

NC Institutional Galleries

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I have spent many hours in the studio experimenting and playing with materials and imagery. By June 2020, I found myself drawing every evening with gel pen and small sketchbook. I begin with no intention when drawing. I don't know whether the subconscious mind is seeping up into the conscious mind or if the conscious mind is seeping down into the subconscious mind, either way I do not question it. The journey involves embracing the mystery of stories that unfold. I look and I respond, I feel and I respond, I wonder and I respond, I don't know and I respond. I just let it all happen as it does. Working in mixed-media I create paintings, drawings and collages. Layering color, drawing, and collage create a tapestry of expressive imagery. Acrylic paint, Oil Pastels, Collage, Graphite, Inks, Pastel Crayons, Charcoal, and Graphite Powder are materials I enjoy playing with. Hand printed and stained rice papers become part of the layering. Through the beauty of art and the complexity of life, my current works explore the strength, courage, joy, dignity, challenge, love, trauma, humor, and compassion that we all share. The stories can connect us in ways we never expected and ways we come to feel as part of ourselves. The viewer brings their own experience to the work as we do in life when we meet each other. As the tale unfolds these images show the ordinary with all its beauty, uniqueness, complexity, magic, and mystery that we all hold within. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery, at Central Piedmont Community College's Central Campus, North Classroom, 1320 Sam Ryburn Walk, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 8** - "Clay Art Bender by Greg Scott" Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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 Sudie Rakusin

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery, at Central Piedmont Community College's Harper Campus, Harper IV, 315 W. Hebron St., Charlotte. **Through Dec. 8** - "Layer and Lines," featuring works by Sudie Rakusin. Rakusin says, "Being an animal activist and feminist, my artwork flows from what moves me and from where I find beauty: women, animals, the earth, color, pattern and light. My art represents the deep connection I feel with these elements. Through my artwork I create a world as I would like it to be, where harmony exists between animal and human, and where nature thrives. My work includes pen and ink drawings, papier-mâché sculptures, abstracts in cold wax and oil, and 3-dimensional oil on canvas paintings featuring women and animals. "Art is where I go for refuge, replenishing, and how I pay homage to what sustains me. This body of work is cold wax and oil on wood panels. The properties of cold wax fascinate me and keep me curious; how the underlying layers inform and alter the layers applied over them, how incising and scraping and glazing make more changes. I know I am wielding the palette knife and mixing the colors, but what happens on the panel is beyond my control. I'm learning how to be fine with the state of 'not knowing'." **Through Dec. 31** - "Journey Through Life by Jodi Lynn McNeely". Charlotte artist Jodi Lynn McNeely has a drive to paint something, make some-

thing, or fix something. After taking numerous art classes at Central Piedmont Community College and participating in several ceramic workshops, Jodi built a studio and gallery on her property in South Charlotte. Her Industrial Design Bachelors Degree, ceramics education, and free form carvings have emerged as her signature style, creating unique pieces with structural integrity and aesthetic interest. Originally from Texas, Jodi is Influenced by Mexican and Chinese Folk Art. Her brightly colored work often includes re-purposed wrought or cast iron. A form of journaling, her carvings many times feature people she has met on her journey. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery, at Central Piedmont Community College's Harris Campus, Harris II, 3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 8** - "50-year Retrospective," featuring works by Shane Fero. Shane Fero was born in Chicago, IL in 1953 and has been a flameworker for 50 years and maintains a studio next to Penland School in North Carolina. He participates in international symposia and conferences by lecturing and demonstrating. Fero is also an educator and has taught at institutions such as Penland School, Urban Glass, the Pratt Fine Arts Center, the Studio of the Corning Museum of Glass, the University of Michigan, Eugene Glass School, Espace Verre, Montreal, Quebec, the Pittsburgh Glass Center, Pilchuck Glass School, Bild-Werk, Frauenau, Germany, the International Glass Festival in Stourbridge, UK, Scuola Bubacco, Murano, Italy, Chameleon Studio, Tasmania, Taiwan, China, Australia, Turkey and in Seto, Osaka, and the Nijima Glass Art Center in Japan. **Through Dec. 8** - "Simple Gifts," featuring works by Lynn Newman. Newman moved to North Carolina in March 2020, after retiring from a career as an art teacher and program coordinator in Wyoming. Secluded in his new home during the onset of the pandemic, he sought comfort in his painting, focusing on florals and landscapes. He started working on a series of paintings based on the parks and scenes he and his wife enjoyed during their daily walks in their new surroundings. Painting helped him feel grounded and provided a sense of hope. Newman says, "In this time of uncertainty – emotionally, politically, and physically – it's my hope that others might interpret their own sense of solace and hope for the future with gifts as simple and as powerful as the flowers and landscapes we discover in our own backyards" Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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).

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Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery, at Central Piedmont Community College's Merancas Campus, Merancas IV, 1930 Verhoeff Dr., Huntersville. **Through Dec. 8** - "The Works of Jodi Lynn McNeely". Charlotte artist Jodi Lynn McNeely has a drive to paint something, make something, or fix something. After taking numerous art classes at Central Piedmont Community College and participating in several ceramic workshops, Jodi built a studio and gallery on her property in South Charlotte. Her Industrial Design Bachelors Degree, ceramics education, and free form carvings have emerged as her signature style, creating unique pieces with structural integrity and aesthetic interest. Originally from Texas, Jodi is Influenced by Mexican and Chinese Folk Art. Her brightly colored work often includes re-purposed wrought or cast iron. A form of journaling, her carvings many times feature people she has met on her journey. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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).



View outside the Charlotte Art League

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: Fri. & Sat., 1-7pm and Sun., 1-5pm. 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/).



Patrick Alston, "Past Tense," detail, 2023, acrylic, gouache, oil, oil stick, pastel, and spray paint on sewn fabric, 76 x 98 inches, courtesy of the artist. - Harvey Gantt Center

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 15, 2024** - "my Presence is Present: interpretations of afrosurrealism from the American South," is an exhibition that navigates through surreal African-American experiences as told by 20 emerging and established contemporary artists in and around the Carolinas. Each participating artist purposefully creates work in response to our inherent memories and identities of growing up and living in the American South. "As curator of this exhibition, I asked local Charlotte artist DaRemen J. about the state of his current video works. His response, 'everything right now is about me being Black and just existing.' A rather surreal perspective when you think about it in a present-day context. Are we simply existing or continuing to create new spaces where we can still exist? If so, what do those brave new worlds look like and at what point do they become surreal, leading us on a journey to new visual interpretations of how we live and view our Black lives?" **Through Jan. 15** - "Kennedi Carter: Sight Unseen". Born and raised in Durham, NC, Kennedi Carter has garnered

international acclaim through her portraits of "overlooked beauties of the Black experience: skin, texture, trauma, peace, love and community." Defined as "without inspection or appraisal," Carter's work exemplifies the phrase "sight unseen." Her images approach and depict moments without judgement or preconceived notions of what constitutes memorable or worthy. The exhibition draws on Carter's ability to capture the "unseen" — moments often overlooked or invisible to society. Featuring a number of new works, the exhibition demonstrates the breadth of Carter's vision and provides a glimpse into the personal worlds she photographs. **Through May 12, 2024** - "Post-Traumatism : In Search of Freedom". In this exhibition, eight large-scale abstract paintings take center stage, adorned with visceral and emotive gestures that lay bare the raw intensity of trauma and triumph. Alston's brushstrokes dance between chaos and order, unveiling the inner conflict between pain and the unyielding desire for freedom. These canvases become the battleground where the artist wrestles with concepts of trauma, seeking to transmute them into powerful symbols of resilience and hope. "Post-Traumatism: In Search of Freedom" seeks to illuminate the profound interconnectedness of human existence and the universality of our struggle for emancipation. **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. 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).

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.

New Location
Levine Museum of the New South, 401 South Tryon Street, (former Wells Fargo Museum) Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Building a stronger, more equitable community by connecting people to Charlotte and to each other through history, culture, and celebration. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11am-5pm; Wed. till 9pm; Sat., 10am-5pm; & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (museumofthenewsouth.org).

McColl Center for Art + Innovation, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **T - "** Hours: Call about visiting. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through Jan. 21, 2024** - "Walter Scott Lenox & American Belleek". Featuring 80 works from the Mint's permanent collection, as well as other notable public and private collections, this exhibition focuses solely on the earliest decades of American Belleek production and the role Walter Scott Lenox played in its development as an art form. Curated by Brian Gallagher, the Mint's senior curator of decorative arts, The Mint Museum is the exhibition's only venue. In 1857, McBirney and Company in the village of Belleek in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, began producing a new type of porcelain renowned for its light, delicately thin, ivory-colored body. Named for the town in which it was created, Belleek porcelain quickly became prized among discerning customers in the British Isles. As its popularity then spread across the Atlantic, several American ceramic manufacturers in Trenton, New Jersey, sought to make their own version of Belleek. In 1882, Ott and Brewer became the first to succeed. **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 potters in central North Carolina — Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Montgomery counties. Six generations of Coles, and no fewer

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