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feature presentations by local and regional authors. A Paint & Party series provides a fun after-work experience for those with no previous art background.

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Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit (www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com). For daily updates, "like" the gallery's page on Facebook.

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Marion Weathers and Ron Sowers

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present *Vollis Visionaries: Art in Motion*, featuring paintings by Marion Weathers and photographs by Ron Sowers, on view in the Dunn Center's Mims Gallery, from May 19 through Aug. 13, 2017. A reception will be held on May 19, from 7-8:30pm.

Weathers and Sowers, both have been inspired by world famous NC folk artist the late Vollis Simpson and his whirligigs.

An accomplished artist and noted illustrator, Marion Weathers has for years been dormant inspired by Vollis' whirligigs at his Lucama shop and park; last year her inspiration sprang to life and productive creativity to paint a suite of colorful responses and abstractions featuring sample features of the incredible whirligigs.



Work by Marion Weathers

With brush in hand Weathers describes aspects of Vollis' magical world with her own energetic painterly approach; some details will seem familiar and others on the brink of abstraction.

Weathers studied art and design both at the University of Georgia and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She has been an active member and influence in the Nash County arts community both as a prize winning artist, organizational leader and designer.

Ronald Sowers is an exceptional black and white photographer with a thirty-five



Work by Ron Sowers

year career in both art and commercial photography, including three years photo-journalist for the *Rocky Mount Telegram*. He earned an Associate Degree in Specialized Technology majoring in Photography/Multimedia from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and is owner of Ronald L. Sowers Photography in Rocky Mount.

With numerous accolades, too numerous to mention, Sowers was awarded the 1985 NC Press Club Award, the 2004 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Excellence in Communications and was awarded a 2001-2002 NC Regional Artists Grant enabling him time and materials to produce his 2002 Vollis Simpson Suite of black and white photos chronicling famous folk artist Vollis Simpson who died in 2013 at the age of 94.

Sowers has been a regular exhibitor at both the Rocky Mount Art Center and at Wesleyan College's Mims Gallery, and currently is ongoing collaborator with Marion Weathers in their *Vollis Visionaries* travelling show.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 252/985-5268 or e-mail to (eadelman@ncwc.edu).

Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City, NC, Offers Quilt Show - May 19 & 20, 2017

The Compass Rose has been a part of nautical history for centuries. Known by ancient mariners as the Rose of the Winds, the compass rose has appeared on charts and nautical maps in a variety of designs, indicating the direction of the major winds necessary for open seas navigation. At this year's *Crystal Coast Quilt Show*, the compass rose will be showcased in a beautiful queen-size bed quilt aptly named "Navigating My Way Back Home". Made by members of the Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild, Laurie Mayo, Eileen Williams, Nancy Smith and Susan Foster, it will be awarded to a lucky winner chosen at the 33rd judged *Crystal Coast Quilt Show* to be held on May 19 & 20, 2017, at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City, NC.

Before the compass rose was used on navigational maps, directional lines were drawn from central points but they became hard to follow because so many lines ended up intersecting each other. The rose design, so named because the points resembled the flower, made it easier to follow directional lines, which made navigation over the open seas easier to accomplish year 'round, regardless of weather conditions. A full compass rose has 32 points, indicating the direction of



This year's raffle quilt, "Navigating my way back home"

the eight major winds, eight halfwinds and sixteen quarter winds.

In the Middle Ages, the names of the eight major winds were commonly known throughout Mediterranean countries as Tramontana (N), Greco (NE), Levante (E), Siroco (SE), Ostro (S), Libeccio

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Brenda Butka, *Blazing Coffee*,
oil on board, 16 x 20 inches



"Coming Together" by Joanne Geisel

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