

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Features Works by New Members

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *Mountain Inspirations*, featuring works by three new gallery members: Jan Smith, Mandy Kjellstrom, and Raymond Byram, on view from Jan. 2 - 31, 2022. A reception will be held on Jan. 7, from 5-8pm.

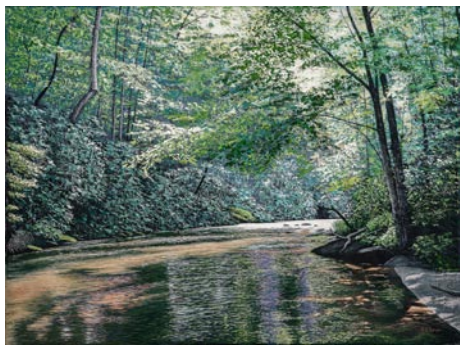
Jan Smith has been a professional artist for forty years, and her body of work has evolved over years of experimentation with different materials and techniques. Oil is her medium of choice, and she paints both from photographs and on location. Her style approaches a hybrid impressionistic/realism in her landscapes and traditional realism in her animals, people, and florals.

Throughout her career, Smith has participated in numerous gallery showings. She has lived both on the coast and in the mountains of the Carolinas so it comes as no surprise that she transforms the canvas with the familiar beauty of mountain and coastal scenes.



Work by Jan Wilson Smith

Mandy Kjellstrom commenced her study of art in 2002, and later entered the Fine Arts League of the Carolinas, a school devoted to classical realism. This began her training, with specific interests in the figure, landscapes, and still life, which she continues to study. She finds



Work by Ray Byram

joy in painting the ordinary things of life in a way that captures their sacredness. Believing that God is present in all things, she considers herself a “co-creator” of the beauty that she experiences as she paints her natural surroundings “en plein air.” Kjellstrom’s preferred medium is oil, in a classical realism style, and she is inspired by the world’s ever-present natural beauty.

Raymond Byram has been painting in oils since 1969. After receiving a Fine Arts degree with a minor in art history, he has devoted his life to his painting and printmaking. Although he has worked in a variety of genres and styles, landscapes in oil are his primary pursuits. Byram’s oils are almost exclusively done with palette knives, rather than brushes. He enjoys both an Impressionistic style of painting, as well as the beauty of the mountains and forests. Combined, they have molded his style into what he calls Tight Impressionism. Byram finds his inspiration in the eastern mountains and forests of North Carolina.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Gallery at 828/251-5796, visit (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com), or go to the gallery’s Facebook page.

Pink Dog Gallery in Asheville, NC, Offers Group Exhibition

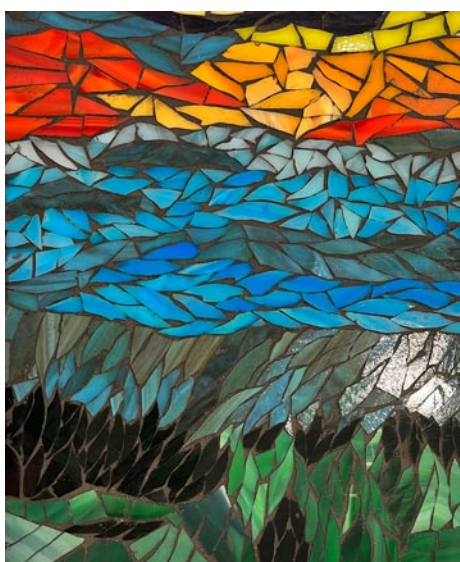
Pink Dog Gallery in Asheville, NC, will present an exhibition of work by the 9 diverse artists of Pink Dog 348, on view from Jan. 7 through Apr. 3, 2022. A reception will be held on Feb. 10, from 5-7:30pm.

Each artist has chosen works that highlight their creative expressions. Mediums and styles included range from glass art, oils, acrylics, cold wax, encaustic, mixed media, textile art, portraiture, landscape and abstracts.

The artists participating all have working studios in Pink Dog Creative, 348 Depot Street in Asheville’s River Arts District.

Participating artists include: Lynn Bregman Blass, Karen Keil Brown, Julieta Fumberg, Leene Hermann, Gayle Paul, Joseph Pearson, Sarah St Laurent, Larry Turner and Cindy Walton.

For further information check our



Work by Leene Hermann
NC Commercial Gallery listings or visit (pinkdog-creative.com).

Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC, Offers Two New Exhibitions

The Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC, announces two openings on January 7, 2022 of their *EXPOSURES Photography Competition* and the *Community Threads* exhibition. The exhibitions will be on display through Jan. 28, 2022.

EXPOSURES will feature entries by photographers from Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, and Watauga counties. The competition will be judged by photographer Benjamin Erlandson, Ph.D., with winners being announced on Jan. 7, 2022.

Community Threads will spotlight work by the Pine Needles Quilt Guild and Chix with Stix of Lenoir, NC. The fiber arts exhibition will include art and utilitarian quilts, needle felting, and standard needlecrafts such as knitted and crocheted pieces.



Work by Lily Laramie, 2021, Best of Show in *EXPOSURES*

The Caldwell Arts Council is located on College Avenue, SW, in Lenoir, NC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 828/754-2486 or visit (www.caldwellarts.com).



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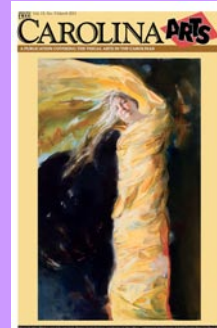
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