

NC Institutional Galleries

Aberdeen



Work by Diane Kraudelt

The Exchange Street Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Aug. 5 - 29** - "Jewels in the Sandhills - An Exhibition of Small works and Fine Art Miniatures," featuring the works of full members of the League. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 2-5pm. **Ongoing** - The Artist's League of the Sandhills currently houses 35 artists-in-residence studios and offers classes by local professional artists and workshops by nationally known artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon -3pm. Contact: 910/944-3979, or at (www.artistleague.org).

Albemarle

Falling Rivers Gallery, 119 West Main St., next to Starnes jewelers, Albemarle. **Through Aug. 10** - "Summer Art Explosion," an annual art show. The Stanly Arts Guild has offered this event for over 10 years. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a cooperative venue of the Stanly Arts Guild. Member staffed, this gallery offers the very best in local art and crafts including oil and watercolor, photography, pottery and ceramic art, jewelry, native American art, gourd sculpture and much more. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 6:30pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/983-4278 or at (www.fallingrivers-gallery.com).

Alamance County

BAL Gallery, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/140, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Since the beginning of Burlington Artists League in 1972, we have grown to represent many local artists in our immediate area. BAL's express purpose is to promote and elevate the area artists and their fine art spirit in Burlington, NC, and surrounding areas, thereby creating outlets for the artists and encouraging their continuing efforts to improve and create more art work. Along with wall art and bin reproductions, the BAL Artists Gallery also includes 3-D art such as sculptures and pottery. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-8pm; Sat., 10am-9pm, & Sun. for special events. Contact: 336-584-3005 or at (<http://balartists.com/joomla/>).

1873 Capt. James & Emma Holt White House, 213 South Main Street, 2 1/2 blocks off I85/40, exit#147, Graham. Home of the Alamance County Arts Council. **Sisters Galleries, Through Sept. 8** - "Nature's Wonders," featuring a solo show by Florida artist Mindy Lighthipe. Her botanical watercolor illustrations have been featured in solo and group exhibits in museums and galleries throughout the United States and abroad. She was awarded a silver medal in the London Orchid show at the Royal Horticultural Society in 2009. **Ongoing** - We are committed to shaping the cultural identity of Alamance County by making art a tangible presence in the lives of its citizens. We strive to enhance the quality of life by engaging people in a diverse array of art through the delivery of programming and education, and through the provision of facilities, advocacy, promotion, and funding. Our gift shop, Picasso's Gift Shop, promotes and sells work by local and regional artisans. Admission: free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 336/226-4495 or at (www.artsalamance.com).

Asheboro

Sara Smith Self Gallery, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Aug. 7 - 28** - Featuring an exhibit of works by Sharron Parker. A reception will be held on Aug. 7, from 5:30-7:30pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

Asheville Area

Asheville River Arts District, Asheville. **Aug. 3, 5-8pm** - "First Friday at Five". The galleries, studios and artists of the Asheville River Arts District invite the public to come view the art in this festive venue. Contact: 828/768-0246.

Asheville Art Museum, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **Second Floor Galleries, Ongoing** - "Looking Back: Celebrating 60 Years of Collecting at the Asheville Art Museum will explore the Museum's collection of American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with an interest in the art of the Southeast and WNC. **Appleby Foundation Gallery, Through Aug. 26** - "The Essential Idea: Robert Motherwell's Graphic Works". Prints rarely receive the same attention as paintings. Yet printmaking is a demanding medium, one that requires extensive technical knowledge and collaboration. Robert Motherwell was unusual among his Abstract Expressionist contemporaries because of his interest in and mastery of printmaking. Motherwell produced his first prints in 1943 and returned to printmaking in the early 1960s at the invitation of the Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE) print studio. His later work with Tyler Graphics, Gemini Graphics Edition Limited (G.E.L.) and others evolved into an impressive body of almost 500 prints. **East Wing Gallery, Through Nov. 25** - "Mel Chin: High, Low and In Between". A special presentation of "The Funk & Wag from A to Z" and meditations on war, religion, and politics. Recognized as an important artist of our time, Mel Chin's work evades easy classification. Analytical and poetic, he conjoins cross-cultural aesthetics with complex ideas. His investigations explore our natural and social ecology and the ways art can provoke greater social awareness and responsibility. The exhibition features "The Funk & Wag from A to Z," originally curated by Ann Harithas for the Nave Museum in Victoria, TX, alongside new configurations of Chin's recent works that highlight contemporary Surrealism and large-scale assemblage. Organized and curated by the Asheville Art Museum. **Gallery 6, Through Aug. 12** - "Ancient Forms, Modern Minds: Contemporary Cherokee Ceramics". A reception will be held on Mar. 18, from 2-4pm. The Cherokee have been making pottery in Western North Carolina for almost 3,000 years. Though nearly disappearing in the 19th century, the tradition survived, emerging as a contemporary art form enriched by the Cherokee artists who have carefully preserved and passed on their practice from one generation to the next. **Holden Community Gallery, Through Sept. 30** - "Fiore/Drawing". Historically, drawing has been an observational medium of immediacy and touch, often revealing an artist's most truthful inner thoughts and feelings about art and art making. "Fiore/Drawing," organized by the Falcon Charitable Foundation, surveys the drawings of Joseph A. Fiore (1925-2008). This exhibition of remarkable drawings, ranging in style, discipline and medium, documents 50 years of his artistic life from the early fifties at Black Mountain College through his late years in New York and Maine. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 16 College Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 30 local artists in oils, watercolors, lithographs, etchings and woodcuts. Hours: M.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and first Fri. of the month till 8pm. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **Through Sept. 8** - "David Weinrib: Bridging - A Retrospective From Two to Three Dimensions". Weinrib was potter-in-residence and guest faculty along with Karen Karnes from summer 1952 through summer 1954 at Black Mountain College. David Weinrib has worked as an instructor, potter, designer, curator and sculptor (in various mediums, including plastics) and has received numerous awards for his work as it displays a versatility and creative energy that is not often rivaled. The exhibition will show work from different phases of his career including early work made at Black Mountain College up to and including more recent work made within the past year. The exhibition will include paintings, graphics and sculpture. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

Blowers Gallery, main floor of UNCA's Ramsey Library, Asheville. **Aug. 10 - Sept. 12** - "Horizons - Past and Present," featuring an exhibition of photographs by Jon Michael Riley. A reception will be held on Sept. 12, from 5-6:30pm. The exhibition includes photographs from around the world, including Croagh Patrick, a mountain which is an ancient Celtic pilgrimage site in Ire-

land, Yosemite's Half Dome, and dunes at Myrtle Beach, SC. Hours: regular library hours. Contact: 828/251-6546.

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Flood Gallery, Aug. 4 - 28** - "SouthernGoodShit," featuring an all-new body of screen-prints on wood panel and paper by the Spartanburg, South Carolina based artist, Andrew Blanchard. A reception will be held on Aug. 4, from 6-9pm. **Pump Gallery, Aug. 4 - 28** - "Outside Today: New work by Julie Porterfield". Porterfield's paintings are diverse and compelling. She creates her work based on photographs she takes while exploring the Blue Ridge Mountains. A reception will be held on Aug. 4, from 6-9pm. **Ongoing** - Dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging and mid career artists, as well as educating the public and furthering the understanding of contemporary art and its importance within the community and beyond. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/255-0066 or at (www.philmechan-icstudios.com).

Grove Arcade Art & Heritage Gallery, One Page Ave., Suite 115, on O. Henry Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a project of the Grove Arcade Public Market Foundation and features the crafts, music and stories of the Blue Ridge. The gallery features a state-of-the-art, interactive exhibition that uses a solid terrain model animated with regional voices, video, music and lasers to bring the culture and history of Western North Carolina to life. Rotating exhibitions of regional crafts will bring emerging artists and new stories to gallery visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/255-0775 or at (www.grovearcade.com).

Guild Crafts of Southern Highland Craft Guild, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.



Work by Gabriel Shaffer

Highsmith University Union Gallery, located on the ground floor of UNC Asheville's Highsmith University Union, Asheville. **Aug. 10 - Sept. 17** - "Invisible Ink: Works on Paper by Gabriel Shaffer". A reception will be held on Aug. 23, from 6-8pm. Based in Asheville, Shaffer fuses elements of craft, graffiti and the conflicted genre of visionary/outside art to create urban folk art. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Contact: 828/251-6559 or at (<http://art.unca.edu/>).

NC Homespun Museum, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the Conway Collection of Appalachian Crafts, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conway, who began collecting over 40 years ago while visiting the Southern Highland Craftsman Fair at the Civic Center in downtown Asheville. They also collected pottery & other traditional crafts from the Crafts Center during the State Fairs in Raleigh. Hours: Mon.- Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

The Fine Arts League Gallery, 25 Rankin Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Located within the Fine Arts League of Asheville, the Gallery is devoted to the development of realist artists and features figure drawings, portraits, landscapes and still lifes. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/252-5050 or at (www.fineartsleague.org).

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Sept. 2** - "Haywood Community College Graduate Show." Graduates of Haywood's Professional Crafts Program will showcase their talents in wood, clay, fiber, metal and jewelry. This exhibition continues the historical relationship between the Folk Art Center and Haywood, an Educational

Center Member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Haywood Community College is located in Clyde, North Carolina, just west of Asheville. The college's Professional Crafts Program began in recognition of the region's strong craft heritage. It was envisioned that students would learn the basics of craft media and how to transform that craft into a business. The clay studio was the first to open in 1974. With the addition of jewelry, wood and fiber studios, a comprehensive curriculum was in place by 1977. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history - that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. **Focus Gallery, Through Sept. 11** - Featuring works in fiber John Gunther and works in clay by Christine Kosiba. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Works in ceramics by regional and national artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm and Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/285-9700 or at (www.highwaterclays.com).

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s - 1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614 or at (www.ymicc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville
The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).



Work by John Orolin

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Gallery, Aug. 3 - 31** - "First Annual Portfolio Project," featuring an exhibit of works by members of the Western North Carolina's f32 Photograph Group. A reception will be held on Aug. 3, from 6-8pm. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 10am-5pm; Thur. 11am-3pm; Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. The Museum will be free on Thursdays from 4-7pm. Hours: Tue., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur., 10am-7pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

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