

NC Institutional Galleries

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success is that making pottery has so often been a family tradition in the state. Fathers taught the art of forming, glazing, and firing clay objects to their sons, and in later generations also to daughters, who in turn taught their children, and so on through the decades. These family dynasties not only helped to keep the potting craft alive, but ensured continuity in techniques and craftsmanship, as well as introduced artistic innovations in succeeding generations. "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters" presents a visual history of "turned pots" and the family that helped turn North Carolina into one of America's centers for handmade, traditional pottery. **Bridges and Levine Galleries, Ongoing** - "Contemporary British Studio Ceramics: The Grainer Collection". Focused on the collection of Diane and Marc Grainer, this installation is a survey of contemporary British studio ceramics. Comprising functional and sculptural objects made between the 1980s and today, the show features work by artists either born or residing in Great Britain, including established "contemporary classics" like Gordon Baldwin and Rupert Spira, and cutting-edge ceramicists such as Julian Stair and Kate Malone. Several recently-gifted works from the Grainers are included. **Alexander, Spangler, and Harris Galleries, Ongoing** - "Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675 - 1825". The Mint Museum's collection of eighteenth-century British pottery and porcelain is widely respected for its scope and quality. The collection numbers over 2,000 objects and includes important examples of both salt-glazed and dry-bodied stoneware from Staffordshire; tin-glazed earthenware from Bristol, Liverpool, and London; and cream-colored earthenware from Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire. Notable eighteenth-century porcelain factories represented include Chelsea, Bow, and Vauxhall in London, Longton Hall in Staffordshire, Worcester, Bristol, and others. Individual works in the collection are exceptional because of their rarity, craftsmanship, provenance, or as representative examples of particular types or methods of production or decoration. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardens. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through**



(Bearden - "At Five in the Afternoon" copy) Romare Bearden (American, 1911-88). "At Five in the Afternoon", 1946, oil on composition board. Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, The University of Oklahoma, Norman; Purchase, U.S. State Department Collection, 1948. © 2022 Romare Bearden Foundation / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY

May 21 - "Picasso Landscapes: Out of Bounds". This is the first museum exhibition to explore Pablo Picasso's deep engagement with landscape subjects and his expansive approach to this traditional genre. Through a selection of more than 40 works spanning Picasso's full career, **Picasso Landscapes: Out of Bounds**, organized by American Federation of the Arts, is the first of only two venues in the United States — and the only venue on the East Coast — to feature this exceptional exhibition filled with works from private collections and international museums together. The dynamic grouping of works in the exhibition offers visitors an unparalleled window into the artist's creative process, from his earliest days in art school (1896 when then artist was just 15 years old) to months before his passing in 1973. **Through May 21** - "Bearden/Picasso: Rhythms and Reverberations". This exhibition examines the impact of Pablo Picasso's rich artistic practice on Romare Bearden and his work. The exhibition is divided into four sections: Bulls & Bullfights; Music & Rhythm; Doors & Windows; and Line & Color. Each section will feature works by Pablo Picasso and Romare Bearden. While various aspects of Bearden's engagement with Picasso and Cubism have been occasionally explored, this is the first museum exhibition organized to explore the parallels between the artists. The works in the exhibition are drawn from the Mint's deep holdings of Bearden's art, as well as from both private and museum collections. **Through July 2** - "Fashion Reimagined: Themes & Variations 1760 – Now". In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the fashion collection's founding in 1972 by the Mint Museum Auxiliary, **Fashion Reimagined** features 50 outstanding examples of fashionable dress drawn entirely from the permanent collection of The Mint Museum. Encompassing a wide range of attire, the exhibition includes men's and women's fashions from 1760 to 2022 and is divided into three thematic sections: minimalism, pattern and decoration, and the body reimagined. The exhibition offers a fascinating look at innovative contemporary dress and the persistence of historic and cultural attitudes towards silhouettes, surface design, and corporeal beauty. **Craft + Design Galleries, Ongoing** - "Craft in the Laboratory: The Science of Making Things," is the first installation in the Southeast to explore how craft artists and designers use science and math concepts when creating works of art. Presented by Müller Corporation, **Craft in the Laboratory** also celebrates a reinstallation of the Mint's **Craft + Design Galleries**—the first since 2010. Co-curated by the Mint's Senior Curator of Craft, Design, and Fashion Annie Carlano and Assistant Curator for Craft, Design, and Fashion Rebecca Elliot, "Craft in the Laboratory" includes 100 works from the Mint's collection that are made from precious metals, wood, steel, polymers, and even agricultural waste, that emphasize the preciseness of science used to craft works of art. Made by nationally and internationally renowned artists, the objects are organized by material and subject throughout the galleries. **Now** - The Mint Museum's new four-story installation "Foragers" offers a transcendent experience while celebrating the tradition of women as makers and providers. Unlike anything ever seen at The Mint Museum before, Brooklyn-based artist Summer Wheat's "Foragers" is a monumental piece of public work of art spanning 96 windows, four stories, and 3,720 square feet at Mint Museum Uptown's Robert Haywood Morrison Atrium. The myriad of vibrant panels that give the illusion of stained glass and celebrates the tradition of women as makers and providers. "Foragers" is part of a larger exhibition "In Vivid Color," which brings together four innovative contemporary artists—Wheat, Gisela Colon, Spencer Finch, and Jennifer Steinkamp—who create works celebrating the power of color and its ability to permeate the space around us. Their work is juxtaposed with a selection of paintings and works on paper, drawn primarily from The Mint Museum's permanent collection, which show-

case artists' more traditional exploration of color. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown houses the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Now Fri. till 9pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Overcash Art 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/>).

Pauline Dove Art Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, located inside the college's new Parr Center, Charlotte. **Through May 11** - "In Plain Sight," featuring works by Joseph Kameen. Kameen's body of work explores a moment in time, either right before or immediately after an event happens. The ordinary becomes the extraordinary as each painting suggests a specific reflection, thought or memory. Simple moments such as squeezing a lemon, pushing a stalled car, or looking into one room while standing in another all impart relatable moments and affect each one individually. 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/>).

Projective Eye Gallery, UNC-Charlotte Center City Building, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through May 31** - "When was I less by dying?", featuring works by Dr. Halide Salam. A reception will be held on Apr. 20, from 6-8:30pm in the Dubois Center. Salam continues her search for the spiritual element in art. Her 40-year focus on the intersections between the biological, the ecological, and the theological in art has led her to an increasingly deeper understanding for her own position within her practice. This exhibition will include recent paintings from Salam's new series of paintings (TransPlace, TransLight, and TransMigration), which consider her own personal evolution as a Muslim who immigrated from Bangladesh as a child. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 9am-9pm. Contact: Crista Cammaroto, Director of Galleries at 704/687-0833, 704/687-2397 or at (<https://coa.unc.edu/>).

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.ftc.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring

basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at about 300. Hours: open daily, year round, with seasonal hours. Contact: 828/497-3103 or at (www.cherokee-nc.com).

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian, 589 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Welcome to a sweeping history of the Cherokee Nation, engaging and oftentimes heart-rending, from ice age beginnings to present-day life and culture. In the brushstrokes of this fascinating heritage, you'll discover the warp and weft of treaties, the roots of a naturalistic language, artifacts of particular periods, great figures and heroes and entrancing stories of a civilization along with the Cherokee's distinctive values and ways of being in the world before and after "the Trail of Tears." The museum offers courses and workshops that combine scholarly content with voices of Cherokee people and experiences on the Qualla Boundary. A perfect place to begin exploration of Cherokee heritage and traditions is the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina. Visitors are greeted at the entrance by a 20-foot hand-carved statue of Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet. An interpretive site for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, this state-of-the-art facility traces the story of the Cherokee from the earliest inhabitants of the area 11,000 years ago to the present. An extensive exhibit of artifacts and photos is enhanced with computer-generated holograms and other imagery, sound, and special effects that leave a lasting and haunting impression on the visitor. The museum gift shop is rich in Cherokee tradition. Locally created baskets, pottery, wood carvings, decorated gourds and beadwork are among the art available for sale. Books on Cherokee history, culture, language, and genealogy line the shelves, along with audio CDs and tapes by local musicians and storytellers. Admission: Yes. Hours: Daily, 9am-5pm; closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Contact: 828-497-3481 or at (<https://mci.org/>).

Columbia

Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft and Contemporary Craft Gallery, 201 Main Street, Columbia. **Ongoing** - Arts School of Fine Craft is eastern North Carolina's premier hand-craft education center offering workshops, community programs, artist residences and gallery space. The Pocosin Gallery exhibits and sells work by current and former Pocosin resident artists, and students from around the country. Knowledgeable staff provides information about Pocosin Arts' programs, artists, studios and community involvement. The Pocosin Gallery in addition to Pocosin Art studios, lodge, and exceptional programming provides a unique destination for visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 252-796-2787 or at (<https://pocosinarts.org/>).

Concord

Downtown Concord, June 24, 11am-4pm - Art Walk on Union, is an all-day arts festival for artists and makers to sell their handmade artwork. Art Walk on Union features: live music, food trucks, local brews & wines, plus participation from numerous shops and restaurants throughout downtown Concord. Art Walk on Union is sponsored by the City of Concord and the Eli Lilly and Company. For further info call 704/920-2787 or e-mail to (info@cabarrusartscouncil.org).

Cullowhee

Fine Art Museum, Fine & Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. **Through May 5** - "School of Art and Design Faculty Biennial". Every two years, the WCU Fine Art Museum offers faculty in the School of Art and Design the opportunity to share their artwork with the University community. Outside of the classroom, faculty members in the School of Art & Design are active artists and scholars that make significant contributions to the arts. **Ongoing** - The WCU Fine Art Museum is currently offering an interactive 360° virtual tour of the exhibition, "Cultivating Collections: Paintings, Ceramics, and Works by Latinx and Latin American Artists". This multi-year series of exhibitions highlight specific areas of the WCU Fine Art Museum's Collection, which includes over 1,800 works of art in a wide range of media by artists of the Americas. As the Museum's holdings increase, either through donations or purchases, it is essential for the Museum to evaluate strengths, identify key acquisition areas, and also pinpoint where significant change is needed. Throughout the fall more virtual events will be available, learn more at arts.wcu.edu/cultivatingcollections. Hours: Tue.- Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 1-4pm. Contact: 828/227-3591 or at (<https://www.wcu.edu/bardoarts-center/fine-art-museum/>).

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