

NC Institutional Galleries

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John Adams Spelman, Untitled, undated, oil on canvas. Courtesy of Allen & Barry Huffman, Asheville Art Museum.



"Robert Turner's hands". Photograph by Vollmer

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 120 College Street, Asheville. **Through May 11** - "Vera B. Williams / STORIES Eight Decades of Politics and Picture Making". Vera B. Williams attended BMC from 1945-1950 when she became one of the few to formally graduate. She was a student of Josef Albers and had sculptor Richard Lippold as her outside examiner prior to graduation. She married architect Paul Williams at the college and, with him, co-founded the artists' co-op community called The Land in Stony Point, New York. Williams was an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books that often centered on diverse, working-class families, perhaps informed by her own childhood growing up during the Depression as the daughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe. **May 31 - Sept. 7** - "Robert Chapman Turner: Artist, Teacher, Explorer". A reception will be held on May 31, from 5:30-8pm. Robert Turner (1913-2005) arrived at Black Mountain College in 1949 to establish the first studio pottery program at the College. He worked with student architect Paul Williams to design the Potshop and stayed until 1951 as a teacher and potter. There he formed lifelong friendships with M.C. Richards, Joe Fiore, and Natasha Goldowski Renner, and was part of the lively mix of art and ideas generated by Clement Greenberg, Katherine Litz, Kenneth Noland, Theodoros Stamos, and many others. Turner's education prior to his arrival at Black Mountain included Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, The Barnes Foundation, Penland School of Crafts, and Alfred University. After Black Mountain, Turner and his family moved to Alfred Station, NY where they bought a farm, and he established a successful studio pottery practice and actively exhibited his work in galleries across the U.S. In 1958 he began teaching pottery and sculpture at Alfred University where he became an essential part of the art department until his retirement in 1979. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

NC Hometown Museum, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - This museum presents a historical overview of Biltmore Industries, an Arts and Crafts enterprise once renowned for its hand-loomed fabrics. The museum showcases memorabilia including photographs, letters, artifacts, woven samples and tailored suits from the active years of the industry. Located on the historic Grovewood grounds, adjacent to The Omni Grove Park Inn. Admission is free (donations appreciated). Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, & Sun., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

NC Glass Center, 140 Roberts Street, Suite C, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Glass Center is a non-profit, public access glass studio providing daily educational offerings & demonstrations. We are proud to represent the work of our artists and instructors in the NCGC glass gallery. Hours: Mon., Wed., Thur. & Sun., 10am-5pm and Fri. & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/505-3552 or at (www.ncglasscenter.org).

Odyssey Co-Op Gallery, 238 Clingman Avenue, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Our Gallery features works by 25 local clay artists, working in a variety of styles to create functional and non-functional pottery and works of figurative and abstract sculpture. Winter Hours: Fri.-Mon., 11am-5pm & closed Tue.-Thur. Contact: 828/505-8707 or at (<https://www.odysseycoop-gallery.com/about/>).

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 82 Patton Avenue, across from Pritchard Park opposite the old location, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 31 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: Mon., 11am-6pm & Fri.-Sat., noon-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Southern Highland Craft Guild, Biltmore Village, 26 Lodge Street, former Biltmore Oteen Bank Building in Biltmore Village, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring a wide range of work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, including: pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, fiber, metal, paper, mixed media and natural materials. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at (www.craftguild.org).



Works by Kalsch Schissel

Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through May 1** - "Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts," an Education Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild since 1960. Featured in this exhibit are Arrowmont's nationally and internationally recognized practicing artists and university workshop instructors. With over 130 classes being offered in a variety of media, students and instructors come to Arrowmont from across the globe to share skills and ideas, foster new thinking, and participate in artistic growth and creative camaraderie. **May 11 - Sept. 18** - "Class of 2024 - Haywood Community Colleges' Professional Crafts Program". **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history - that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. Wells Fargo of Asheville has donated Hardy Davidson's Carvings to the SHCG's Permanent Collection. Hailing from Swannanoa, NC, woodcarver Hardy Davidson became a Guild Member in 1944 and was awarded Life membership in 1973. **Focus Gallery, Through May 20** - "Art of Detailing," featuring both traditional and contemporary craft by five members of the Guild. The exhibit will feature wool and silk by Judy Ott, pottery by Michael and Ruth Rutkowsky, sculptural and functional brooms by Peter Werner, colorful glass-blown vessels by Kathryn Adams, and foiled-stamped vessels by Kelsey Schissel. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: call 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild on Tunnel Road, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s - 1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville Biltmore Estate, One Lodge Street, Asheville. **Through Jan. 5, 2025** - "Chihuly at Biltmore," a thrilling new exhibition experience. Featured in museums and gardens around the world, including the spectacular 2018 Chihuly at Biltmore exhibition, Dale Chihuly's awe-inspiring works have captivated millions. A new experience of the artist's iconic creations makes its debut at Bilt-



Chihuly at Biltmore

more Estate this spring. Presented in an intimate gallery setting at Amherst at Deerpark®, Chihuly at Biltmore includes pedestal works, drawings, and large-scale installations of chandeliers, towers, mille fiori, and neon. For info about tickets and special packages visit (<https://www.biltmore.com/stay/village-hotel/special-offers/>) or for general info visit (www.biltmore.com).

The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

Beaufort

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, historic Rustell House of the Beaufort Historical Association, 100 Block Turner Street, Beaufort. **Ongoing** - The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Carteret County's Oldest Gallery, is housed in one of the Historic Site's oldest buildings and features over 100 local and regional artists. An extensive collection of fine art, pottery, crafts, and gifts can be found at this special gallery. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 252/728-5225 or at (<https://beauforthistoric.org/gallery/>).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Fort Gallery, Through June 2** - "Pulp & Bind: Paper & Book in Southern Appalachia". The exhibition brings together 18 artists working across Southern Appalachia who are deeply engaged with the mediums of paper and book as forms and concepts. The exhibition is the culmination of a series of survey-oriented group exhibitions undertaken by BRAHM to map the state of Craft across the region through a lens of artists working with an acute focus on craft-associated mediums. **Rankin East and West galleries, Through May 5** - "Lee Hall: Immediate Landscapes. Lee Hall (1934 - 2017) had a long and varied career in the arts but her deep North Carolina roots always seemed to bring her and her work back to the Tarheel State. Born in Lexington, NC, her abstract expressionist paintings are vivid examples of those traditions while retaining the kind of detail that truly brings a viewer into a specific place and time. A graduate of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina (now the University of North Carolina-Greensboro), Hall was one of the first women to make headway in the post-WWII New York art scene. **Cannon Gallery, Through June 30** - "Highlights: Selections from BRAHM's Permanent Collection". BRAHM stewards a growing Permanent Collection of over 800 objects. Museums build collections for a variety of reasons preserving artworks and other objects of historical importance for future generations; cataloging, documenting, and researching said objects; and displaying and interpreting the collection for the public through exhibitions, publications, and other educational programs. Schaefer Gallery, Through Apr. 20, 2024 - "Crafted Modern: The Collection of Rob Williams. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations

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