

NC Institutional Galleries

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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

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. See the Ellen Lee Klein Interview at (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJvH_NE9CAFY). **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).



Work by Lisa Weinblatt

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).

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. **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. **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/>).



Work by Eva Crawford

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont's, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Aug. 15 - Oct. 6** - "Reclaimed Memories," featuring works by Eva Crawford. An Artist Lecture will be offered on Sept. 29, at noon, in the North Classroom Building Auditorium, Room 1123, located at 1320 Sam Ryburn Walk, a reception will follow immediately. Following the passing of her father in January of 2021, Crawford sought to create a body of work focused on the preservation of memory. Crawford reclaims lost memories through the use of portraiture, transforming antique film photographs into large-scale drawings and paintings that invite the viewer to create their own stories and memories about the individuals in the artwork. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-4pm or by appt. Contact: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Central Piedmont Arts or call Amelia Zytka, Senior Art Gallery Coordinator at 704/330-6847 or visit (<http://blogs.cpcc.edu/cpccartgalleries/>).

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Sept. 11** - "Billie Zangewa: Thread for a Web Begun". The exhibit brings together silk tapestries spanning 15 years of the Malawi-born, Johannesburg-based artist, Billie Zangewa's career. Zangewa's works explore themes of society, identity, and feminism through an intricate creative practice. **Through 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. **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. **Aug. 22 - Oct. 21** - "COMPOUND," featuring works by Jilliam Mayer. Mayer is an internationally recognized artist based in Miami, FL. While in residence at Charlotte's McColl Center in Fall 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic, she became intrigued by the region's Survivalist culture. Sometimes referred to as "preppers," Survivalists pursue complete independence from broad social, political, industrial, and economic infrastructures, solely relying on their own learned skills to prepare for any threat of impending disasters. For her exhibition, "COMPOUND", Mayer has designed and constructed her own imagined, site-specific survival site within the Lamba Gallery. At the epicenter is a large fabricated domed bunker. The perimeter of the gallery is lined with found objects and handmade artworks: an industrial electrical cabinet, a satellite dish, glassworks, and ceramic vessels. When combined, these elements make up a unique installation that could be defined as a Survivalist's stage set. 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).

McColl Center for Art + Innovation, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Through Aug. 3** - "In Body". As a society, we are acutely aware of the power and issue that exists in notions of "body." We exist in a time where violence against, legislation to control, alterations to, and the dynamics of living in our own skins play out across headlines and in our homes every day. **Through Aug. 3** - "Potluck". In times like these, we find comfort in the humble tradition of POTLUCK, a meal in which members of a community offer what resources they have to be shared by all. This tradition, which grew popular during the Great Depression, feels necessary today, not only as an act of self-care but as an act of radical compassion for our neighbors. Studios at McColl Center artists Emily Berger, Wil Bosbyshell, Tamara Conrad, Christopher Holston, Doris Kapner, Taylor Lee Nicholson, Emily Nuñez, Lauren Puckett, Samantha Rosado, and Nil Smith offer up works of art that explore how to survive in an increasingly hostile society. Hours: Call about visiting. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". From crocks, jars, and jugs to pitchers, candleholders, and vases, "turning pots" is one of the oldest and richest craft traditions in North Carolina. For more than 200 years, members of the Cole family have been potting in central North Carolina — 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. **Through 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 particu-

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