

# NC Institutional Galleries

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Work by Shane Fero

**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 Nijijima 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 ground-

ed 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).

**Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery**, at Central Piedmont Community College's Levine Campus, Levine II, 2800 Campus Ridge Road, Matthews. **Through Dec. 8** - "Layers and Lines," featuring works by Sadie 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'." 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 Jodi Lynn McNeely

**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).

**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. Four studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. 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/).



View of the 2023 Juried Student Art Show

**Elizabeth Ross Gallery**, Central Piedmont's, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through July 27** - "Annual 2023 Juried Student Art Show," juried by Linda Luise Brown. Each year, Central Piedmont Community College's Visual Arts Department hosts the Annual Juried Student Art Show, recognizing student works in ceramics, 2D and 3D design, drawing, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. Students who have works featured in the show receive a variety of awards, ranging from the Presidential Purchase Award; Foundation Purchase Award; first, second, and third place awards; along with a variety of others. Each year, select student artwork is chosen for this celebratory exhibition to showcase our Visual Arts students' work completed in their studio classes. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-4pm or by appt. Contact: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Central Piedmont Arts or call Amelia Zytka, Senior Art Gallery Coordinator at 704/330-6847 or visit (http://blogs.cpcc.edu/cpccartgalleries/).

**Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture**, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Sept. 24, 2023** - "SEEING STARS: Works from the Fischer/Shull Collection of Contemporary Art," curated by Dexter Wimberly. The exhibition features works by Kehinde Wiley, Simone Leigh, Kerry James Marshall, and others. The evening will include savory bites, music, and remarks by curator of SEEING STARS, Dexter Wimberly. Over the past 25 years, Hedy Fisher and Randy Shull have amassed one of the most robust collections of contemporary art in North America. Built with passion and focus, their collection reflects a shared commitment to support authentic, diverse voices in the arts, and to champion important social justice issues. "SEEING STARS" highlights some of the groundbreaking, traditionally under-represented artists in the Fischer/Shull Collection, with an emphasis on works that provide profound commentary on American race and gender relations. The exhibition includes painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed-media works created by 22 of the most significant visual artists of our time, including: Sanford Biggers, Leonardo Drew, Aaron Fowler, Vanessa German, Aaron Gilbert, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Rashid Johnson, Titus Kaphar, Pope.L, Simone Leigh, Kerry James Marshall, Emmanuel Massillon, Rodney McMillian, Troy Michie, Zanele Muholi, Aida Muluneh, Alison Saar, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, David Shrobe, Nari Ward, Kehinde Wiley, and Peter William. **Through May 21** - "Visions: A Study of Form," curated by Leandra-Juliet Kelley, Collections + Exhibitions Manager, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts+Culture. The exhibit examines African Americans of the 20th century and their explorations of natural and abstract forms through various media. The techniques employed by these artists demonstrate not only their mastery, but their approaches to capturing and illustrating sentiments, societal perspectives, and quotidian moments. The exhibition brings together over 30 works from the 1930s through the 1980s, representing artistic styles, such as abstraction and figurative art. From Paul Keene's delicate sketches and Romare Bearden's layered depictions of Black life to colorful, emotive scenes by Ralph Chessé. "Visions" analyses the forms within these works – the silhouettes, patterns, range of hues, and brush strokes – to reveal the motives and inspirations that lie beneath. African-American

artists utilized a range of media to depict the shifting shapes and ideals of society, encapsulating their personal stories and preserving these visions for future reflection. **Currently On View**, "FuturePresent: Acquisition Highlights from the Permanent Collection". The exhibition from the Permanent Collection examines the Harvey B. Gantt Center's legacy of collecting. Since the organization's inception in 1974, the Gantt Center has primarily built its collection from works gifted to the institution. Over the decades, John and Vivian Hewitt collected paintings, prints, and drawings from artists near and far. And in 1998, Bank of America acquired the collection from the Hewitts and pledged it to the then-named Afro-American Cultural Center. **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.

**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).



View of installation by Rosalie Torres-Weiner

**Mint Museum Randolph**, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Art of the Ancient Americas collection on the second floor of the Museum, Through Oct. 31** - "Guiding Winds," an installation by Rosalie Torres-Weiner, curated by Jennifer Sudul Edwards. The installation is part of the "Interventions Series", a new series at the Mint in which contemporary works are placed amongst permanent collection installations to create a critical dialogue between past and present. The history of humanity is a story of movement - groups migrating over land and water, carrying their ancestral practices with them. Traces remain, even when a tribe has moved on or hostile outsiders try to erase those traditions. Stories and symbols integrate, creating cultural strata that create a timeline of all who lived on a land. The maps and explanations throughout museum galleries illustrate this - sometimes overtly, other times subtly. **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 potting in central North Carolina – Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Montgomery counties. Six generations of Coles, and no fewer than 18 individuals, are represented in The Mint Museum's permanent collection. More than 60 highlights of their wares are included in the installation "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". One reason for its long-term

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