

Ackland Art Museum, UNC - Chapel Hill, Columbia & Franklin Streets, Chapel Hill. Renaissance and Baroque Gallery, Ongoing - "Art and the Natural World in Early Modern Europe," features masterpieces by artists including Peter Paul Rubens, Jan Weenix, Salomon van Ruysdael, and a seventeenth-century landscape by Claude Lorrain on long term loan to the Ackland from the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens in New Bern, NC. This exhibit now combines with its neighboring gallery, Art and Religious Life in Early Modern Europe, to showcase a wide range of Renaissance and Baroque subject matter. Hours: Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur., 10am-8pm; Sun., 1-5pm; and 2nd Fri, each month till 9pm. Contact: 919/966-5736 or at (<http://www.ackland.org/index.htm>).

Chapel Hill Museum, 523 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Ongoing - "Farmer/James Pottery - North Carolina Art Pottery Collection 1900-1960". Pottery by North Carolinian and southern potters, from a significant survey collection of southern art pottery. A portion of the 280-piece collection will be on display permanently, demonstrating the movement of art pottery displacing utilitarian pottery made here in NC and throughout the South. Noted author and folklore expert, Dr. A. Everette James, and his wife, Dr. Nancy Farmer, have generously gifted the Chapel Hill Museum with this significant survey collection of southern art pottery. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10am-4pm & Sun. 1-4pm. Contact: 919/967-1400 or at (www.chapelhillmuseum.com).



Work by Sasha Bakaric

FRANK, 109 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Through Aug. 21 - "Black and White". Sometimes we can best understand a thing by its absence. In this new show, FRANK artists will be contemplating the nature of color by creating artworks without it. With black, white, and all the grays in between, FRANK's galleries will be a beautiful, pure play of black, white, and grays - of shade and tint. Organized by FRANK artists Studie Rakusin, John Rosenthal, Anita Wolfenden, and Sasha Bakaric, it will include invited artists Bill Neville, Beatrice Coron, Andy Fleishman and Nadine Zenobi, as well as FRANK members and consignment artists. **Ongoing** - Featuring work from over 70 artists, Frank offers more than you'd expect from an art gallery. Frank is a collective, founded by the area's finest artists working together to open the door for creative innovation in the arts. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-6pm; Thur. till 8pm and Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 919/636-4135 or at (www.frankisart.com).

Horace Williams House, Chapel Hill Preservation Society, 610 East Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. Closed through Aug. 15. Aug. 21 - Sept. 18 - Featuring an exhibit of mixed media works by Beth Palmer and works in oil and wax on wood by Shelly Hehenberger. Opening Sunday, Aug. 21, 2-4pm. Hours: Tue-Fri 10 am-4 pm, & Sun 1-4 pm. Contact: 919/942-7818 or at (www.chapelhillpreservation.com).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Chapel Hill Friends Gallery at Carrboro Public Library, McDougale Middle School Media Center, 900 Old Fayetteville Road, Carrboro. Through Oct. 23 - "Happy 100th Birthday Carrboro!" featuring an exhibit of photography by Jackie Helvey & Peter White, fiber art by Elaine O'Neil, paintings by Nerys Levy, images from the book "Carrboro" by David Otto & Richard Ellington. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 3:30-6pm, Mon.&Tue., till 9pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 919/969-3006.

Charlotte Area

North Davidson Arts District Gallery Crawl - From 6-9 or 10pm on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For info check (www.noda.org).

Uptown Gallery Crawl - From 6-8pm on the 1st Friday of each month.

South End Art Gallery Crawl - From 6-9pm on the 1st Friday of each month.

Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Wells Fargo Cultural Campus, 420 South Tryon St., Charlotte. Inside the Museum and on The Green, a park across the street, Through Oct. 3 - "Niki de Saint Phalle: Creation of a New Mythology". The exhibit includes elegant and subtle etchings as well as remarkably powerful and disconcerting sculptures. The exhibition celebrates the artist's extraordinary appetite for myths and legends as interpreted through dynamic and often provocative sculpture, paintings and prints. The Bechtler presents 55 works inside the museum and five large-scale outdoor works across the street, at The Green, in addition to the "Firebird" sculpture that graces the museum's plaza. **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection comprises artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; and open until 9pm the 1st. and 3rd. Fri. of each month. Contact: 704/353-9200 or at (www.bechtler.org).

Charlotte Art League Gallery, Classes & Studios, 1517 Camden Rd., South End, Charlotte. Aug. 5 - 26 - "Primary Colors," featuring works accentuating the use of red, yellow and blue – the building blocks of color. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 6-9pm. **Ongoing** - CAL offers fine art for all tastes and budgets in a variety of media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Tour studios of working artists. Hours: Tue.-Thur., 11am-3pm; Fri., 11am-3pm & 5-8pm; Sat., 11am-5pm; & Sun.. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376/2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. Ross I Gallery, Through Sept. 8 - "Critical Culture: Remembering Romare Bearden," featuring works by Tonya Gregg, Ginny Boyd, and David Wilson. Curators Erika Diamond and Alyssa Wood fascinated by Bearden's work, invited regional artists who embraced Bearden's vision through an examination of contemporary vernacular culture. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at (www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery).

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. Through Aug. 21 - "John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art". One of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art presented in its entirety. For over a 50-year period, John and Vivian Hewitt visited galleries, artists' studios and exhibitions, collecting hundreds of paintings, etchings and sketches. The John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art is an assemblage of fifty-eight two-dimensional works celebrating the expression and passion of twenty artists, including Charlotte-born Romare Bearden and other master artists, Margaret Burroughs, Jonathan Green, Jacob Lawrence, Elizabeth Catlett, Ann Tanksley and Henry Ossawa Tanner. The Gantt Center is the permanent home for the Hewitt Collection. Acquired by Bank of America and pledged to the Center in 1998, the Hewitt is a cornerstone of the Gantt Center's permanent collection. **Through Aug. 21** - "Anthology: The Photography of Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe". An anthology is a collection of essays, poems, or the like compiled by one or more persons. It is a way of gathering a variety of voices speaking to one topic, idea, or theme. Here, we are able to view the creative life of Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe through several visual essays, incorporating Faces, Places, and Spaces. Through her lens, using both black & white and color photographs, Moutoussamy-Ashe connects images across time and geography. This is an autobiographical journey - a visual self-portrait. **Through Aug. 21** - "Live and In Stereo(type)". Fahamu Pecou and Marcia Jones were the first artists to be in residence in a new collaboration between the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture and McColl Center for Visual Art. The residency program, established in 2010, supports artists of color who are inspired by African-American culture; committed to artistic investigation; and are interested in community engagement. Pecou and Jones create works that are social critiques on black masculinity and imposed feminine ideals,

respectively. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. 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).

Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St, Charlotte. Through Jan. 22, 2012 - "COURAGE: The Carolina Story That Changed America". In celebration of our 20th anniversary, the Museum is bringing back "COURAGE: The Carolina Story That Changed America," appearing in Charlotte for the first time since 2004. The exhibit tells the powerful grassroots story of the Rev. J.A. De Laine and the other brave citizens of Clarendon County, S.C., who brought the first lawsuit in America challenging racial segregation in public schools. Combined with four other national lawsuits, the result was the 1954 Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education, which ruled that racial segregation of schools was unconstitutional, subsequently initiating massive change in race relations in the US. **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).

McColl Center for Visual Art, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. Through Aug. 19 - "The Green Shadow," featuring an exhibit of works by Jeff Schmuki and Heather Lewis. A closing reception will be held on Aug. 18, from 6-9pm. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. Through Dec. 31 - "Of Hounds and Men: Rockingham Pottery from the Lewis Collection". The term "Rockingham" refers to a rich brown glaze that received its characteristic color through the addition of manganese. It was first made in England in the late eighteenth century, but a few decades later the technique spread to the United States, where it became a standard of many potters—especially those in the Northeast, Maryland, and Ohio. American potters initially followed the English example of dipping their wares in the glaze to achieve a solid brown surface, but they soon switched to dripping, sponging, or splattering the glaze on the ceramic body in order to achieve a pleasing, mottled effect. By 1845, Rockingham pottery dominated the American ceramics industry, and it remained immensely popular for the rest of the century. **Through Dec. 31** - "Threads of Identity: Contemporary Maya Textiles". Maya peoples of Guatemala and south-eastern Mexico are renowned for their time-honored tradition of magnificent attire. Throughout the world, clothing transforms the biological body into a socio-cultural being, integrating the person into the community. Among the Maya, dress is an outward expression of cultural pride. Dress also conveys one's place in the world, signaling social identity and geographic origin or current community. **Through Dec. 31** - "The Golden Age of English Art". The 18th century witnessed the "Golden Age of English Art" in which artists explored the variety and abundance of the times. Portraiture ranked high as ordinary individuals, like those in the upper ranks, sought to have their likenesses and achievements documented by artists of note. Satire came into vogue in which art was used to lampoon individuals and situations from those royal to everyday mundane. No aspect of English life was exempt from the artist's eye, which recorded the triumphs, achievements and changes that occurred in society. **Through Dec. 31** - "Chinese Court Robes: The Mint Museum Collection". In 1644, the Manchu-Qing nomads took control over China. To further exert their power over the defeated Han population, the Manchu imposed dress codes for their ruling imperial family to distinguish these individuals from the general citizenry. Court robes of this era display a rich ornamentation of symbolism and decorative representations of the Manchu cosmos. **Through Dec. 31** - "The Transformed Self: Performance Masks of Mexico". Public performances of epic tales, historical events and religious narratives are a key part of modern life in Mexico. The performer's mask is a vehicle of transformation that physically and psychologically converts the wearer into the character portrayed by the dancer. **Through Dec. 31** - "Northern European Art from The Mint Museum Collection". As Renaissance Art styles of the 15th century spread from Italy to the northern European countries, they adapted and changed to accommodate local artistic preferences and cultural ideals. In addition to portraits and historical scenes,

there appeared popular scenes of peasant life, townscapes, pastoral landscapes, still lifes and maritime paintings, among others. **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" Beardens. **Harris and Crist Galleries** - Featuring some contemporary works that are new to the collection or have not been seen for a while. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue., 10am-9pm (free every Tue. from 5-9pm); Wed.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Mon. and major holidays. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Work by Gary Lee Noffke

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. Through Aug. 7 - "From New York to Corrymore: Robert Henri and Ireland". This is the first exhibition to examine this iconic American artist's work focused on the Irish landscape and people, particularly children, created between the time of his first trip to Ireland in 1913 and his last trip there in 1928. Henri has long been celebrated as a pivotal figure in early 20th century American art due to his important work as a teacher and as the leader of The Eight. **Through Sept. 11** - "Attitude and Alchemy: The Metalwork of Gary Noffke". Gary Lee Noffke has been described as "a pacesetter" and the "ultimate maverick." For nearly 50 years, he has consistently and simultaneously created jewelry, hollowware, and flatware, passionately exploring surface, form, and function. Beginning in the 1970s, Noffke's work gained national attention. A metalsmith's metalsmith known for his graffiti-like surface treatment, Noffke challenged metalworking traditions with his expressive spontaneous approach and sense of humor. Over the course of his career, he has received numerous accolades particularly for his technical prowess, hot forging research, the development of numerous alloys, and his ability to embrace and challenge tradition. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown will house 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: Tue., 10am-9pm (free every Tue. from 5-9pm); Wed.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Mon. and major holidays. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

The Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film, @ Spirit Square Galleries, 345 N. College St., Charlotte. Middleton McMillan Gallery, Through Aug. 21 - "39th Annual Members Show". Don't miss one of the most exciting and diverse shows of the year! All work exhibited in the Members Show is submitted by members of The Light Factory, from photographers, filmmakers, students and artists of all mediums. **Knight Gallery, Through Aug. 28** - "Fourth Juried Annuale". The Annuale showcases the best and most challenging work from emerging artists from all over the country. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm; Sat., noon-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/333-9755 or at (www.lightfactory.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

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