

NC Institutional Galleries

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12 - "Where the Dream Began: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Rocky Mount, NC". Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 252/972-1163 or at (www.imperialcentre.org/arts).

Rutherfordton

Rutherford County Visual Arts Center & Gallery, 160 N. Main Street, at the intersection of W. Court St., Rutherfordton. **Ongoing** - Offering a changing exhibit of 2D and 3D art including oils, watercolor, scratchboard, calligraphy, fiber, wood, glass, pottery and fine craft by local artists/fine crafters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 828/288-5009 or at (<http://www.rcvag.com/>).

Salisbury/Spencer

Waterworks Visual Arts Center, 123 E. Liberty St., Salisbury. **Through May 16** - "Creative Habitats", featuring exhibits by Lorraine Turi, Alix Hitchcock, and Adam Wensil. **Norvell Gallery** - "Last Seen," featuring works by Lorraine Turi, is a collection of photographs that have been taken at the last place a species was seen in the wild before going extinct. Through extensive research lists of extinct species have been translated into visual context in order to create a photographic reference. Some of the research has led to re-tracing the footsteps of explorers who witnessed and documented the decline and destruction of a particular species. The images in Last Seen serve as a memorial. The photographs themselves are data made visible, a visceral connection between the lost species and humanity. **Osborne and Woodson Galleries** - "Natural Interactions - new works on paper by Alix Hitchcock". Hitchcock's current colorful works on paper are one-of-a-kind gelatin monotype prints with themes of humans and animals and their relationship to each other and their natural environment. The pieces' abstracted environments use a silhouette format so that the images create layers of transparency, ambiguous spatial relationships, and recognizable, but still mysterious forms—leading to colorful, movement-filled compositions, which may have an undertone of danger or anticipation. **Stanback Gallery Hall and YPG Gallery** - "The Gilda House: The Creation of Visionary Artist, Adam Wensil". The GH has a dynamic, amazing story to be followed, but it is too long for today's introduction. Basically, it is the story of 5 unique individuals and their loving pets who choose to share life together in the OFF KILTER world of GH. GH is Pop Art, with Architecture and furnishings inspired by Corbusier, and is Raphaelite in its rich colors. It is constructed from items given to me by strangers and friends.. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 7pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 704/636-1882 or at (www.waterworks.org).

Seagrove Area

Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at (www.cbsculpturegarden.com).

Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center), 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.

North Carolina Pottery Center, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Through June 20** - "NC Wood-Fired: Then & Now". Wood-firing is arguably the most revered and evocative of all pottery traditions. This show pays homage to North Carolina's rich centuries-old tradition of wood-fired pottery. The exhibition showcases some great historic pieces from different regions and traditions within the state and places them in proximity to wonderful examples of more recent and contemporary pieces being made today. This juxtaposition allows the viewer to visually explore sometimes their

similarities, sometimes their differences, and sometimes the similarities in their differences. This is a broad survey of NC wood-fired pottery. Some contemporary pieces will be available for purchase. Purchased pieces must remain in the show until it ends. **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at (www.ncpotterycenter.org).



Works from the new line at STARworks Glass

STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shimpo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **School House Gallery, Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here unforgettable. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (<https://www.starworksncc.org/caf-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 8am-9pm & Thur.-Sat., 8am-10pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: call 910/428-9001 or at (www.starworksncc.org).

Siler City

Throughout Siler City, Apr. 17, 6-9pm - "Siler City Art Walk," featuring exhibits at many of the city's exhibit spaces, live entertainment, artist demonstrations, food, local wine or beer tastings, offered in town on the 3rd Fri. of the month. Hosted by the North Carolina Arts Incubator. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry,

metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

PAF Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

Southport

Franklin Square Gallery, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at (www.franklinsquaregallery.com).

Spruce Pine

TRAC Arts Center, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Through Apr. 25** - "14th Annual Blacksmith Exhibit," featuring works by Blacksmiths from near and far in conjunction with the Fire on the Mountain Festival on April 25. Featuring the work of blacksmiths from the south-east and beyond, this exhibition offers craftspeople the opportunity to show their work in a place known for its blacksmithing community. The Fire on the Mountain Festival will take place on Spruce Pine's Main Street, in collaboration with Penland School of Craft and Toe River Arts. The two organizations hosts the Fire on the Mountain Festival every year on the last weekend in April. The public can explore vendor tents for goods for sale, observe live demonstrations, or try their hand at blacksmithing at scheduled workshops. Toe River Arts will host a public reception for its exhibit on Apr. 24, 5-7pm, offering the public and visitors of the Fire on the Mountain Festival a chance to meet the exhibiting blacksmiths. After the reception, Master Blacksmith Elizabeth Brim will offer a lecture upstairs in the Artist Resource Center on the second floor of Toe River Arts at 7pm. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at (www.toeriverarts.org).

Sylva

Gallery One, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

Tryon

Tryon Arts and Crafts School, 373 Harmon Field Rd., in the old Tryon Middle School, Tryon. **Through Apr. 3** - "TACS' Artist of the Year Exhibition," features eleven artists who held the title of Artist of the Month in 2019: Keith Berner, Jimmi Buell, Doug Dacey, Ellen Davison, Irene Heckel-Volpe, Sarah Jane Kennedy, Dorothy Lasco, Kristen Mode, Jean Preston, Joe Rhodes, and William Rogers. The show includes a variety of disciplines, such as silversmithing, pottery, silk painting, felting, wire wrapping, wood and metal assemblage, painting, and blacksmithing. **Through Apr. 3** - "The LEAP!" features a group show including entries submitted in response to a public call-to-artists. In acknowledgement of the Leap Year, artists were prompted to take a leap in their artistic practice. The resulting exhibit shows exciting and precarious instances of risk with artists stepping outside of their comfort zones. Exhibiting artists include: Lauren Bergrud, Jorie Browder, Jimmi Buell, Susan Cannon, Don Clarke, Deede Cohen, Becky Hintz, Melinda Holland, Grace Lertora, Judy Lindsey, Judy Martin, Patti Miles-Cooner, Judith Royer, Donna Sabolovic, Cathey Cassidy Stoney, Vicki Van Vynckt, Holly Wilkes, Lydia Wilson, and Patti Wright. **Gallery & Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat. 9am -1pm. Contact: 828/859-8323 or at (www.tryonartsandcrafts.org).

Upstairs Artspace, (Celebrating 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Upstairs Gallery, Through May 1** - "David Zacharias: Art for All Seasons". The Upstairs Artspace is very pleased to present a rich and broad exhibit of the work of longtime friend of the gallery, David Zacharias. With a MFA from the University of South Carolina, he has been a practicing artist for over 50 years and has been art faculty at Converse College since 1986. He is well-known for his extensive work with ceramics, where he continues to push the boundaries of the material both physically and conceptually. **Downstairs Gallery, Through May 1** - "Rising Artists of the Region," curated by Hague Williams, Landrum High School's Fine Arts Teacher and board member. Featuring the most dedicated and talented young emerging

artists from four local high schools in the South Carolina Upstate and Western North Carolina, the students chosen for this exhibition have shown a determination to work professionally with a sustained investigation on one theme. These artists have self-motivation, technical skill, and talent. Artists in training, their works are compelling, full of energy and beaming with fresh ideas. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at (www.upstairsartspace.org).

Valdese

Valdese Heritage Arts Center, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center offers a great selection of unique gifts on exhibit and for sale, including, but not limited to original paintings, pottery, needlework, wood-carvings, hand crafted furniture, ceramic sculptures, stained glass, photography, jewelry, floral arrangements greeting cards, quilts and home made soap. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 828/874-1849 or at (<http://vhac.webs.com>).

Washington

River Walk Gallery and Arts Center, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

Waynesville

Little Gallery on Church Street, 37 Church Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring monthly exhibits by regional arts. Sponsored by the Haywood County Arts Council. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at (www.haywoodarts.org).

The Haywood County Arts Council's Gallery 86, 86 N. Main Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - The gallery lends itself to showcase high quality fine art by local and regional artists. Winter Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-4pm, closed Wed. & Sun. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at (www.haywoodarts.org).

The Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts, 307 Shelton Street, corner of US 276 So. and Shelton Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handicrafts of North Carolina in the historic Sheldon House. Hours: Museum hours change seasonally, call 828/452-1551.

Wentworth

Dan River Art Market & Gallery, 1122 NC Hwy. 65, Wentworth. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers art and craft by local artists and 6 gallery exhibits throughout the year, workshops and lectures. Hours: Thur., 10am-4pm; Fri., 11am-2pm; and by appt. Contact: 336/349-4039 or at (www.artsin-rockingham.org).

Wilmington

Downtown Wilmington, Apr. 23, 6-9pm - "Fourth Friday Gallery Nights," featuring a free monthly event where downtown galleries and studios open their doors to the public in an after-hours celebration of art and culture. The art walk is a self-guided tour featuring exhibitions of various artistic genres including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, metals, ceramics, mixed media and more. Maps are available at all participating locations as well as the Visitors and Convention Center. For more info visit (www.wilmingtonfourthfridays.com).

Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum, @ intersection of Independence Blvd. & South 17th Street, Wilmington. **Through May 24** - "Unfolding Noguchi". One of the visionaries of 20th-century American modernism, Isamu Noguchi (1904-1988) developed a uniquely open-ended, and forward-looking perspective on global culture. Working with a deep sense of social purpose across a wide range of disciplines, Noguchi was a connoisseur of ingenuity. He regarded craft and technology (representing the past and the future) as two sides of the same coin and natural allies in sculpting our world for the better. **Through Apr. 26** - "The Eye Learns - Modernist prints from the Louis Belden Collection". In 2017 Cameron Art Museum was given an unprecedented bequest of works of art from San Francisco art collector, Louis Belden. The collection of prints offers an endless range of expression, experimentation and expansion of the terrain of postwar modernism. CAM is proud to present 135 modernist prints that includes original artworks from the leading artists, the change-makers, the radicals, the early modernist European expats, seeking asylum in this country, who shaped the course of visual art in the 20th century. Among others, artists in the exhibition will include Josef Albers, Helen Frankenthaler, Wayne

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