

# Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden

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emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. You can see the sculptures the Garden's website at ([www.cbsculpturegarden.com](http://www.cbsculpturegarden.com)).

Carolina Bronze Sculpture has been known for over 25 years as the East Coast's finest bronze casting foundry providing the highest quality sculptures for artists all over the country. They are at the forefront of the digital technology overtaking the casting industry and are committed to lowering their carbon footprint through solar and geothermal energy projects, energy efficient lighting and extensive recycling efforts.

They are expanding their business



One of the sculptures on site

model to build a collaborative effort among arts groups in our area to promote the arts and empower the steadily growing art community with the ability to educate, create and preserve the pride of the fine arts in North Carolina.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or visit ([www.carolinabronze.com](http://www.carolinabronze.com)).

## Celebration of Spring in Seagrove, NC, A Pottery Tour Takes Place - Apr. 22 & 23, 2017

The 9th Annual Spring Kiln Openings and Studio Tours of the Seagrove, NC, potteries will take place on the weekend of Apr. 22 and 23, 2017, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm. The annual Celebration of Spring in Seagrove is a self-guided tour of individual pottery galleries, studios and workshops. It is held at participating shops located from the downtown city center and throughout the countryside. Over 55 local potters will host kiln openings, studio tours, demonstrations.

Spring has always been a time for renewal and awakening in Seagrove and this year an unprecedented number of shops are opening their doors at the same time to Celebrate spring. From the downtown and nestled throughout the countryside, visitors tour individual potter's studios and workshops and shop for pottery pieces fresh from the kilns. Some potteries will have demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and music. Go behind the scenes to experience the process first hand and have the unique opportunity to meet the artists before buying pottery to take home and enjoy.

Those attending will have the opportunity to win a gift certificate for \$150 that can be used at one of the participating Celebration of Spring shops. Pick up a card at one of the shops (or download it from the website), get it stamped in six shops and mail it back by May 5, 2016. Qualifying cards will be entered in a drawing, which will take place the weekend of May 15. This event is presented by the Seagrove Area Potters Association and is sponsored by Capel Rugs, located in Troy, NC.



Work by Bulldog Pottery

[grovePotters](#)) and link to the individual artists for more information.

Seagrove is in the central piedmont of North Carolina. Seagrove is the largest community of potters with the longest continual history of pottery making in the United States. More than 100 ceramic artists call this tourist destination home.

Seagrove potteries are open year-round and visitors can shop galleries and studios from the town's center, extending to a 20-mile radius along the scenic NC Pottery Highway. Tour different shops to experience Seagrove's pottery tradition, meet the potters and discover the limitless talent that thrives within this creative community.

Seagrove's long history of pottery making began with the abundant and varied natural clay deposits found in the vicinity. This history has continued with 4th and 5th generations carrying on the tradition. Due to the area's rich heritage, national and international ceramic artists have relocated to Seagrove, adding to the diversity of this unique pottery community.

The list of participants for 2017 include: Ben Owen Pottery, Blue Hen Pottery, Bulldog Pottery, Cady Clay Works, Cagle Road Pottery, Caldwell-Hohl Artworks, Chris Luther Pottery, Crystal King Pottery, Daniel & Kate Johnston Pottery, Dean & Martin Pottery, Dirt Works Pottery, Donna Craven Pottery, Donna's Pottery Haven, Dover Pottery, Eck McCannless Pottery, Frank Neef Pottery, From the Ground Up, Great White Oak Gallery, Hatfield Pottery, Hickory Hill Pottery, JLK Jewelry at Jugtown, Johnston & Gentithes Art Pottery, Jugtown Pottery, Keith Martindale Pottery, Kings Pottery, Kovack Pottery, Latham's Pottery, Lufkin Pottery,

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Work by Donna Craven

The Spring Tour Guide can be downloaded from ([www.discoverseagrove.com](http://www.discoverseagrove.com)) and includes a map, shop hours and listing of the participating shops. You can also go to Facebook to see who is participating at ([www.Facebook.com/CelebrationofSeagrove](http://www.Facebook.com/CelebrationofSeagrove))

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THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN PRICELESS AND WORTHLESS.



Artist Diane Falkenhagen's Texas studio — destroyed by flooding during Hurricane Ike, 2008

What would you do if you lost your work, your tools, your images, and a lot more to a flood? Metalsmith Diane Falkenhagen knows what five feet of contaminated saltwater can do to a jewelry studio. CERF+ can help you learn how to protect your career from crossing that fine line.

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Matthew Kelly Pottery, Nichol's Pottery, O'Quinn Pottery, Old Gap Pottery, Pottery Junction, Pottery Road Studio & Gallery, Ray Pottery, Rock House Pottery, Seagrove Art Pottery, Seagrove Stoneware Pottery, Smith Pottery, Studio Touya, Stuempfle Pottery, Thomas Pottery, Tom Gray Pottery, Triple C Pottery, Turn &

Burn Pottery, Village Pottery, and Whynot Pottery & Acacia Tile.

Event contact information: Alexa Moderno or Bobbie Thomas at 336/707-9124. Seagrove Area Potters Association, P. O. Box 309, Seagrove, NC, 27341. E-mail to ([contact@discoverseagrove.com](mailto:contact@discoverseagrove.com)) or visit ([www.discoverseagrove.com](http://www.discoverseagrove.com)).

## STARworks in Star, NC, Offers Firefest 2017 - Apr. 7 & 8, 2017

Firefest, a two-day festival celebrating the role of fire in the creation of art, will be held at STARworks in Star, NC, Apr. 7 and 8, 2017. Guest artists will create art, hold slide shows and participate in finale events involving fire.

Ceramic artist Andy Nasisse will create a large ceramic sculpture that will be fired during the festival and revealed when it has reached peak firing temperature and is still aflame during the Saturday night finale.

Nasisse is an independent studio artist who has developed methods of working with clay that are meant to bring out the natural qualities of the material and of the drying, shrinking, glazing, melting and firing. His objects have stratified surfaces that snap and crackle with energy. Nasisse holds an MFA from the University of Colorado.

Glass artist Paul Marioni will perform demonstrations and create art at Firefest. Marioni is one of the founding members of the American Studio Glass movement and is known as an innovator in the glass world. His sculptures and vessels incorporate humor, genre figures, tribal masks and visual puns. Marioni holds a BA in English and philosophy from the University of Cincinnati.

Metal artist Carl Billingsley will lead the iron pour during the Saturday night finale. He is a full time artist who devotes all his time to studio work, symposia and exhibitions. Billingsley is a former professor and sculpture program coordinator for East Carolina University. His sculptures



The dramatic reveal of Sergei Isupov's ceramic sculpture for Firefest 2016 finale. Andy Nasisse will create a large sculpture to be revealed at this year's Firefest.

can be seen throughout the United States and abroad.

Other guest artists include ceramic artists Ibrahim Said, Bruce Dehnert, Ashwini Bhat, Katherine Maloney and Deighton Abrams, glass artists Kazuki Takizawa, Eddie Bernard, Brianna Gluszk, Andrew Thompson and Jamie Estes, and metal artist Mac Metz.

Firefest attendees can try working with hot glass, metal or clay at STARworks Open Studios, Friday evening. More in-depth workshops in each medium will be offered Saturday.

Other activities include an art sale, a hot glass magic show, live bluegrass

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