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non-traditional path to becoming recognized as brilliant artists.

American Folk Art & Framing opened on May 1, 2001, representing a handful of contemporary Southern folk artists and potters and began introducing and educating people about the dynamic and evolving folk art world. We have enthusiastically and exponentially grown over the years. Now representing over 40 individual artists and potters, we reliably offer first time visitors and long established clients the unexpected; from new work to newly added artists.

American Folk is proud to feature the work of established, nationally recognized self-taught artists & potters. Because we are always delving deeper and seeking new talent, we regularly review submissions and introduce the art of promising artists from around the region and the country.

For further information check our NC



Work by Michael Banks

Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/281-2134 or visit (www.amerifolk.com).

Transylvania Community Arts Council in Brevard, NC, Offers 1st Almost Post Pandemic Exhibit

The Transylvania Community Arts Council (TC Arts) in Brevard, NC, is feature a new exhibit, *Revive!*, on view in its gallery through July 5, 2021. A reception for the public to meet the exhibiting artists will be held Friday, June 11, from 5-7pm.

Kathy King, Executive Director of TC Arts, says, "for this first gallery exhibit of 2021, we decided that "Revive" would be a perfect theme as we continue to emerge from this difficult past year."



Work by Maureen Chapman

Revive! is an invitational exhibition of fine art and craft. The exhibit will showcase a variety of mediums including painting, photography, ceramics, digital art and more. More than 30 artists are participating in the exhibit. King added that the invitational approach contributes to a wide array of mediums and subjects.

This is the first exhibit at TC Arts for Shawn White, a painter, who submitted two works, *Kingfisher's Sanctuary* and *Sprung*, both oil on canvas. Another exhibitor is Jim Brandon, wood artist. Brandon is also a new artist at Number 7



Work by Jim Brandon

Art Gallery, a program of TC Arts. He is exhibiting a custom wood piece made of ambrosia maple with barbed wire. "All of my work uses local, native hardwoods from trees I personally know. I'm excited to have this opportunity to showcase it."

This project is supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

The mission of the Transylvania Community Arts Council is to enhance the quality of life in Transylvania County by celebrating and nurturing the creative spirit of artists, youth, and individuals throughout the County.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 828/884-2787 or visit (www.tcarts.org).

Transylvania Community Arts Council and Heart of Brevard in Brevard, NC, Offer Plein Air Event - June 25 - 27, 2021

Transylvania Community Arts Council (TC Arts), together with Heart of Brevard (HoB), will host *Art is in the Air: A Weekend of Plein Air*, on June 25-27, 2021. Over the course of the weekend, 25 regional artists will be stationed at socially distanced locations throughout the downtown area and its surroundings as they draw and paint en plein air.

The weekend event is based on the painting method, en plein air, which is described as art created entirely outdoors as opposed to art created entirely, or partially, in a studio. This method can be traced back to the 18th century. Although subject matter traditionally was limited to landscape paintings, en plein air subjects may now include cityscapes, architectural elements and portraits, among others.

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Maureen Chapman, featured artist and Lake Toxaway resident, has been painting en plein air since 2020. Chapman shared, "I began my journey as an artist inspired by these beautiful old Blue Ridge Mountains and the atmospheric colors they produce. Getting outside in nature has been a great way to cope and have an even greater appreciation for this place." Chapman is represented by Red Wolf Gallery, located at 8 East Main Street in downtown Brevard.

Among the purposes of the weekend event are the opportunity to support our area artists, and also the opportunity for the community to see the artists at work. "TC Arts is excited to have area artists bringing their art into the community in an

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outdoor setting where the community can see the artists at work and enjoy their acts of creation," said Kathy King, Executive Director for TC Arts.

The community is invited to watch the artists in action on Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday. On Sunday afternoon, the public will have the opportunity to purchase the artists' creations at the *Wet Paint Show and Sale*. The public is invited to attend the *Wet Paint Show and Sale* both to view and purchase the artists' unique works featuring the incredible beauty of Brevard. Advance tickets may be purchased which will allow ticket holders early access to the *Wet Paint Show and Sale*.

Downtown Brevard has taken many safety measures and precautions due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the addition of hand sanitizing stations and the creation of multiple public outdoor dining areas. Please remember to keep fellow attendees and our community safe by wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing and frequently sanitizing your hands.

Art is in the Air helps support local artists and gives the community an opportu-



Work by Maureen Chapman

nity to experience public art downtown, in a safe and welcoming environment," said Nicole Bentley, Executive Director for HoB. "The weekend will be hosted safely with social distancing protocols in place to ensure the health and well-being of our artists, volunteers and art enthusiasts."

For more information about how to participate as an artist or to purchase advance tickets for the *Wet Paint Show and Sale*, visit the event page at (https://m.facebook.com/heartofbrevard?_rd=1). Additional details, a weekend schedule and a map of artist locations will be coming soon.

Upstairs Artspace in Tryon, NC, Greets Summer with New Shows

Upstairs Artspace, Tryon, NC's contemporary art gallery hosts exhibits, on view through June 25, 2021, inspired by the natural landscape in paintings and photographs by eight regional artists.

Field. Tree. Stream, features works by Dale McEntire, Keith Spencer, Lynne Tanner, Kate Thayer and Robert Urban. These distinguished artists often focus on primary landscape elements in their paintings. In style, the works range from realism to abstraction. Urban lives in South Carolina's Upstate; the other artists live in Western North Carolina (McEntire in Saluda, Spencer in Tryon).

Flora and Fauna, unites friends Connie Bostic and Margaret Curtis who met years ago through the Atlanta College of Art (now



Work by Dale McEntire

SCAD). Though Bostic lives in Fairview and Curtis in Tryon, they enjoy painting to-

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