

Jacksonville Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, Offers Exhibit Focused on North Carolina

The Jacksonville Council for the Arts in Jacksonville, NC, is presenting *Carolina*, a group exhibition of work by local artists: Karen Cowan Edwards, Stephen Greer, BF Reed, and Stephen Zawistowski, on view through July 27, 2015.

In the exhibition four local artists present a variety of artworks in different mediums and disciplines. The exhibition aims to highlight the great state of North Carolina while showcasing new art.

Karen Cowan Edwards is a Richlands, NC, based artist and a graduate of the Leo Jenkins School of Art at East Carolina University. She has continued to study across the state in university seminars and workshops with nationally recognized artist. Edwards is the owner of KCE Art Studio and has taught art for 37 years. She shares the artistry through her personal experience of traveling through the coastal waters of beautiful North Carolina.



Work by Karen Cowan Edward

Stephen Greer is a Jacksonville based artist who believes that old tobacco barns, pack houses, and farm houses, in the landscapes of eastern North Carolina are architectural icons of an era when rural communities lived close to the land and closer to each other. Those buildings represent a time when members of the farming community were connected by schools, churches, and the cooperative agricultural effort of planting, cultivating, harvesting, curing, and marketing tobacco. Tobacco barns are eastern North Carolina's historical markers

BF Reed is a Philadelphia artist that



Work by Stephen Greer

received a degree in fine arts while studying at Moore College of art and Tyler school of art. Reed reports, "I've always been looking up. When I was a child, I looked up at the billboard painters and decided I wanted to be an artist. When I was in college in Philadelphia, I looked up at the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, fascinated with the architectural details. After I got my degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Art Education, my family and I moved around the world. I continued looking up, now to the sky. I can recall the deep red from the Okinawa sky and the fuchsia from the Rhode Island sky. Carolina skies have perfected blue in a way that is unmatched in my extensive travels. That perfect blue affects everything in a unique way, especially the water. There is a magic to the water that exists only in Carolina. When someone asks me what is so special about Carolina, the answer is simple. Just look up!"

Stephen Zawistowski is a Jacksonville metal artist who works from his studio on the coast of North Carolina. He uses tools and techniques both modern and vintage, to create artwork which celebrates the beautiful designs of nature. In today's world of mass-produced, machine-made products there is a craving for custom designed and handcrafted works which embrace quality and craftsmanship. His handmade objects appeal to those looking for something truly unique.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 910/455-9840 or visit (www.jaxarts.com).

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Victoria Salas Hunter and Jan Sullivan-Volz

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, is presenting and exhibit of Victoria Salas Hunter's terracottas and Jan Sullivan-Volz's assemblages, on view in the Four Sisters Gallery, through Oct. 30, 2015.

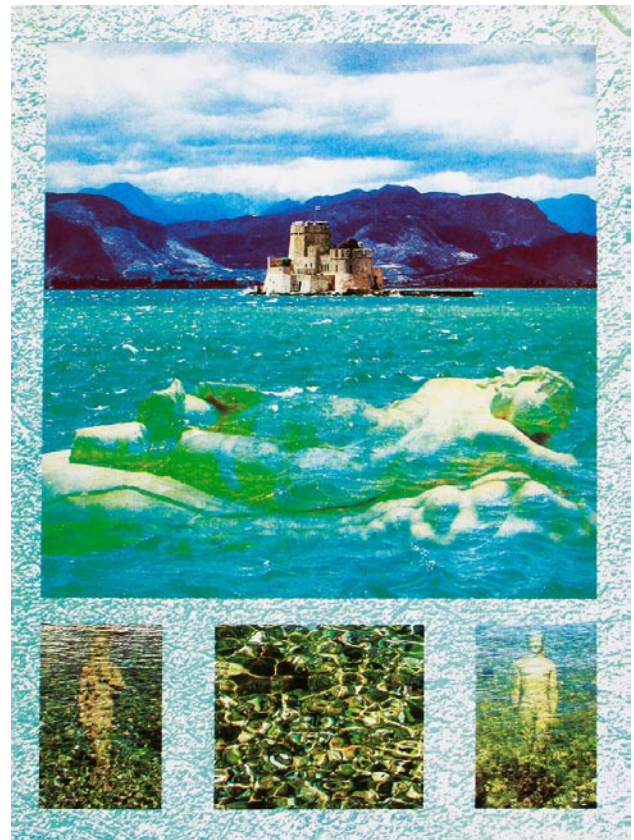
Victoria Salas Hunter's statues have a feminine presence that simultaneously expresses both a knowing power and vulnerability. Her standing figures have statuesque dignity that the artist achieves with propor-

tion and gesture. Her "post-classical" heads express the delight and skill in the tradition of realistic sculpture while expressing the reality of the clay itself. Respecting Hunter's material, she leaves the terra cotta in its natural color and explores its surface texture, so the viewer can appreciate the artist's physical contact with the clay and her creative touch. Her sculpture is hand built

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