

NC Institutional Galleries

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Rd, Penland. **Robyn & John Horn Gallery, Through May 12** - "Compose I Decompose", is a new exhibition at the Penland Gallery that combines mixed-media sculpture and sound installations in one space. The work has been created for this show by Penland resident artist Eleanor Annand and Make Noise, an Asheville collective that designs and builds electronic instruments and collaborates with musicians to create new worlds of sound. **Ongoing** - The Penland Gallery and Visitors Center is one of the finest showcases for contemporary craft in the Southeast. The gallery exhibits and sells work by current and former Penland instructors, resident artists, and former students from around the country. A knowledgeable staff provides information about the school's programs, the artists, and studios in the area. The expanded exhibition spaces, sales gallery, and educational visitors center gallery provides a remarkable destination for visitors to Penland School and the surrounding arts community. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. noon-5pm. Contact: 828/765-6211 or at (<http://penland.org/gallery/>).

Raleigh

Artspace, 201 E. Davie Street, Moore Square Art District, behind City Market, Raleigh. **Gallery One, Through Apr. 6** - "Mariam Stephan: Fractured". Stephan's painted worlds explore uncertainty and hardship. Her work explores a space of physical and psychological upheaval related to her multi-cultural identity. **Gallery Two, Through Apr. 6** - "National Print Invitational," curated by Bill Fick and Judy Jones. Printmaking remains one of the most relevant visual art forms practiced today. This exhibition celebrates the astonishing technical breadth of the field, its deep history, perpetual innovation, and unique ability to communicate prescient social and political ideas. Complimentary programming will add additional layers of interest and engagement for visitors. **Lobby, Through Apr. 6** - "SuperGraphic Print Lab Collaborative Site-specific Installation". Bill Fick and SuperGraphic Print Lab of Durham, NC are creating a collaborative site-specific mural in the Artspace Lobby. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 919/821-2787 or at (www.artspacenc.org).

Block Gallery, 222 West Hargett Street, Raleigh. **Through May 17** - "I Feel Like That," featuring works by Telvin Wallace, as part of the Blank On Black Project. The works offers an exhibition of portraiture exploring issues surrounding mental health. Drawing from personal experiences, Wallace begins a conversation on a subject that is too often neglected by society. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5:15pm. Contact: 919/996-3610.

CAM Raleigh, 409 W. Martin Street, between Harrington and West streets, Raleigh. **Through June 9** - "North Carolina Artists Exhibition," featuring North Carolina's largest, all media juried exhibition, sponsored by the Raleigh Fine Arts Society. Now in its 40th year, it is the largest, all media juried exhibition in North Carolina. The North Carolina Artists Exhibition is an annual statewide event that offers artists an opportunity to present their work and be juried by a renowned art professional. For the 2019 Exhibition, 567 artists from across North Carolina submitted over 1,200 artworks, from which the juror selected 63 works by 47 artists. Chad Allgood, an independent curator and historian of modern and contemporary art, served as this year's juror. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., 11am-6:30pm; Wed.-Fri., 11am-6:30pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5pm; and 1st & 3rd Fri., open till 9pm. Contact: 919/513-0946 or at (<http://camraleigh.org/>).

Collective Arts Gallery & Ceramic Supply, 8801 Leadmine Road, Suite 103, Raleigh. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by local and nationally renowned artists on permanent exhibit. Hours: Tue.-Fri. 11am-7pm & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 919/844-0765.

Gregg Museum of Art & Design, The Historic Chancellor's Residence, NC State University, located at 1903 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh. **Through June 23** - "Left-Handed Liberty — Self-Taught Art from the Permanent Collection". The self-taught North Carolina artists featured in this exhibition sometimes achieved recognition as innovative creative minds, but often started out exploring their art in deeply personal ways. They made art in their homes, their workshops, or while in prison; some were plagued by physical and emotional difficulties, and hard times. A few sold their art on the side to admirers and tourists, and some even used their own homes as their canvases or raw materials. The works exhibited in this show represent but a small portion of the works by these inspired and courageous artists collected over the years. **Through July 28** - "Explorations — Science Sculptures by Christina

Lorena Weisner," featuring sculptures with a scientific twist link the gallery with earthquakes, meteorite strikes, ocean waves, etc. Weisner, who incorporates scientific instruments, found objects, and elemental materials into her sculptures and installations, often integrating the equipment's original functions in her work. "Ideally this sculpture will encourage viewers to consider the macro and micro processes through which we interact with the physical world on a daily basis. I consider myself a process-oriented artist," she says. "I choose to begin with an object rather than a concept. . . . The objects I choose simultaneously reflect the nature of matter itself and humanity's determination to make use of and understand it." **Through July 28** - "BorderLands - Evidence from the Rio Grande by Susan Harbage Page," featuring documentary photos and found objects from the US/Mexico border. Page's testimony and a commemoration of the courage, fear, hope and determination that continues to drive countless people to risk everything in search of a better life. For more than a decade, she has traveled to the US-Mexico border near Brownsville, TX, to record the journeys of immigrants entering the United States. By collecting images with her camera and gathering found objects at the scene, she has created what she calls an "Anti-Archive" that documents this still-unfolding event. "We usually celebrate our histories through the objects saved and owned by the privileged. The 'Anti-Archive' resists [this] tradition by saving and archiving objects left behind by anonymous immigrants coming into the U.S. from Mexico." **Through Sept. 8** - "Southern Surreal — Masterpiece Furniture by Tilden Stone," featuring eccentric masterpieces by North Carolina's greatest unsung master furniture maker. The exhibition features remarkable examples of a truly innovative and clever furniture designer. Touch a hidden catch and a bookshelf groaning with novels suddenly drops forward to reveal a desk behind a false front. Press another catch and a secret panel pops out and slides open. All are creations of Tilden J. Stone, grand eccentric and master furniture maker born in 1874 in Thomasville, NC. Many of the pieces reflect the extensive travels that had exposed him to a wide variety of different styles of woodworking. This exhibition marks the first time his amazing furniture has been exhibited in his home state. **Ongoing** - The Museum along with the 15,000 sq. ft. addition currently under construction will increase the museum's visibility while significantly adding to its exhibition and programming space. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: Zoe Starling, Curator of Education at 919/513-7244 or at (<https://gregg.arts.ncsu.edu/>).



Work by Dottie Shaftner

Nature Art Gallery, inside the Museum Store, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, 11 W. Jones Street, downtown Raleigh. **Apr. 5 - 28** - "Feathers and Fluff," featuring artwork by Dottie Shaftner. A reception will be held on Apr. 6, from 2-6pm. Shaftner's work reflects her love of nature and its beauty. "Drawing and painting is like breathing," she says. "Some days it just pours out of my heart, through my fingers and on to the paper. I can't help it. This is who I am. Recreating what I see in nature brings me joy. If my work does the same for others, I am happy." Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-4:45pm & Sun., noon-4:45pm. Store Contact: 919/733-7450, ext. 360 or at (<http://naturalsciences.org/visit/museum-store/nature-art-gallery>).

North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh. **Through Dec. 31, 2020** - "John James Audubon's The Birds of America". Today only about 200 complete sets of "The Birds of America" exist. The Museum's set, bound in four leather portfolios, was acquired by the State of North Carolina in 1848 and kept for more than a century at the State Library before being transferred to the Museum. The hand-colored engravings were recently conserved and rebound. In the new Audubon Gallery, the NCMA presents Audubon's work in special cases designed for each of the enormous "double elephant" volumes, with hydraulic lifts that allow staff access so that the pages can be turned periodically to

display a new selection of birds. **East Building, Level B, Through July 21** - "Within the Frame". Photography provides an opportunity to see what might otherwise be overlooked. Capitalizing on this concept, The exhibit presents a collection of images that reveal hidden scenes within mirrors, frames, windowpanes, and other constructions. In "Within the Frame", viewers "enter" some spaces through doorways, allowing for a deepening of the scope of a picture and the expansion of the story within an image. Windowpanes invite daydreaming, while reflective surfaces—especially mirrors—welcome contemplation of the self or questions of identity. Other works ask the viewer to consider the irony of a framed work of art within a photograph. Kristina Rogers's photocollages, for example, encourage conversations about the layers, inversions, and geometric lines in her images. Together the photographs in Within the Frame evoke ideas about photography that change the ways we think about the medium. **Through July 7** - "Saylor and Morris: Their World Is Not Our World". In Susannah Saylor and Edward Morris's video installation Their World Is Not Our World, a photographer and her smitten assistant document the Oostvaardersplassen, a fantastical manmade "wilderness" about 20 miles from Amsterdam. In connecting with the animals that make this nature reserve their home, the artists blur the boundaries between control and freedom, highlighting the human desire for connection even to those different from us. **Through Sept. 15** - "The Audubon Experience". This temporary presentation is adjacent to the newly installed Audubon Gallery, where visitors can view four large Audubon folios from "The Birds of America" and learn about the naturalist's life and artistic process. **African Art Gallery, East Building, Level A, Ongoing** - Featuring African creativity spanning 16 centuries. The new gallery will be three times as large as the old West Building gallery, allowing the Museum to display nearly twice as many works - including some that have not been on view in a decade, and others that are newly acquired and have never before been on display. The new gallery will feature improved light control so that light-sensitive works of art, such as textiles and works on paper, can be given more visibility, shown in curated rotations. The gallery will include a designated space to highlight North Carolina collections of African art from private collectors and public institutions, beginning with work from Bennett College. It will also incorporate African and African Diasporic modern and contemporary art, including a site-specific wall drawing by Nigerian-American artist Victor Ekpuk. **NCMA Park** - The North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) announces new works of art to be installed in the 164-acre NCMA Park. The works include a bronze tree by Italian artist Giuseppe Penone, a playful pair of benches designed by Hank Willis Thomas, and a 10-day installation of 23-foot-tall illuminated rabbits by Australian artist Amanda Parer. The sculptures will be featured at the NCMA's Park Celebration on Nov. 6, when the public is invited to experience the newly expanded Park with a variety of outdoor activities. **Ongoing** - Featuring 10 additional sculptures by the celebrated French artist Rodin on loan from Iris Cantor's private collection. **Ongoing** - "John James Audubon's The Birds of America". The state has owned this treasured volume since 1848, but it has never been exhibited. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Museum of Art has an outstanding permanent collection of more than 5,000 objects spanning antiquity to the present day. On the occasion of the expansion, the Museum has acquired more than 100 new works of art. Representing commissions, gifts, and purchases, the new works encompass important and diverse examples of historic and contemporary art from around the world, and will be installed in the Museum's new building and the surrounding landscape. Highlights include a gift of 28 sculptures by Auguste Rodin, and work by such internationally acclaimed artists as Roxy Paine, Ursula von Rydingsvard, El Anatsui, Jaume Plensa, Jackie Ferrara, Ellsworth Kelly, and David Park, among others. Admission: Yes for some exhibits. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., 10am-5pm; & open until 9pm on Fri. Contact: 919/839-6262 or at (www.ncartmuseum.org).

North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, (between Salisbury and Wilmington Streets), Raleigh. **Extended through May 27** - "The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes," featuring a new exhibit showcasing original paintings by and artifacts from the life Ernie Barnes, a native North Carolinian and NFL football player who became one of the nation's foremost African-American artists. Widely-known as the real painter behind the character J.J. Evans' artwork in the groundbreaking African-American sitcom "Good Times", Barnes' unique style of painting made him one of the premier figurative artists of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. His style, which has been widely imitated, is best exemplified by his celebrated Sugar Shack dance scene that appeared on Marvin Gaye's "I Want You" album cover and in the closing credits of "Good Times". **Through May 27** - "North Carolina & World War I," is a free, award-winning

exhibit commemorating the centennial of US entry into World War I and focuses on North Carolina's role in the War to End All Wars on the western front in France and Belgium. Visitors will experience a re-created trench warfare environment to discover what life was like for Tar Heel soldiers, who entered the war in 1917. **Through July 4** - "Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862-1901". This exhibit depicts the struggle that newly freed African Americans faced to maintain their freedom in the post-Civil War and Reconstruction Era of North Carolina. The exhibit allows visitors to step through time and view how the Civil War and Reconstruction affected North Carolina's citizens. This powerful exhibit highlights African American's flight to freedom and their involvement in the Civil War. **Ongoing** - Featuring exhibits dealing with North Carolina's history as a theme. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 919/807-7900 or at (<http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/>).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Raleigh **Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts**, 2 East South Street, Raleigh. **Ongoing** - The Betty Ray McCain Gallery is nestled within the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, and is the proud home of the North Carolina Artists Exhibition, a collection of work by state artists, selected each year by respected local museum and gallery directors from hundreds of submissions. For info contact Susan Garrity by e-mail at (artistsexhibition@gmail.com). Hours: during performances or call. Contact: call 919/831-6060 for hours and directions.

Roanoke Rapids

Halifax County Arts Council, 1027 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids. The Gallery, **Apr. 7 - May 17** - "2019 All Media Juried Art Show, juried by Mark Gordon, MFA, Associate Professor of Art at Barton College. A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Apr. 7, from 3-5pm. A Sip n' See will be held on Apr. 8, from 6-8pm. **Sept. 19 - Oct. 19** - "Seasons," an Eastern Region Show featuring works by members of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina. For info about the Society visit (<https://ncwatercolor.com/>). Hours: Call for hours. Contact: 252/537-8657 or at (www.halifaxarts.org).

Rocky Mount

Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount. **Through Apr. 21** - "Photography from the Charles Killebrew Collection". Killebrew was an Edgecombe county native who photographed the life and times of Rocky Mount and the surrounding areas for many decades spanning from the 1940s through the 1970s. The Killebrew Collection was donated to UNC's Wilson Library by Braswell Memorial Library with the understanding that the collection would return to Rocky Mount for temporary display. Don't miss this incredible representation of photography and local history. **Through Apr. 21** - "HANDCRAFTED Juried Art Show," juried by Wendy Earle. The exhibition includes artists from around the country and displays only hand crafted art pieces including: ceramics, quilting, jewelry, woodworking, sculpture, and more! This year's juror is Wendy Earle of the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA). **Through Apr. 21** - "Where the Dream Began: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Rocky Mount, North Carolina". Curated by Alicyn Wiedrich, this exhibit explores Dr. King and Dr. Booker T. Washington's influence on Rocky Mount through historical trends. Along side this exhibit are selections from the Permanent Collection. **Through Apr. 14** - "Teaching Artist Exhibition". This exhibit features teaching artists who currently teach a program or workshop at the Imperial Centre. We are so fortunate to have talented teaching artists at the Imperial Centre and this exhibit is their chance to show off their professional works. We encourage you to check out what classes they teach and sign up! **Through Sept. 30** - "Sculpture Salmagundi XXII". In this, our twenty-second year of Salmagundi, we're excited to welcome 10 new sculptures into our city! Sculptures will be located: at the Senior Center, Monk Square, the Train Station, City Lake, Sunset Park, and the Imperial Centre. Engage with the sculptures on Otocast! Use the free app to vote for People's Choice Award, listen to the artist's audio, and visit all 10 sculptures to win a prize! Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 252/972-1163 or at (www.imperialcentre.org/arts).

Rutherfordton

Rutherford County Visual Arts Center & Gallery, 160 N. Main Street, at the intersection of W. Court St., Rutherfordton. **Ongoing** - Offering a changing exhibit of 2D and 3D art including oils, watercolor, scratchboard, calligraphy, fiber, wood, glass, pottery and fine craft by local artists/fine

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