

NC Institutional Galleries

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Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Red House Studios & Gallery, of the Swannanoa Valley Fine Art League, 310 W State Street, next to the Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain. **Through Mar. 7** - Swannanoa Valley Fine Arts League New Members & Studio Artists' Showcase". **Mar. 11 - May 9** - "Marvelous Masters: A Tribute to Famous Artists." A reception will be held on Mar. 11, from 5-7pm. Artists in all mediums, create art that is in the spirit of, emulates the work of, or reflects the techniques and, or style of, a famous marvelous master. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 11am-4pm. Contact: 828/669-0351 or visit (<http://svfalarts.org/>).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Rankin West Gallery, Mar. 8 - July 31** - "Imminent Perils: To Wonder at Trifles in the Paintings of John Beerman". **Fort Gallery, Through Apr. 16** - "Potters & Patrons: The Gorelick Collection at BRAHM". Carol Gorelick (1939-2019) began building her collection of pottery in 1970. Along with her husband Shelton (1929-2014), the Gorelicks were drawn to the medium's texture and tactility and built a substantial collection of predominantly North Carolina pottery and ceramic objects over the proceeding decades. The Gorelicks purchased what they liked, with Carol once saying, "I collect by the seat of my pants." As the couple collected, they formed long-lasting friendships with the artists from whom they purchased work. Amassing a collection representing many of the state's most prominent ceramic artists, the pair left an indelible mark on the tight knit pottery community as tireless and compassionate patrons. With works by Steve Abee, Michel Bayne, Herb Cohen, Josh Copus, Christina Córdova, Burlon Craig, Kim Ellington, Mark Hewitt, Daniel Johnston, Matt Jones, Stacy Lambert, Charles Lisk, Alex Matisse, The Owens family, A.V. Smith, and many others, the Gorelick collection serves as a testament to their fidelity to and love for the medium and to the individual makers who enliven it. **Schaefer Gallery, Through May 8** - "Wildflowers: Glass Sculptures by Ronnie Hughes". Born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Ronnie Hughes' passion for working with glass came as a surprise. Despite his aptitude for fine detail, Ronnie's technique of frameworking durable borosilicate glass is largely self-taught. Initially inspired by an unexpected field of Pink Lady Slipper orchids during a hike in 1980, Hughes has devoted his studio work exclusively to wildflowers native to North Carolina ever since. His sculptures are characterized by an exacting attention to accurate flower structures and the organic forms that support and reinforce these delicate compositions. Seen here in clear glass, the artist's forms, while drawn from Nature, are almost ethereal in their ability to capture and diffuse light. **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. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org/).

Boone

Downtown Boone, 1st Friday every month, from 5-8pm - First Friday Art Crawl. For further info contact the Watauga Ars Council at 828-264-1789 (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).

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.

Hands Gallery, 543 West King Street, Boone. **Ongoing** - What began as the dream of a small group of craftspeople in 1975 continues today in a very personal and continually-changing environment. The history of Hands Gallery Co-op is as varied and intriguing as the artists who have come and gone over the years. Dozens of artisans have explored the business opportunities Hands has given their work, while donating time and ideas to the growth and success of the gallery. Today, the co-op serves as a role model for arts and crafts co-ops throughout the Southeastern US. Hours: daily, 10am-6pm, except Thanksgiving & Christmas. Contact: 828-262-1970 of at (<http://www.handsgallery.org/>).

King Street Art Collective, Watauga Ars Council, 585 West King Street, (above Doe Ridge Pottery) Boone. **Ongoing** - A gallery and interactive art space with changing exhibits and activities celebrating the arts. Hours: Thur., 11am-5pm; Fri.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 10am-2pm. Contact: 828-264-1789 or at (<https://www.watauga-arts.org/kingstreetart.html#/>).



Steve Fitch, "Motel, Highway 66, Elk City, OK

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Mar. 4, from 5-9pm** - "Spring Exhibition Celebration". This event is held in conjunction with the downtown Boone Art Crawl. **Mezzanine Gallery, Mar. 4 - June 4** - "19th Annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition". In its 17th year, the "Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition" (AMPC) provides both amateur and professional photographers with the opportunity to showcase their interpretation of the unique character, people, places and pursuits that distinguish the Southern Appalachians. The categories include: Adventure, Blue Ridge Parkway, Culture, Our Ecological Footprint, Flora/Fauna and Landscape. Over 800 entries were submitted and the jury panel selected 52 finalist images. **Mayer Gallery, Mar. 4 - Aug. 27** - "Celestial: Dare Coulter". With the Universe as the source of inspiration, the Celestial exhibit is a series of multimedia works that explore the metaphor of creation. Dare Coulter is an award-winning artist, muralist, and sculptor. Her mission for her artwork is primarily to create positive and magical imagery of Black people and families. She hopes to have a mural on every continent within the next five years, and a series of sculptures depicting Black joy all over the world. **Gallery A, Through May 7** - "To Remain Connected: Jenny Irene Miller, Raven Moffett and Shauna Caldwell, Guest Curators". By bringing together work grounded in Inuit artmaking across generations, as well as through multifaceted and evolving practices, we hope to kindle conversations around the meaningful stories that are deeply rooted in community, placemaking and engage with ongoing legacies of creation. The featured artworks were selected because of the stories they tell and the connections they visualize. Our curatorial model stems from an embrace of the collective and highlights community through thoughtful portraiture as well as collaborative, familial and multigenerational art making. To Remain Connected presents rich layers of stories told through a multitude of interwoven voices rooted in land, memory and Inuit ways of being. While Inuit are linked together through art, language, food, and more, there are many unique Inuit communities, dialects, and lifeways across lands that have been renamed Alaska, Russia, Greenland, Canada and beyond. **Gallery B, Through May 7** - "In the Garden of Healing: Dara Mark". "The paintings in this exhibition were made over the five year period after my husband died. Each of them reflects my emotional state during the process of grieving and healing and describes in abstract terms an arc of personal growth. The paintings were not conceived of as therapy per se, but as the only way forward for me as an artist. The medium - watercolor on Yupo paper - and the formal issues of transparency, flow and balance, were and are a continuation of my longtime studio practice. Color is always key. For the first year I used black, white and blue exclusively, because that felt right. Two years later, diagnosed with breast cancer, I was drawn to the warm colors of the spectrum: red, pink, orange, yellow," said Mark. **Hodges Gallery, Through June 4** - "The New West: An Old Story, Photographs by Joan Myers and Steve Fitch". Photographers have been reimagining the American West ever since cameras were ferried across the Mississippi River in the 1850s; photographs being the primary way people in the East could see what wonders lay in the then uncharted and mythical territories far to the West of the "Great River." According

to the Native Languages of Americas website (www.native-languages.org/state-names/), "Misizibi" is the native name of the river in the Ojibwe language. Since the 1860s when the first photographs of Yosemite Valley were made, photographs—both still and moving images—have been instrumental in promoting the West as an unexplored wilderness and the land of opportunity. Although unacknowledged when convenient, as it often was, the lands west of the Mississippi were traditional homelands to many First Peoples and a diverse cross-section of Hispanic peoples who moved into the land with the Spanish Friars and Conquistadors funded by the Spanish Crown long before the West was Anglicized. **Community Gallery, Through June 4** - "To Be & Become: Corn Wagon Thunder". "My photographic self-portraiture is borne of a fascination with the Existential questions 'Who am I?' and 'Why am I?'. I am interested in dissecting the mode and manner of my own being. With a nod to the absurd, I use symbolism to visualize the riddle of life. Yet, with tenderness toward the mysterious edges of self-discovery. I use language to dance with the visual, to provide wayfinding but also to reinforce mystery. I focus the camera on myself as a method of examining my personal mythology and to consider how one constructs and transforms meaning in relation to existence. "To Be & Become" (Lost in the Becoming) chronicles my journey into midlife. Becoming the thing I didn't want to be - yet became, was becoming. This project began as the ten-year anniversary of my mother's death approached. I was thirty-five years old when she succumbed to cancer. As my adult life unfolds in her absence, I long intensely for her guidance and support. This work is an effort to summon her wisdom and guidance from beyond the grave and acknowledges the mysterious presence of absence." Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-6pm; Fri., noon-8pm; & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org/).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone
Throughout Appalachian State University campus, Boone. Through May 31 - "34th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition". Made possible by the continued generosity of the Rosen Family: The Martin & Doris Rosen Giving Fund/Debbie Rosen Davidson and David Rosen/Charles & Nancy Rosenblatt Foundation. The "Rosen Sculpture Competition and Exhibition" is an annual national juried competition presented by An Appalachian Summer Festival and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. Since its establishment by Martin and Doris Rosen in 1987, the Rosen competition continues a tradition of showcasing contemporary American sculpture in outdoor settings across the campus of Appalachian State University. This year, ten sculptures have been selected by juror Rachel Stevens. Cash prizes are awarded to three artists whose work is chosen by the juror and will be announced at the annual sculpture walk - a highlight of every summer festival season. Participating artists include: Wayne Vaughn (Graham, NC); Matt Amante (Winterville, NC); Charles Pilkey (Mint Hill, NC); Glenn Zweygardt (Alfred Station, NY); Rudy Rudisill (Gastonia, NC); Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC); Joan Benefiel (Brooklyn, NY); Tom Scicluna (Miami, FL); David Boyajian (New Fairfield, CT); and Gretchen Lotz (Orlando, FL). Hours: daylight hours. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org/).

Brasstown

Folk School Craft Shop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Olive D. Campbell Building, Brasstown. **Ongoing** - The shop represents more than 300 juried craftspeople and features an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary Appalachian craft, including jewelry, pottery, wood, fiber, ironwork, basketry and other disciplines. You'll find marquetry earrings, clay serving platters, turned-wood bowls, functional fireplace poker sets and many more unique items. The shop is also proud to be the home of the world-renowned Brasstown Carvers. A book room houses hundreds of instructional and celebratory books on everything from basketry to writing. Buy a few art supplies or a CD from our collection of traditional Appalachian music. You can take home a Folk School t-shirt, hat or bag as a souvenir. Find the perfect scenic postcard to tell everyone back home about your visit to the Folk School. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8am-5pm; Thur. til 6pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 800/365-5724 or at (www.folkschool.org/).

Brevard

Number 7 Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 2 West Main Street, historic McMinn building, Brevard. **Ongoing** - A Fine Arts and Fine Crafts cooperative featuring the juried works of 22 of Transylvania County's finest artists and craftspeople. New works on display daily. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/883-2294 or at (www.number7arts.com/).

Transylvania Community Arts Center Gallery, 349 S. Caldwell St., Brevard. **Through Mar. 19** - "Across the Land," an exhibition of drawing, painting, sculpture, and craft, featuring the No Limits artists of Transylvania Vocational Services (TVS). Through its INTERACT and Life Skills programs, TVS equips and supports individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living and working as independently as possible. Hours: Call about hours. Contact: 828/884-2787 or at (<http://www.tcarts.org/>).

Burlington

Point of View Gallery, 717 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by member artists: Kathy Alderman, Frances Baker, India Cain, John Dodson, Steven Durland, Debra Farmer, Bill Ferree, Brenda Garner, Wendy Gellert, Michael Kennedy, Cheryl Knox, Peggy McCormick, Jacqueline Mehning, Christine Seiler, Lane Watson, and Rose Wenkel. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 336/270-4998 or at (www.PointOfViewGallery.com).

Burnsville

Burnsville Gallery, Toe River Arts Council, 102 W. Main St., Burnsville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by artists from Mitchell and Yancey Counties sponsored by the Toe River Arts Council. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at (www.toeriverarts.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Burnsville
Yancey County Public Library, 321 School Circle, Burnsville. **Herring Kivtte Gallery, Through Mar. 19** - "Arts in Education Showcase | Yancey County". Hours: Mon., 9am-5pm; Tue., 9am-7pm; Wed., 9am-5pm; Thur., 9am-7pm; Fri., 9am-5pm; and Sat., 10am-1pm. Contact: 828/682-2600.

Cary

Throughout Cary, Final Friday of the Month, from 6-8pm - "Cary Art Loop," featuring an evening tour of art spaces in Cary held on the final Friday of the month. Take the C-Tran to the Cary Art Loop! The free bus will make stops at Coffee and Crepes, Studio 180 Salon, Ashworth Village, Cary Arts Center and Page-Walker Arts & History Center/Cary Town Hall. Contact: (www.caryartloop.org).

Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue, Cary. **Cary Arts Center Gallery, Through Apr. 23** - "Tom Spleth: Costa Rica to Lubbock," featuring works of digital artworks. "As with all my ways of working, these pieces followed a particular path designed to produce images resulting from, in this case, digital drawings. I used an iPad and drawing apps to create works from travels to Costa Rica and reflections on my Lubbock family. Printing on aluminum plates took the images from the computer to physical form and felt in keeping with the contemporary digital environment," said Spleth. **Through Apr. 23** - "Jim Wallace: Woodturning". Wallace has been turning wood and making furniture for over 40 years and teaches wood turning at Alamance Community College and the NCSU Crafts Center. His work is made from locally grown hardwood trees, many harvested from his farm in Wake Forest. **Cary Arts Center Principal's Hall, Through Apr. 23** - "Jean McLaughlin: After 40 Years--A Return To Printmaking". Since retiring from an arts management career, first with the North Carolina Arts Council and then as director of Penland School of Crafts, McLaughlin has returned to her love of printmaking. Monotypes, lithographs, and woodcuts drawn from observations of nature and other favorite subjects will be on exhibition. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-10pm & Fri.-Sat., 9am-11pm. Contact: 919/469-4069 or at (www.townofcary.org).

Cary Gallery of Artists, 200 S Academy St, Ste 120, Ashworth Square, Cary. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers high quality art in a variety of styles. Paintings, pencil and colored pencil artwork varies from traditional still lifes and landscapes to abstracts. Portraits of people or animals are available. Photographic work captures magnificent landscapes, small moments in life, portraits, and far away places. The pottery and clay art includes edgy handbuilt pieces, thought-provoking sculpted masks, and decorative and functional pottery that captures images of nature. Our jewelry artists provide a wide range of hand-crafted necklaces, earrings, bracelets and other ornaments from metals, stones, beads and fused glass. Our glass artist creates stained glass hangings, custom stained glass windows and fused glass art. You can also find unusual hand-made books and hand-painted porcelain both antique and new. Hours: Wed.&Thur., 11am-3pm and Fri.&Sat., 11am-5:30pm. Contact: 919/462-2035 or at (www.carygalleryofartists.org).

Cary Senior Center, 120 Maury O'Dell Pl., in Bond Park, Cary. **Mar. 31 - Apr. 29** - "Wake County Senior Game" The Cary Senior Center

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