

# NC Institutional Galleries

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A collage that forms a grid inside of a large circle. There are black and white images from art history books and hundreds of eyes dripping from the collage. *Casablanca (Classic)*, 2003-2006. Collage on Okawara paper with silk tissue. Collection of the Aldwyth Trust

in *Retrospect*," curated by Mark Sloan. Now in her mid-eighties, the artist Aldwyth has lived and worked alone in an octagonal house overlooking a salt marsh on one of South Carolina's sea islands since 1980. For most of her adult life she has maintained her seclusion from the larger art world while utilizing the history of art and ideas as a catalyst for complex found-object sculptures and increasingly epic-scaled collages that often recall medieval manuscripts writ large. This retrospective spans nearly seventy years of Aldwyth's work, beginning with photography and moving through experimental painting, assemblage, and collage while touching on personal themes and fascinations that have remained remarkably consistent throughout her career. A tireless innovator, Aldwyth's self-imposed rules both limited and liberated her, allowing her work to be self-contained and self-referential. Each piece is an illustration of the description that defines it, and vice-versa. **Historic Residence, Ongoing** - One of NC State University's most historic buildings is now the permanent home of the Gregg Museum of Art & Design. The Historic Chancellor's Residence, located at 1903 Hillsborough Street, along with a 15,000 sq. ft. addition, increases the museum's visibility while significantly adding to its exhibition and programming space. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm. The Gregg does ask that larger groups (15+) call ahead at (919) 515-3503, to avoid crowding in the galleries. Contact: Zoe Starling, Curator of Education at 919/513-7244 or at (<https://gregg.arts.ncsu.edu/>).



Michael Richards "Air Fall 1 (His Eye Is on the Sparrow, and I Know He's Watching Me)", 1997 Photograph by Oriol Tarridas. Photograph courtesy of the Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami and The Michael Richards Estate. All Artworks are © The Michael Richards Estate.

**North Carolina Museum of Art**, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh. **Through July 23** - "Michael Richards: Are You Down?" Richards's visionary sculptures and drawings, created between 1990 and 2001, engage Blackness, flight, diaspora, spirituality, police brutality, and monuments in his largest retrospective to date. "Michael Richards: Are You Down?" takes its name from one of the last artworks the artist created. In his sculptures and installations, Richards gestures toward both repression and reprieve from social injustices and the simultaneous possibilities of uplift and downfall, often in the context of the historic and ongoing oppression of Black people. Flight and aviation were central themes for Richards as an exploration of freedom and escape, ascendance and descent. These themes

are especially evident in Richards's engagement with the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, including his well-known sculpture "Tar Baby vs. St. Sebastian" (1999)—a version of which has been on continuous display at the NCMA since 2003.

**Apr. 1 - Aug. 6** - "Ruth E. Carter: Afrofuturism In Costume Design." Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter has defined generations through her work in film and TV. Her art adds dimensionality, flair, and culture to the characters she envisions, giving power to the incredible actors who wear her designs. Her vibrancy and attention to detail in costuming is integral to translating stories of race, politics, and culture to the big screen. From humble roots in Massachusetts, Carter has helped style the Afrofuturism movement for almost 40 years. Creating pieces for films such as "Black Panther", "Malcolm X", "Selma", and "Do the Right Thing", Carter has designed costumes for legends like Oprah Winfrey, Denzel Washington, Chadwick Boseman, Eddie Murphy, Angela Bassett, and Forest Whitaker. **East Building, Education Gallery, Through Apr. 30** - "Thinking through Making: NCMA College Exhibition." What goes into making a work of art that the artist considers "finished"? This exhibition explores the work that goes into the artist's process, from conceptualization through completion. By highlighting the act of making art over the presentation of a finished product, we invite visitors to observe the creative process as students grapple with obstacles and opportunities and work their way through making their ideas into something tangible for the viewer.

**Ongoing** - "Break the Mold: New Takes on Traditional Art Making". The exhibit showcases contemporary artists who use traditional modes of art making and crafting to tackle timely subject matter. Innovative takes on embroidery, ceramics, quilting, furniture, interior design, and fashion accessories serve to explore diverse topics such as gender assumptions and inequalities, prison reform, racial justice, memory, and loss, as well as how objects transmit and transform social and cultural history. This show features 25 contemporary artists, including Sanford Biggers, Elizabeth Brim, Maria Britton, Julie Cockburn, Rodney McMillan, Rachel Meginnes, Katy Mixon, Gabriel de la Mora, Yasumasa Morimura, Thomas Schmidt, Shinique Smith, and Do Ho Suh, whose artworks are displayed alongside some of their historical predecessors. **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](http://www.ncartmuseum.org)).

**Rotunda Gallery**, Johnson Hall, Merideth College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh. **Apr. 13 - Sept. 14** - "40th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition". A reception will be held on Apr. 20, from 5-7pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat.-Sun., 2-5pm. Contact: 919/829-8465.

**Sertoma Arts Center**, 1400 Millbrook Road, located in the heart of Shelley Lake Park, Raleigh. **Ongoing** - Sertoma Arts Center is a fun, creative destination for all ages, offering classes and workshops in painting, drawing, photography, pottery, performing arts, printmaking, jewelry, fibers studio, fitness, and more, along with exhibitions, studio spaces, group support, and community outreach. Sertoma's outreach partners include the North Carolina Arts Council and Wake County Public School System. It is part of a learning community of 11 arts organizations that collaborate to advocate for and improve access to the arts for people with disabilities. This collective is funded in part by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission and the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-10pm; Fri., 9am-1pm; Sat., 10am-5pm; & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 919/996-2329 or e-mail to ([sertomaartscenter@raleighnc.gov](mailto:sertomaartscenter@raleighnc.gov)).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Raleigh **Duke 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](mailto:artistsexhibition@gmail.com)). Hours: during performances or call. Contact: call 919/831-6060 for hours and directions.

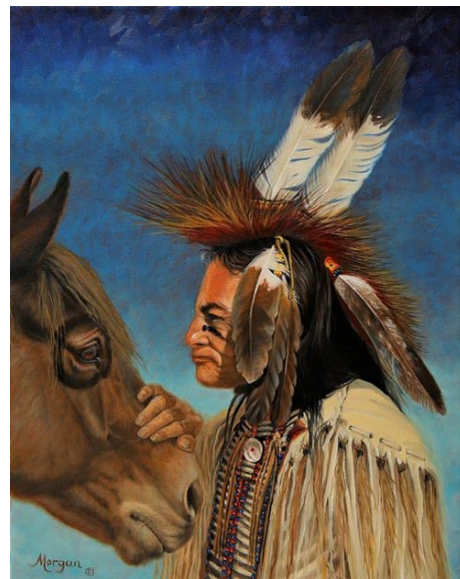
## Rocky Mount

**Maria V. Howard Arts Center**, Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount. **Through Apr. 23** - "2023 HANDCRAFTED: A Juried Exhibition of Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Metal, Wood," juried by Susan Fecho, Dean of the School of Visual, Performing and Communication Arts at Barton College, Wilson, NC. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 252/972-1163 or at ([www.imperialcentre.org/arts](http://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 crafters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 828/288-5009 or at (<http://www.rcvag.com/>).

## Salisbury/Spencer



Work by Brenda Morgan

**Waterworks Visual Arts Center**, 123 E. Liberty St., in the East Square Arts District, located one block East of Main Street, across from the Salisbury Police Station, Salisbury. **Through May 26** - "All Things Great and Small," featuring three inch to thirty-six inch paintings, sculptures and mixed media works by nine nationally and internationally-acclaimed artists. The Salisbury Rowan Community Foundation in partnership with Waterworks Visual Arts Center present "Women Artists Masters: Artists Painting Stories," featuring the work of five female artists: Maria Bennett Hock, Denise Horne-Kaplan, Debra Keirce, Brenda Morgan, and Carrie Waller, also featuring the works of Carol Andre, Brenda Berdnik, Paul Eaton and Sarah Folts. **Ongoing** - At Waterworks, all exhibitions are free to see (donations gladly accepted). The galleries and Museum Store are open Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm. An elevator, braille signage, bench seating in all galleries, and wide hallways make the museum accessible to everyone. Visitors can experience the gated sensory garden, as well as sculpture gardens around the building. Waterworks offers three rotating exhibitions a year, K-12 Student exhibitions, and art classes for students ages 18 months to 100. Keep abreast of exhibitions, events, art classes, and new art for sale in the Museum Store. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm, (business hours M-F, 9 am-5 pm). Contact: 704/636-1882 or at ([www.waterworks.org](http://www.waterworks.org)).

## Saluda

Downtown Saluda, Main Street. **May 20, from 10am-4pm** - "2023 Saluda Arts Festival". This is the 18th annual festival which is showcasing the fine arts and crafts from local and regional artists on historic Main Street in Saluda, the Saluda Arts Festival draws thousands of spring tourists and area residents. If you have any questions, please email [saludancartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:saludancartsfestival@gmail.com).

## Seagrove Area

**Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden**, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from 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. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at ([www.cbssculpturegarden.com](http://www.cbssculpturegarden.com)).



View of the exhibition

**North Carolina Pottery Center**, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Through June 24** - "Flower Power II," featuring works by potters from across North Carolina. The exhibition is a visual appreciation of the visceral and aesthetic power of pottery and plants. Individually, pottery, flowers, and plants have the power to affect our thoughts and feelings. When combined, that power is sometimes intensified, perhaps because of the symbiotic relationship between earth and nature. All pieces in the show are available for purchase. Participating potters (at least initially) include: David Fernandez (Seagrove), Bruce Gholson & Samantha Henneke (Seagrove), Nick Joerling (Penland), Leah Leitson (Asheville), Jennifer Mecca (Gastonia), Pam, Vernon, Travis, and/or Bayle Owens (Seagrove), Anne Partna (Seagrove), Teresa Pietsch (Bakersville), Hal & Eleanor Pugh (Randleman), Paul Ray (Seagrove), Eric Serritella (Chapel Hill), and YiFeen Strickland (Wilmington). **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at ([www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://www.ncpotterycenter.org)).

**Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center)**, 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.

**STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise**, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region.

**Through Apr. 1** - "FireFest". **STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shimpo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople

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