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self-proclaimed title, "The Escape Artist." His artistic quest is to capture a specific moment in time on each canvas. Enhancing the subtleties of light and shadows in cloud formations against an artfully blended sky has become a trademark of Hastings's work. Accompanying his hyper-realistic works is a body of surrealistic paintings that combine his mastery of realism and his unbounded creativity to couple seemingly disparate elements of the natural world into cohesive and plausible flights of fancy. Fish fly, animals change their spots and earn their stripes, and landscapes are transformed into intensely colorful showcases for these adventures on canvas. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Harper Campus, Harper IV, 315 W. Hebron St., Charlotte. **Through Dec. 9** - "Everyday Poems," featuring works by Tim Bowman. Photographer Tim Bowman "collects" urban landscapes and arranges the city's architectural shapes and textures to create formal compositions while simultaneously recording the histories of use and reuse evident on the building exteriors. "We assume that cities are hard and immutable, but this is not true. They adapt to meet new requirements as the needs of their inhabitants change. The Winston-Salem Project is a record of that change, watching as our city continues its transformation from manufacturing and tobacco town into the City of Arts and Innovation," says Bowman. **Through Dec. 9** - "The Sculptures of Kevin O'Toole." "Over the past 35 years I have developed an increasingly spare vocabulary of forms. At one time more organic, my pieces have gradually become more geometric through the influence of both process and choice of material. Wood was initially a choice of convenience, a permanent material, readily available and easily worked with common tools. Although I have never considered myself a "woodworker," I now rarely think in terms of another material. Although formal and abstract in design, my pieces are intended to be appreciated on a more intimate level as objects we encounter on a very human scale, said O'Toole. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).



Work by Ellen Lee Klein, photo by Darnell Vennie

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Harris Campus, Harris II, 3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 9** - "Unpacked, The Works of Ellen Lee Klein." "Stretching the formal elements, I structure my own dynamic philosophical microcosm. My works reflect the marriage of my internal and external worlds and their influence upon each other as they and my life evolve through time and experience. The works reflect my tongue-in-cheek responses to contemporary life. The merging of my training and the processes involved in the making of each and every work combined express and inspire their structure and form. I remain faithful to the essence of what has continued to fascinate and drive me through the years – the searching yet delusive lines, color resonance, spatial ambiguity, and layers of delicious pigment along with the unmistakable clutter and vestiges of contemporary life. The

works reflect the profound noise and ambiguity, as well as the transitioning and turbulence of the human condition," said Klein. Klein was born, raised, and educated in New York City, earning a BA from City College of New York and an MFA from Pratt Institute. Her long career in visual arts has included work as a teacher, arts administrator, art critic and writer, as well as numerous group and solo exhibitions in New York galleries and campuses. **Through Dec. 9** - "Glasscapes, Nature-Inspired Blown Glass," featuring works by Thomas Spake. "This exhibition is a tribute to the places that I hold dear, from my travels in the past and from the adventures yet to come. Our planet is changing, the seas are rising, the ice caps are melting, wildfires are ravaging our forests. My hope is that there is still time. I work with hot glass. I strive to create patterns and textures that mimic the natural world, stone, water, earth. I create these patterns by layering and fusing glass chips and powders to the surface of the glass. Heavily influenced by impressionistic painters Monet, Klimt, and Van Gogh and their mixture of color and patterns, this style of work aims to express the idea of a landscape as opposed to creating a representation. The simple flattened forms create a canvas, a front and a back, where I can fully express my intentions. In the final phase of creation, I carve into the sandblasted, opaque exterior to reveal the translucent glass just beneath the surface. All of these techniques come together to give the pieces a raw complexity, conjuring explorations of our memories," said Spake. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Levine Campus, Levine II, 2800 Campus Ridge Road, Matthews. **Through Dec. 9** - "Ceramic Art," featuring works by Ju-lan Shen. A native of Taiwan, Shen came to North Carolina for graduate study in landscape architecture at NC State's College of Design. She took up pottery as a hobby in the early 2000's after attending the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual conference and exhibitions in Charlotte. After 30-plus years as a landscape architect, Ju-lan, now retired, continues to learn and make art. "Sculpting, drawing, and painting on clay pots is my way of journaling; I jot down what I hear, what I see, what I think, or what my brain was doing at that moment. I enjoy the contemplation of the experiences in my environment and I like this form of visual reflection. The late artist, Jean Dubuffet, said it best about art: '...Art must make you laugh a little and make you a little afraid. Anything as long as it doesn't bore.' And I intend to do just that," says Shen. **Through Dec. 9** - "School Lunch," featuring works by Lisa Weinblatt. "The School Lunch series is a visual essay of contemporary student life in real educational settings. Contemporary, cross-cultural issues and their emotional attitudes are explored in the shared lunch experience. School Lunch is generated from direct observation, drawing on location in the lunchrooms of high schools, universities and colleges of Queens, New York. Visual images have the power to transform and enlarge our perceptions, as well as, confirm identity and validate experience," says Weinblatt. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Merancas Campus, Merancas IV, 1930 Verhoef Dr., Huntersville. **Through June 16** - "Nature Reimagined," featuring works by Ann Prock. Prock fell in love with clay in 2003, beginning with the wheel and evolving to hand-built sculptural forms. Inspired by the beauty she finds in nature, she hand-builds the forms, creating each piece with the shape and gentle movement she has envisioned. Prock focuses on colors, shapes, and textures found in the living sea, the woodlands, and rock formations. She combines her imagination of those natural forms with multiple glazes, underglazes, stains, and textures. Many of her works are brushed with at least 10 glazes or underglazes in order to give them unique colors and textures that capture the viewer's eye and invite them to touch the piece. **Through June 16** - "Frieze,"

featuring works by Tom Stanley. Stanley's series are often hung as a frieze even as he works on groups of paintings. Size, imagery, color, and format for each series is distinct and help to create a visual theme within the group of related works. His series include six to eight works of acrylic on canvas. Drawing with paint, Stanley uses common graphic strategies, such as mechanical drawing, silhouette, and sgraffito to make something he has never seen before. His works are a conversation between hands and eyes. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bliss Gallery, established by Holy Angels, 25 N. Main Street, Belmont. **Ongoing** - Holy Angels established Bliss Gallery to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists during special exhibitions. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Harmony Heslop at 704/280-9475, e-mail at (blissgallery@holyangelsnc.org) or visit (www.holyangelsnc.org).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 4237 Raleigh Street, Charlotte. **May 13 - June 3** - "Spring Juried Show," sponsored by the Charlotte Art League. This time around, our community will vote to select the cash prize winners. Think: friends, family, even your cat sitter and grumpy co-workers. A special thank you to Crista Cammaro for being the juror. **Ongoing** - CAL houses one of the area's largest collections of local professional and emerging artists, offering affordable fine art in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture, and fiber art. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Cornelius Arts Center Gallery, 19725 Oak Street, Cornelius. **Through June 11** - "Irvin Law Group & Friends Show". Originally designed in 2019 as a fundraiser for the future Cain Center for the Arts, the expanded 2022 exhibition of Irvin Law Group & Friends will feature work from local and regional artists across a fascinating selection of mediums. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center Gallery is under the direction of the future Cain Center for the Arts. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/896-8823, 980/689-3101 or visit (https://cainarts.org/).

Davidson College, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Ongoing** - While on campus, be sure to take a tour of our Campus Sculpture. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at (www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont's, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through July 29** - "2022 Annual Juried Student Art Show, juried by Andrew Leventis. Each year, Central Piedmont Community College's Visual Arts Department hosts the "Annual Juried Student Art Show," recognizing student works in ceramics, 2D and 3D design, drawing, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.



Work by Reginald Sylvester II

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **May 5 - Jan. 16, 2023** - "Painter's Refuge: A Way of Life," a solo exhibition of recent work by Reginald Sylvester II. "We are excited to showcase Painter's Refuge: A Way of Life, an exhibition that will stir minds and souls and invite viewers to take a journey through Reginald's creative process and genius," said President & CEO David R. Taylor. **Through May 29** - "South Arts 2021 Southern Prize & State Fellows Exhibition," curated by Wim Roefs. This exhibition presents

the nine 2021 fellowship recipients of the South Arts Southern Prize & State Fellows project, which launched in 2017. The artists and State Fellows hail from the South Arts region – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The artistry on display is a testament to the strength of art in the south, presenting diverse themes, visions, and styles.

Through June 26 - "FuturePresent: Acquisition Highlights from the Permanent Collection," organized by the Harvey B. Gantt Center. Since the organization's inception in 1974, the Gantt Center has primarily built its collection from works gifted to the institution. Over the decades, John and Vivian Hewitt collected paintings, prints, and drawings from artists near and far. And in 1998, Bank of America acquired the collection from the Hewitts and pledged it to the then-named Afro-American Cultural Center. **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: Thur. - Sat., noon-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Extended hours from noon-8pm on Fridays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4. 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).

Lamba Gallery, Storrs Building, 100, 9201 University City Blvd. UNC Charlotte Main Campus, Charlotte. **Through May 3** - "SoA: The First 50". In celebration of the School of Architecture's 50th anniversary, the Lamba Gallery will host a collection of exemplary work by UNC Charlotte architecture alumni that has addressed challenges and opportunities in architecture and related fields across the decades. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704/687-2397.

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **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 May 1** - "The World of Anna Sui," presenting 100 looks from the iconic designer's archive with a roll call of 12 archetypes that capture the Sui aesthetic. No other fashion designer captures the zeitgeist of a historic period, place, or artistic movement in such a timeless yet contemporary look as Anna Sui. She does so by designing the entire look - from dress to accessories, hair styles to makeup, and even sound and scent. **Bridges and Levine Galleries, Ongoing** - "Contemporary British Studio Ceramics: The Grainer Collection". Focused on the collection of Diane and Marc Grainer, this installation is a survey of contemporary British studio ceramics. Comprising functional and sculptural objects made between the 1980s and today, the show features work by artists either born or residing in Great Britain, including established "contemporary classics" like Gordon Baldwin and Rupert Spira, and cutting-edge ceramicists such as Julian Stair and Kate Malone. Several recently-gifted works from the Grainers are included. **Alexander, Spangler, and Harris Galleries, Ongoing** - "Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675 - 1825". The Mint Museum's collection of eighteenth-century British pottery and porcelain is widely respected for its scope and quality. The collection numbers over 2,000 objects and includes important examples of both salt-glazed and dry-bodied stoneware from Staffordshire; tin-glazed earthenware from Bris-

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