

NC Institutional Galleries

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Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 1517 Camden Road, South End, Charlotte. **Apr. 4-25** - "SPRING INTO ART," CAL's semi-annual juried show attracts some of the best artists in the region, and features a variety of styles and media. Carla Hanzal, former curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at Charlotte's Mint Museum, is juror. Over \$1,800 in prizes to be awarded. Opening reception is Apr. 4, 6-9pm. Free. **Apr. 18** - "Brush and Beats". All are invited to celebrate creativity and bring their painting/drawing supplies to create alongside CAL artists. An open mic is available for singers, poets and acoustic musicians. 6-9pm. Free admission. **Ongoing** - CAL offers affordable fine art by local professional and emerging artists in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Thurs., 11am-3pm; Fri., 1-8pm; Sat., 11am-5pm; & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Davidson College Art Galleries, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every Gallery, Through Apr. 13** - "Darren Douglas Floyd: Destroyer of Dreams, Or, Container of All Future Meaning." **Apr. 24 - May 7** - "2014 Student Art Exhibition". A reception will be held on Apr. 24, from 7-9pm in the Belk Visual Arts Center. **Smith Gallery, Through Apr. 9** - "Yvonne Petkus: Serial Self." Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at (www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Ross Gallery, Through May 1** - "2014 CPCC Juried Student Show," comprised of works created by students enrolled in the Visual Arts program. This year's student show contains 76 individual artworks by 50 CPCC Visual Arts students, created over the past year at CPCC. Works on view represent all media taught at CPCC, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry/metalworking and more. Proceeds from all sold artwork will benefit future gallery programming and exhibitions. This year's event juror is Seth Rouser, a painting instructor at Winthrop University, located in Rock Hill, SC. Rouser has shown his paintings throughout the region and will have a solo exhibition in Ross Gallery in fall 2014. Works awarded first, second and third place honors by Rouser will be announced during an opening reception on Apr. 10, from 5-7 p.m. This event takes place the same week as the college's Sensoria celebration, being held April 4-12, 2014. To learn more, visit (www.sensoria.cpcc.edu). Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: Sharon Dowell, Gallery Coordinator, at 704/330-6211 or at (www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery).

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through June 1** - "African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives From The David C. Driskell Center African American Art Since 1950". Featuring an exhibition in which works by renowned artists such as Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, and Sam Gilliam are coupled with exciting new visionaries, including Chakaia Booker, Lorna Simpson, and Kara Walker, collectively reflects the growing prominence-and complexity-of the field of African American art over the last 60 years. **Through June 1** - "Question Bridge: Black Males". The exhibit explores the ongoing challenges within the black male community by instigating a transmedia conversation across the geographic, economic, generational, educational and social divisions of American society. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at (www.ganttcenter.org).

Lake Norman Art League Gallery, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at (www.LKNart.org).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Through May 2** - "Cuba: Art of the Fantastic," curated by Abelardo Mena. The exhibit brings together four masterful artists, Juan Carlos Verdial, Alicia de la Campa, Alexander



Sea Creatures by Juan Carlos Verdial

González, and Vicente Hernández, who offer personal speeches through figurative, vibrant, and highly emotive paintings and drawings. Full of imagination and fantasy, these artists are joined by their eagerness to freely reinterpret symbols of the Cuban culture, of its geography and history, Catholic and African popular religions, proverbs of the Cuban popular idiosyncrasy, and by their deep knowledge and intertextual game with iconic works of the Western, European, and United States, all places where they have gathered considerable momentum. **Ongoing** - LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. The gallery, which has expertise in a number of different art media with a significant focus on paintings, will also be part of a larger planned expansion that includes open artist studios and a dining concept. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm or by appt. Contact: Neely Verano at (neely@lacaprojects.com) or call 704/609-8487.

Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (www.museumofthenewsouth.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through June 29** - "Bearing Witness: The New York Photo League and Sonia Handelman Meyer". The New York Photo League was established in 1936, and centered on the exploration of the power of photography to effect social change and capture the lives of ordinary people as they had never before been depicted. And now, the work of this era - focusing in particular on the remarkable photography of Sonia Handelman Meyer is on view. The exhibition includes approximately 100 photographs from Photo League members. **Through Aug. 17** - "North Carolina Pottery, Then and Now." Selections from the museum's recent exhibition, "A Thriving Tradition: 75 Years of Collecting North Carolina Pottery," are supplemented by more highlights from the museum's permanent collection. From the earliest decades of the nineteenth century regions of North Carolina emerged as key centers of pottery production. Randolph, Moore, and Chatham Counties in the Eastern Piedmont developed strong ceramics traditions, with potting families like the Foxes and the Websters creating well-crafted, utilitarian vessels in salt-glazed stoneware. Farther west, the Catawba Valley counties of Lincoln and Catawba developed their own notable ceramics traditions, with the Seagles, Hartsoes, and other potters making storage jars and jugs in ash-glazed stoneware. The ash-glaze tradition was kept alive in the twentieth century by Burlon Craig and his followers. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American

Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardens. **Harris and Crist Galleries** - Featuring some contemporary works that are new to the collection or have not been seen for a while. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Maija Isola. Finnish, 1927-2001 | Marimekko. Helsinki, Finland, 1951- | Unikko (detail) designed 1964, printed 1966-67 | Cotton | Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Benson. Collection of The Mint.

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Aug. 10** - "Allure of Flowers: Botanical Motifs in Craft, Design, & Fashion." The exhibition presents a survey of outstanding works from the mid-nineteenth century to today that collectively illustrate the evolution of floral ornament in modern and contemporary applied art. Floral patterns have appeared in decorative arts since ancient times. Inspired by the forms, colors, and textures of the botanical world, artists from across the globe have copied and interpreted individual flowers, bouquets, and gardens in glass, ceramic, textile, and jewelry design. Allure of Flowers presents a survey of outstanding works from the mid-nineteenth century to today that collectively illustrate the evolution of floral ornament in modern and contemporary applied art. **Through July 20** - "Women of Vision: National Geographic Photographers on Assignment". The 11 photographers featured in this exhibition are inspiring trailblazers and storytellers. The 100 photographs capture compelling stories of our planet and its people. For the last decade, some of the most powerful and impactful stories published by National Geographic have been produced by a new generation of women. The 11 photographers featured in "Women of Vision: National Geographic Photographers on Assignment" are inspiring trailblazers and storytellers. They are as different as the places and the subjects they have covered, but they all share the same passion and commitment to storytelling that has come to define National Geographic. The more than 100 photographs in the exhibition capture compelling stories of our planet and its people from the savannahs of Botswana to the war torn streets of Libya and Afghanistan; the beaches of the Jersey Shore to the Mongolian steppe or the

rainforests of New Guinea. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown will house the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Pease Auditorium Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Pease Lane & Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. **Through July 3** - "Past Perfect: Kirsten Tradowsky." A lecture and reception will take place on Apr. 9, beginning at 2pm. San Francisco painter Kirsten Tradowsky takes inspiration from the past. She paints scenes from old photographs, or of old objects, taking no pains to hide their present condition. An exhibition of her work feels like a search in a thrift shop, complete with the imperfect objects and places worn by time. This exhibition will include a group of her most recent paintings, rendered in both rich and faded hues that reference the age of her subjects. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: Grace Cote, CPCC Gallery Coordinator by calling 704-330-2722 ext. 3183 or by e-mail at (grace.cote@cpcc.edu).

The Charlotte ARtery Gallery, 1515 South Mint Street, Unit C, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Our vision is to establish and nurture a cooperative community of professional working artists in the Charlotte area. To mentor artistic curiosity, support networks within the artistic community and enrich the lives of the people who visit and the quality of the work of the individual artists. Hours: call ahead. Contact: call Tina Alberni at 305/491-3164 or at (www.charlotteartery.org).

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.ftc.org).

Women Centered Art, 711 Pressley Road, Charlotte. **Artist Space 711, Ongoing** - Women Centered Art is about bringing awareness to and creating community for artists through lectures, workshops, films and exhibitions. Hours: Wed. during events or Fri. during Reel Women events. Contact: Shane Agostinelli at 704/651-2224 or at (www.womencenteredart.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at about 300. Hours: open daily, year round, with seasonal hours. Contact: 828/497-3103 or at (www.cherokee-nc.com).

Concord

The Galleries, of the Cabarrus Arts Council in Concord's Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street South, Concord. **Through May 22** - "The Orient Express," featuring a new group exhibition exploring Orientalism's impact on contemporary art and craft. "The show explores how Eastern history, developments and culture have impacted viewpoints through artwork in Western culture," said Rebecca Collins, Cabarrus Arts Council Visual Arts Director and curator of the exhibition. "We see the translation of 19th century Orientalism into modern times." The exhibit includes artwork by 16 contemporary Southeastern artists including:

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