

# Craven Arts Council & Gallery in New Bern, NC, Offers Annual Pottery Festival - Apr. 13, 2019

The Craven Arts Council & Gallery in New Bern, NC, will present the 11th annual Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival, at the North Carolina History Center, in beautiful downtown New Bern, on Apr. 13, from 9am-5pm.

Featuring more than 40 ceramic and craft vendors, the festival is a unique opportunity for the public to meet the artists and purchase works directly. The festival is free and open to the public.

Now in its eleventh year, the Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival features more than forty high quality ceramic artists and craftspeople. The public is invited to meet the artists, learn about their unique styles and techniques, and purchase works directly from the artists. This year's festival will also feature educational demonstrations, food trucks, and a raffle table for items donated to the festival. With many returning vendors and new artists, the Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival will feature something for everyone.

Originally organized by local potter and glass artist Rich Daniels, the Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival has grown to become one of the largest in our region. Ceramic artists from up and down the East Coast participate in this one day festival, showcasing their unique works to the public. Each potter's unique style shows in the variety of techniques and designs, including raku, sgraffito, slip trailing, enamel, glazes, and artistic uses of mixed mediums.

This year's festival will feature a demonstration and education area, raffles, food trucks, and a limited number of high quality



craftspeople in addition to the ceramic artists. The festival is an excellent expose of the quality of work and diversity of style in the field of contemporary craft. Potters include Sue Weisenberger, Christine O'Connell, Rebecca Shelby, Erika Gibson, Katherine Petke, Scott & Donna Haines, Alessandro Cagiati, and many more.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the council at 252/638-2577 or visit ([www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org)).

# Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC, Offers Two New Exhibits

The Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC, will present two new exhibitions including: works by members of the Twin Rivers Artist Association and the visual arts students at Craven Community College, on view in the Main Gallery at Bank of the Arts, from Apr. 5 through May 2, 2019, and artworks by students attending private schools, on view in the Director's Gallery at Bank of the Arts, from Apr. 5 through May 2, 2019. Receptions for both exhibits will be held on Apr. 12, from 5-8pm, during New Bern's monthly Artwalk.

The Twin Rivers Artists Association (TRAA) exists to promote and encourage the creation, education, and appreciation of fine art in the region. The over one hundred strong membership meets monthly to learn and discuss techniques, provide feedback, make social connections, and distribute news on the arts in the area. Skill levels range from beginners to professional artists, in an environment that encourages cooperation and mentorship. Once a year the Craven Arts Council hosts an exhibition of the group's membership, combined with students from the local Craven Community College, in order to encourage the creation and exhibition of local art. Works on display will include painting, photography, sculpture, pottery, and mixed media.

Heather Muise and Matt Egan will be the jurors for this year's exhibition. Professors at East Carolina University, the duo are well respected in the printmaking field, having taught and exhibited at the local, national, and international levels.

Craven Arts Council and Gallery is proud to host an exhibition of work from local area



Annunciation Catholic School Kingfisher sculptures

private schools in the Director's Gallery at Bank of the Arts this April. This exhibition will feature the work of art classes from Epiphany Global School, St. Paul's Catholic School, and Annunciation Catholic School.

Art has been shown to have an integral beneficial effect on youth education in subjects from math and science to literary analysis. Bank of the Arts is pleased to reinforce these ideas by offering the students a chance to exhibit their works in a gallery setting. Jodi Tomboulain, Taffy Pritulsky, and Eva Glennon, art teachers at Epiphany, St. Paul's, and Annunciation respectively, have spent this year teaching their students not only the fundamentals of art and design, but also art history, global cultures, and advanced craft based techniques. The exhibit will host a variety of subject matters and mediums, including ekphrastic drawing and poetry, animal collages, and painted panel iconography.

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At least two hundred artists will be represented. Dan Nelson, an extraordinary artist from Raleigh, NC, is judge this year and

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# Wilmington Art Association in Wilmington, NC, Offers Annual Azalea Festival Show

The Wilmington Art Association in Wilmington, NC, is presenting its 37th Annual Juried Spring Art Show and Sale, as part of Azalea Festival, on view at the Hannah Block Community Arts Center, through

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