror of the competition sponsored by the Gaskin family and the Stanly Arts Guild. This is a memorial show honoring Ellen Cook Gaskin who was a lover of nature and also an artist. In its third year, *Nature At Its Best* attracts art and 3 dimensional work from some of Stanly County and the surrounding area's finest artists.

Stafford has produced several covers for *Our State: Down Home in North Carolina* magazine in addition to volumes of newspaper and magazine photographic work. He is widely respected for his gifted eye and his 33 years of professional and freelance photography focusing on the natural beauty of the state.

Currently Stafford is president of Stafforddesign/Gene Stafford Photography/Leapfrog, Inc. He has a bachelor of Fine

arts Design Degree from UNC-G and has studied at the San Francisco Art Academy. He taught Commercial arts and Photography at Guilford Technical Community College and Davidson County Community College for a combined total of 25 years. Stafford has been owner and operator of two separate art and photography galleries - Studio Earth and Leapfrog Gallery in the Kernersville, NC, area.

Stafford is affiliated with many photographers throughout the eastern United States and is a past president and board member for the Greensboro Society for Communicating Arts. His work has been featured in shows and galleries throughout the Triad region. One of his most recent endeavors has been the development of the Colfax Persimmon Festival. This annual event, now in its fourth year, is held on his family's historic farm and homestead and attracts artists and craftsmen from throughout the Southeast.

The Stanly Arts guild is sponsored in part by the Albemarle Improvement LLC, the Stanly County Arts Council and the Grassroots Program of the NC Arts Council, a state agency.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Guild at 704/983-4278 or visit ([www.fallingriversgallery.com](http://www.fallingriversgallery.com)).

## Seagrove, NC, Potters Offer Spring Kiln Opening - Apr. 16 & 17, 2011

Working together for the good of the community, Seagrove, NC, area potters are again coming together to create an eventful weekend with something for everyone with the 3rd Annual Celebration of Seagrove Potters Spring Kiln Openings & Studio Tours. Over 50 clay artists will be offering special events and kiln openings throughout Seagrove the weekend of Apr. 16-17, 2011.



Works by Whynot Pottery

Spring has always been a time for renewal and awakening in Seagrove and this year an unprecedented number of shops are opening their doors together to celebrate spring with special events. It's a

great weekend to come out and leisurely browse, shop and experience a 200-year-old tradition, see the process, develop and renew relationships with the potters of Seagrove.



Work by JLK Jewelry at Jugtown

A large variety of events are scheduled throughout the weekend including, but not limited to, loads of beautiful new pots fresh from the kilns, door prizes, refreshments, turning demonstrations and raku firing. Descriptions of events and more details can be found at ([www.DiscoverSeagrove.com](http://www.DiscoverSeagrove.com)).

Stop at any participating shop as you come into Seagrove to pick up a map of the area and listing of events.

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## COUSINS IN CLAY

**AT BULLDOG POTTERY  
SEAGROVE, (CENTRAL) NC**

**A SHOW & SALE OF CONTEMPORARY CERAMIC ART**

**SAT. MAY 28: 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**SUN. MAY 29: 10 AM - 4 PM**

[www.cousinsinclay.com](http://www.cousinsinclay.com)

**CLAY COUSINS**

**Bruce Gholson  
Samantha Henneke  
Michael Kline**

**SPECIAL GUEST COUSINS**

**Jack Troy  
Peter Lenzo**

**Brushwork Demo  
by Michael Kline**  
Sat. 2:00 pm  
Sun. 1:30 pm

**Gholson/Henneke  
Bulldog Pottery  
3306 US Hwy 220 Bus  
Seagrove, NC 27341  
336-302-3469**

**Seagrove is  
40 miles S. of Greensboro, NC**

**P. Lenzo**

Participating shops include: Avery Pottery & Tileworks, Ben Owen, Blue Hen, BlueStone, Bulldog, Cady Clay Works, Caldwell-Hohl Artworks, Crystal King, Dean and Martin, Dirt Works, Dixieland, Dover, Fireshadow, Freeman, From the Ground Up, Great White Oak Gallery, Hickory Hill, JLK Jewelry, Johnston & Gentithes, Jugtown, Kings, Kovack, Lathams, Luck's Ware, Lufkin, McNeill's, Michele Hastings & Jeff Brown, Nichols, Old Gap, O'Quinn, Frank Neef, Potts, Ray, Rockhouse, Seagrove Stoneware, Studio Touya, Thomas, Tom Gray, and Whynot.

The Celebration of Seagrove Potters is a gathering of diverse clay artists joining forces to showcase the traditional and contemporary pottery of the historic Seagrove community. The goal is to maintain the authenticity of Seagrove pottery by working together in a community effort to promote the historical, educational and artistic aspects that can be experienced when visiting Seagrove, and to draw customers to the shops to have a firsthand Seagrove experience.

Celebration of Seagrove Potters was formed in 2008 and merged that year with the Seagrove Area Potters Association, a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote, publicize and market the Seagrove Area Pottery Community and its tradition.

For further information e-mail the group at ([contact@celebrationofseagrove-potters.com](mailto:contact@celebrationofseagrove-potters.com)) or visit ([www.DiscoverSeagrove.com](http://www.DiscoverSeagrove.com)).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and copy-ready ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This would be Apr. 24th for the May 2011 issue and May 24 for the June 2011 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. So now is the time to get your ads, articles and photos to us.

We want to thank the following potters for their support of the Carolina Clay Resource Directory

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