

NC Institutional Galleries

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lina — Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Montgomery counties. Six generations of Coles, and no fewer than 18 individuals, are represented in The Mint Museum's permanent collection. More than 60 highlights of their wares are included in the installation "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". One reason for its long-term success is that making pottery has so often been a family tradition in the state. Fathers taught the art of forming, glazing, and firing clay objects to their sons, and in later generations also to daughters, who in turn taught their children, and so on through the decades. These family dynasties not only helped to keep the potting craft alive, but ensured continuity in techniques and craftsmanship, as well as introduced artistic innovations in succeeding generations. "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters" presents a visual history of "turned pots" and the family that helped turn North Carolina into one of America's centers for handmade, traditional pottery. **July 16 - Dec. 11** - "Diedrick Brackens: ark of bulrushes". This exhibition presents a new series by Los Angeles-based artist Diedrick Brackens including large-scale (8-foot) weavings and premiering the artist's first woven sculptures. Known for making colorful textiles about African American and queer histories, Brackens has developed a process of combining the tactility of yarn with the ethos of storytelling. For this exhibition, the artworks tell timeless narratives about emancipation and remediation through pattern, body, and the power of craft. **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 Bristol, Liverpool, and London; and cream-colored earthenware from Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire. Notable eighteenth-century porcelain factories represented include Chelsea, Bow, and Vauxhall in London, Longton Hall in Staffordshire, Worcester, Bristol, and others. Individual works in the collection are exceptional because of their rarity, craftsmanship, provenance, or as representative examples of particular types or methods of production or decoration. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market

economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardenes. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Work by Allan Rohan Crite

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through July 3** - "Coined in the South: 2022". The Young Affiliates of the Mint, in collaboration with The Mint Museum, presents "Coined in the South: 2022". This juried exhibition, highlights artists from across the Southeast. Jurors selecting artists from this exhibition include: Hallie Ringle, Curator of Contemporary Art, Birmingham Museum of Art; Lydia Thompson, Mixed-Media Sculptor and Professor of Art, Art & Art History Department, UNC Charlotte; and Ken West, Photographer, Digital Experience Designer & Winner of the Inaugural "Coined in the South People's Choice Award". **Through Mar. 2023** - "Rendezvous With Rothko". For the first time in its 85-year history, The Mint Museum has not one, but two, Mark Rothko paintings on view. Through a long-term loan with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, two paintings by the Abstract Expressionist painter Mark Rothko are on view in the Modern Contemporary galleries at Mint Museum Uptown. The two works — "No. 17 [or] No. 15" and "Untitled 1951" — are the only paintings by Rothko currently on view in North Carolina. **Craft + Design Galleries, Ongoing** - "Craft in the Laboratory: The Science of Making Things," is the first installation in the Southeast to explore how craft artists and designers use science and math concepts when creating works of art. Presented by Müller Corporation, Craft in the Laboratory also celebrates a reinstallation of the Mint's Craft + Design Galleries—the first since 2010. Co-curated by the Mint's Senior Curator of Craft, Design, and Fashion Annie Carlano and Assistant Curator for Craft, Design, and Fashion Rebecca Elliot, "Craft in the Laboratory" includes 100 works from the Mint's collection that are made from precious metals, wood, steel, polymers, and even agricultural waste, that emphasize the preciseness of science used to craft works of art. Made by nationally and internationally renowned artists, the objects are organized by material and subject throughout the galleries. **Now** - The Mint Museum's new four-story installation "Foragers" offers a transcendent experience while celebrating the tradition of women as makers and providers. Unlike anything ever seen at The Mint Museum before, Brooklyn-based artist Summer Wheat's "Foragers" is a monumental piece of public work of art spanning 96 windows, four stories, and 3,720 square feet at Mint Museum Uptown's Robert Haywood Morrison Atrium. The myriad of vibrant panels that give the illusion of stained glass and celebrates the tradition of women as makers and providers. "Foragers" is part of a larger exhibition "In Vivid Color," which brings together four innovative contemporary artists—Wheat, Gisela Colon, Spencer Finch, and Jennifer Steinkamp—who create works celebrating the power of color and its ability to permeate the space around us. Their work is juxtaposed with a selection of paintings and works on paper, drawn primarily from The Mint

Museum's permanent collection, which showcase artists' more traditional exploration of color. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown houses the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Now Fri. till 9pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Overcash Art 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.-Wed., from 10am-2pm (by appointment, gallery director available), & Thur. and Fri. (by appointment but no gallery director from 10am-2pm). APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO COVID, e-mail Amelia Zytka, Gallery Coordinator at (amelia.zytka@cpcc.edu). She will get back to you with your requested day and time along with directions to the gallery in the Overcash Center as well as easy short term parking in the front drive of Overcash Complex. Due to COVID all visitors to the college are required to fill out a Health Acknowledgement Form at (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_VOi_IaUYAe3qXpGq0C8KhRmymn9vQvCD9-Kyu3lBMVrLA/viewform) prior to arrival. Contact: 704/330-6211.

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.fft.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at about 300. Hours: open daily, year round, with seasonal hours. Contact: 828/497-3103 or at (www.cherokee-nc.com).

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian, 589 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Welcome to a sweeping history of the Cherokee Nation, engaging and oftimes heart-rending, from ice age beginnings to present-day life and culture. In the brushstrokes of this fascinating heritage, you'll discover the warp and weft of treaties, the roots of a naturalistic language, artifacts of particular periods, great figures and heroes and entrancing stories of a civilization along with the Cherokee's distinctive values and ways of being in the world before and after "the Trail of Tears." The museum offers courses and workshops that combine scholarly content with voices of Cherokee people and experiences on the Qualla Boundary. A perfect place to begin exploration of Cherokee heritage and traditions is the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina. Visitors are greeted at the entrance by a 20-foot hand-carved statue of Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet. An interpretive site for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, this state-of-the-art facility traces the story of the Cherokee from the earliest inhabitants of the area 11,000 years ago to the present. An extensive exhibit of artifacts and photos is

enhanced with computer-generated holograms and other imagery, sound, and special effects that leave a lasting and haunting impression on the visitor. The museum gift shop is rich in Cherokee tradition. Locally created baskets, pottery, wood carvings, decorated gourds and beadwork are among the art available for sale. Books on Cherokee history, culture, language, and genealogy line the shelves, along with audio CDs and tapes by local musicians and storytellers. Admission: Yes. Hours: Daily, 9am-5pm; closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Contact: 828-497-3481 or at (<https://mci.org/>).

Columbia

Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft and Contemporary Craft Gallery, 201 Main Street, Columbia. **Ongoing** - Arts School of Fine Craft is eastern North Carolina's premier hand-craft education center offering workshops, community programs, artist residences and gallery space. The Pocosin Gallery exhibits and sells work by current and former Pocosin resident artists, and students from around the country. Knowledgeable staff provides information about Pocosin Arts' programs, artists, studios and community involvement. The Pocosin Gallery in addition to Pocosin Art studios, lodge, and exceptional programming provides a unique destination for visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 252-796-2787 or at (<https://pocosinarts.org/>).

Concord

The Galleries of the Cabarrus Arts Council, in Concord's Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street South, Concord. **Through July 16** - "Anne Harkness: Let There Be Music," sponsored by Hilliard Family Foundation. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704/920-ARTS or at (www.cabarrusartsCouncil.org).

Cullowhee



"Trick Cup" by Fritz Dreisbach

Fine Art Museum, Fine & Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. **Through July 29** - "Cultivating Collections: Vitreographs, Glass, and Works by Black Artists". The exhibit is a multi-year series of exhibitions that highlights specific areas of the WCU Fine Art Museum's Collection, which includes over 1,800 works of art in a wide range of media by artists of the Americas. This year, Cultivating Collections reflects on three areas of the Collection — vitreographs, glass, and works by Black artists. Key works in each area come together to tell the story of past, present, and future collecting directions. **Ongoing** - The WCU Fine Art Museum is currently offering an interactive 360° virtual tour of the exhibition, "Cultivating Collections: Paintings, Ceramics, and Works by Latinx and Latin American Artists". This multi-year series of exhibitions highlight specific areas of the WCU Fine Art Museum's Collection, which includes over 1,800 works of art in a wide range of media by artists of the Americas. As the Museum's holdings increase, either through donations or purchases, it is essential for the Museum to evaluate strengths, identify key acquisition areas, and also pinpoint where significant change is needed. Throughout the fall more virtual events will be available, learn more at arts.wcu.edu/cultivatingcollections. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 1-4pm. Contact: 828/227-3591 or at (<https://www.wcu.edu/bardo-arts-center/fine-art-museum/>).

Dillsboro

Jackson County Green Energy Park, 100 Green Energy Park Rd., Dillsboro. **Ongoing** - Featuring art created with renewable energy featuring blown glass, forge-hammered metals, ceramics. The Jackson County Green Energy Park (JCGEP) utilizes clean, renewable energy resources to encourage economic development, provide environmental protection, and offer educational opportunities that together will help lead towards a more sustainable future

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