

American Printmakers and the WPA". This exhibition showcases prints created under the Federal Art Project, a unit of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Created in 1935 to provide economic relief to Americans during the Great Depression, the WPA offered work to the unemployed on an unprecedented scale by spending money on a wide array of programs, including highways and building construction, reforestation and rural rehabilitation. Like railroad workers, miners, farmers and anyone out of work, artists were recognized as a special group of laborers in need of financial assistance. **Holden Community Gallery, Through Jan. 8, 2012** - "A Tisket A Tasket: Appalachian, Cherokee and Low Country Baskets". The exhibit examines the similarities and distinctions between these three traditions. A major influence on all three is the role of tourists and collectors. As containers manufactured from cloth, glass or tin diminished the need for baskets as functional items, tourists, collectors and shop owners stepped into the gap, preserving these traditions. This transition also offered basket makers opportunities for earning an income. Many of the basket makers see their work not only as an economic activity, but as a way of preserving and passing along cultural and family identities to the next generation. 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. 17** - "JACK TWORKOV: The Accident of Choice, the artist at Black Mountain College". A reception will be held on June 17, from 5:30-7:30pm. Organized and curated by Jason Andrew, this historic exhibition includes important works by Jack Tworkov, who taught painting at Black Mountain College during the summer of 1952. On view will be paintings and drawings by Tworkov ranging from 1948-52 including works from one of the artist's most noted series, House of the Sun that began at Black Mountain College. Also on exhibit will be letters, photographs, and ephemera from students and fellow artists including Fielding Dawson, Franz Kline, Robert Rauschenberg, and Stephan Wolpe; photographs of Jack Tworkov at Black Mountain College by Robert Rauschenberg, and several original works by Rauschenberg from 1952. **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).



Work by Bridgid Elmer

Blowers Gallery, main floor of UNCA's Ramsey Library, Asheville. **Through Sept. 28** - "Art of the Book: Process, Product and Community at Asheville BookWorks," featuring an exhibit of printmaking, binding, paper-making and related processes. A reception will be held on Sept. 28, from 5-7pm. Hours: regular library hours. Contact: 828/251-6546.

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **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.philmechanicstudios.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 Katherine Knutsen

Highsmith University Union Gallery, located on the ground floor of UNC Asheville's Highsmith University Union, Asheville. **Through Sept. 6** - "Selected Student Exhibition". The UNC Asheville's Department of Art will begin the new academic year with an exhibit of student art work selected by the Art faculty. The show features more than a dozen works in a variety of media. A reception will be held on Sept. 6, from 5-7pm. **Sept. 12 - Oct. 4** - "A Rapid Progression," featuring sculptures by Gene Felice. A reception will be held on Sept. 16, from 6-8pm. Felice designed the forms through the process of three-dimensional modeling, and then used printers and rapid prototyping machines to give the designs solid form. This exhibit also includes an electricity-generating bicycle which viewers can pedal to power other exhibited works, and an interactive, solar-powered LED lighting system. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Contact: 828/251-6559 or at (www.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.

S. Tucker Cooke Gallery, UNC-Asheville, 1st floor, Owen Hall, Asheville. **Through Sept. 16** - UNC Asheville Art Department Faculty Exhibit," including works by Tamie Beldue, Virginia Derryberry, Robert Dunning, Mark Koven, Scott Lowrey, Brent Skidmore, Carrie Tomberlin, Eric Tomberlin, Robert Tynes, Matt West and Megan Wolfe. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm. Contact: call UNCA's Art Department at 828/251-6559.

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. 18** - "New Members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild". Artists who have recently juried into the Guild will have the opportunity to be showcased in this exhibition featuring a variety of media. **Sept. 24 - Jan. 22, 2012** - "Asheville Quilt Guild." The Folk Art Center is pleased to host this exhibition of fiber art juried and organized by the Asheville Quilt Guild. **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. 27** - Featuring wooden furniture by Jim McGie and wood works by Bill Henry. 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 con-

temporary 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. **Baker Exhibit Center, Through Sept. 6** - "Botanical Chords," featuring works by Terry Ashley, blurs the line between science and art. A former research scientist at Yale University School of Medicine, Ashley developed her technique while pursuing her hobby of photographing plant parts under the light microscope. Ashley termed her art "chords" because they connect two separate images, one traditional plant photograph and one image taken at a cellular level. **Through Sept. 6** - "The Fine Art of Wood: An International Invitational Exhibition of Woodturning," will feature the work of more than 40 artists from across the country and around the world. The exhibit will showcase a wide variety of style and presentation, from pedestal and tabletop pieces to wall hangings. The American Association of Woodturners, along with their local chapter, the Carolina Mountain Woodturners, helped facilitate this exhibit. **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).

Bakersville

Along Cane Creek, Bakersville. Sept. 24, 2011 - "7th Annual Bakersville Creek Walk Arts Festival". Featuring a juried show of arts and crafts. The event offers nearly 50 exhibitors of glass, jewelry, pottery, paintings, furniture, fiber, woodcraft and sculpture. The festival has become known for showcasing some of the finest arts and crafts to be found in the Southeast. Hours: 10am-5pm. Contact: call Dawn Dalto at 828/216-9929 or visit (<http://www.creekwalkfestival.com/>).

Beaufort

Landscapes Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts, 410 Front Street, Beaufort. **Ongoing** - The Gallery promotes American traditions in pottery, jewelry and glasswork with an emphasis on North Carolina artists. Over 200 artists are represented in a full range of work from the traditional to the contemporary in pottery, glass, jewelry, metal, wood and other media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., 10am-5pm. Contact: 252-728-6805 or at (<http://www.handscapesgallery.com/>).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa



Work by Carolyn Capps

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Level Gallery, Through Sept. 2** - "Portraits of

Uganda," featuring photographs by Carrie Wagner. **Sept. 9 - Oct. 7** - "Twigs and Burls," featuring nature-inspired paintings of University of Virginia professor Carolyn Capps, and the turned wood art of Black Mountain artist Steve Miller. A reception will be held on Sept. 9, 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

Parkway Craft Center, of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, at the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net).

Boone

Downtown Boone, Sept. 2, 5-8pm - "Downtown Boone First Friday Art Crawl". Each month the Downtown Boone Development Association (DBDA) hosts the Art Crawl which happens every First Friday. Come visit the art galleries, art studios and other fine shops in downtown Boone. Contact: 828/262-3017 or e-mail to (turchincenter@appstate.edu).

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, East Wing, Through Dec. 3** - "The Halpert Biennial '11," juried by Steven Matijcio, Curator of Contemporary Art, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA). The exhibition is a national juried visual art competition that is open to all two-dimensional visual artists, over the age of 18 and currently residing in the United States. Any original, two-dimensional works of art including paintings, drawings, prints, photography, mixed media, and works using traditional and non-traditional materials are considered for the selection process. Awards total \$5,000.

Mezzanine Gallery, East Wing, Through Dec. 3 - "Selections from the Permanent Collection". This exhibition from the Turchin Center's Permanent Collection will feature a selection of acquisitions donated by artists, patrons and organizations for the purpose of enriching and strengthening the depth of the collection. Over the past several years, the collection has grown with the addition of works by well-known artists. Featured artists will include Shane Fero, Herb Jackson, Robert Motherwell, Tim Turner, Andy Warhol and Hiroshi Yamano, among other.

Mayer Gallery, West Wing, Sept. 2 - Jan. 21, 2012 - "Sanctuary: Val Lyle". Lyle's current traveling body of work "Sanctuary" continues the artist's exploration about what it means to be a human being in Appalachia. This installation will be in its eighth incarnation of the exhibition. Val will create major new work designed specifically for the environment that the work is displayed within. **Galleries A & B, West Wing, Sept. 2 - Jan. 21, 2012** - "John Scarlata: Living In the Light: A Retrospective & Other Works". This exhibition, organized by family, friends and colleagues will feature works by distinguished Southern photographer John Scarlata (1949 -2010). Scarlata served as the chair of the photography program in the Department of Technology, Appalachian State University from 1999-2010. **Catwalk Community Gallery, East Wing, Sept. 2 - Oct. 29** - "Northmost: R. Martin Stamet". Stamet's work concentrates on the role of nature, microcosms, and found objects that took hold of his imagination as a child. His artistic endeavors are devoted to exploring the whispered histories and infinitesimal detail of the world around us - especially those that would otherwise go unnoticed. The subjects present Stamet's work span from textures and found objects to cultures and civic concepts. These elements inspire him to create works that not only share a story from the periphery of life and culture, but also assemble a dialogue between audience and concept that is appropriate to the subject itself. Hours: 10am-6pm, Tue., Wed., Thur., & Sat. and Fri., noon-8pm. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone **Throughout Appalachian State University campus**, Boone. **Through Feb. 2012** - "25th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition". Sponsored by Turchin Center for the Visual Arts and An Appalachian Summer Festival. The juror for this year's competition is artist,

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