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2, from 7-10pm. **Ongoing -** featuring the work of Mary Beth Blackwell-Chapman, E.Faye Collins, Chris Flory, Carl Gericke, Don Green, Nancy Hayes, Ted Hill, Alix Hitchcock, Virginia Ingram, Steven Hull Jones, Lea Lackey-Zachmann, Nanu LaRosee, Kate Magruder, Beverly Noyes, Nelida Otero, Dave Riedel, Ben Rouzie, Inez Ruchte, Virginia Shepley, Ed Shewmake, Mitzi Shewmake, Anne Kesler Shields, Kimberly Varnadoe, Jody Walker, and Mona Wu. Hours: Tue.- Sat. 11am-5pm. Contact: 336/723-5890 or at (www.Artworks-Gallery.com).

Associated Artists of Winston-Salem Gallery, corner of Fourth and Cherry Sts, 301 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem. **Through** Aug. 16 - "Summer in the City," featuring works by member artists. Hours: Mon., 9am-1pm; Tue.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 10am-1pm. Contact: 336/722-0340 or at (www.associatedartists.org).

4th Dimension Gallery, Commerce Plaza, 411 W. Fourth St., downstairs from Cat's Corner, Winston-Salem. **Ongoing -** Featuring works by art students from Winston-Salem's colleges and universities - the NC School of the Arts, Salem College, Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University. Hours: Fri., 5-8pm & Sat., 5-8pm. Contact: 336/249-0418.

Gateway Gallery, 1006 S. Marshall St. (corner of S. Marshall and Salem Ave., Winston-Salem. **Ongoing -** Featuring original paintings, painted furniture, decorative and functional ceramic pieces, and other gift items created by artists with disabilities. The artists work in the tradition of Outsider and Visionary Artists. Individual styles, however, range from traditional to abstract. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm or by appt. Contact: 336/777-0076 x209 or at (www.enrichmentcenter.org).

Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, 601 North Trade Street, Winston-Salem. **Ongoing -** Featuring fine art crafts by over 350 of the best artisans of the Southeast. Hours: Tue.-Fri.., 10:30am-5pm & Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 336/725-1516 or at (www.piedmontcraftsmen.org).

Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem. Mary and Charlie Babcock Wing Gallery, Through Aug. 28 - "Figuring Abstraction," featuring works by artists including Lee Krasner, Stuart Davis, David Smith, and Alexander Calder. Ongoing - Collection of 18th through 20th century art, sculpture, American art, and pottery. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 9:30am-4:30pm & Sun., 1:30-4:30pm. Contact: 336/725-5325 or at (www.reynoldahouse.org).

Sawtooth School For Visual Arts, Milton Rhodes Center For The Arts, 251 N. Spruce St., Winston-Salem. Eleanor and Egbert Davis Gallery, Aug. 2 - Sept. 17 - "Sawtooth School for Visual Art Student Show". The show features a selection of work by students enrolled in classes at the Sawtooth School in the past year. Pre-K through adult students are represented in a wide variety of two and threedimensional media. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 5-7pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/723-7395 or e-mail at (www.sawtooth.org).

SEED Collective Gallery, 205 W. Sixth Street, entrance is on "Soho Alley", Winston-Salem. **Ongoing -** Featuring works by a cooperative group of artists in various mediums. Hours: Sat. from 11am-5pm & by appt. Contact: 336/722-

so-called "national" exhibitions in the United States focus primarily on art from a few major cities. An even larger problem is the art world's exclusivity, which has turned the spaces where art is produced and exhibited into privileged havens detached from the realities of everyday life. In contrast, this exhibition will display work originating from overlooked locales by artists who have not had significant exposure. Five geographically widespread institutions have been selected to participate: The Portland Institute of Contemporary Art; The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art; The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art; Haverford College in Haverford, PA; and The Dahl Arts Center in Rapid City, SD. The curators will visit each community to choose five artists who will then contribute work to a nationally-touring exhibition accompanied by a full-color catalogue. As both exhibition and experiment, "The People's Biennial" offers a model for community-based, grassroots projects to live and thrive on a national stage. Through Aug. 28 - "Margarita Cabrera," organized by SECCA and curated by Steven Matijcio. Cabrera is an El Paso, TX-based sculptor whose painstakingly handcrafted objects address timely and provocative issues related to border relations and Mexican immigration - particularly economic exchange, dislocation, and notions of the "American dream." Turning crafts and their manufacture into the vehicle for socio-political consideration, she questions contemporary applications of post-NAFTA Latin American labor. To do so, Cabrera creates soft, Oldenberg-like vinyl sculptures that resemble everything from backpacks, bicycles and potted plants to domestic appliances, pianos, and full-sized automobiles. Throughout the process (she also uses clay, ceramic and textiles), Cabrera works with displaced immigrant communities - organizing workshops and "art corporations" to reconsider the gulf between third world mass production and first world mass consumption. In the process, Cabrera entwines art, activism and education as seemingly benign consumer objects become the vessels of cultural adaptation. **Through Aug. 21 -** "American Gothic: Aaron Spangler & Alison Elizabeth Taylor," organized by SECCA and curated by Steven Matijcio. SECCA explores quasi-historical uses of wood as a contemporary artistic medium in the dialogue between Minnesota-based Aaron Spangler and Alabama-born, Las Vegas-based Alison Elizabeth Taylor. Marrying historical traditions, craft techniques, and subject matter spanning the unflinching to the apocalyptic, these young artists propose a renovated portrait of the American heartland. With large, intricate bas-reliefs carved out of three-inch slabs of basswood, Spangler creates darkly comic visions of post-apocalyptic ruin. In scenes that appear to be set in a remote, Appalachian region where crumbling buildings and wrecked cars meet dense forest and towering trees, he imagines a post-industrial future through a medieval lens. A slightly more monotonous, seedy world plays out in the wood veneers of Taylor, who breathes new life into the venerable inlay technique known as marquetry. Rather than using the practice as it has been used in the past (to glorify patrons and ornament homes), she crafts ambiguous vignettes of characters living on the fringes of society. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Thur. till 8pm; Sun., 1-5 pm, and closed Mon. & state holidays . Admission is free. Contact: 336/725-1904 or at

The Gallery at Old Salem, in the Frank L. Horton Museum Center, 924 South main Street, Winston-Salem. Through Aug. 14 - "Art in Clay: Masterworks of North Carolina Earthenware". I ne exhibit showcases about 120 items of decorated pottery, including slipware, faience, creamware and sculptural bottles, created by the state's first ceramists of European descent. The show is the culmination of a collaborative project that was initiated by Old Salem, along with The Chipstone Foundation and the Caxambas Foundation, both of Milwaukee. Scholars from disciplines including art, archaeology, history and religion worked on the project, creating what is described as "the first major survey of this work and the context in which it was created." Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm& Sun., 1-5pm, closed major holidays. Contact: 336/721-7360 or at (www.mesda.org).

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NC Commercíal Galleríes

Aberdeen

Artistic Impressions, 103 North Poplar Street, Aberdeen. Ongoing - Featuring custom stained glass, glass etching, repairs, restoration and church windows, plus a full supply for the hobbyist. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 910/944-1930.

Andrews

Andrews Valley Artist's Gallery, 1158 Main St. #C, corner of Main St. & Oak St. across from the Town Hall & Police Station, Andrews. Ongoing - A fine art gallery featuring works by regional artists including works by Kathleen Hall, Penny Johnson, Diane Sims, Dot Rex, Cherie Lowe, Mary Judernatz, and more. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-3pm and by appt. Contact: 828/321-9553, e-mail at (khallavag@ verizon.net).

Asheboro

Circa Gallery, 150 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Ongoing -** Featuring works by local, regional, and established artists. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-6pm. Contact: 336/736-8015 or at (www.circagallerync.com).

Little River Art Works, 6417 Abner Rd., Asheboro. Ongoing - Featuring stoneware luminaries and hand carved folk art scenes on our pottery by Nora & Barry Walbourn. Hours: by appt. only. Contact: 336/381-4708 or e-mail at (littleriver@rtmc.net).

Asheville

Downtown Asheville, Aug. 5, 5-8pm - "2011 Downtown Art Walks," presented by the Asheville Downtown Gallery Association. Pick up a Downtown Gallery Guide with a map to help you along the way at any downtown gallery, the Chamber of Commerce, or Pack Place. For more information visit

(www.ashevilledowntowngalleries.org).

Asheville River Arts District, Asheville. Aug. 5, 5-8pm - "First Friday at Five". The galleries, studios and artists of the Asheville River Arts District invite the public to come view the art in this festive venue. For more information visit (www.RiverArtsDistrict.com).

Aesthetic Gallery, 6 College St., across from Pritchard Park, Asheville. **Ongoing -** Offering a variety of international works, including terracotta ceramics from Viet Nam and stone sculpture from Zimbabwe. In addition, there is an assortment of intricately detailed handcrafted pictorial textiles from Australia and Lesotho, many of which depict local Asheville scenes. Also available are Australian Aboriginal oil paintings, Bruni Sablan oil paintings from the "Jazz Masters Series," and ceramic tiles from the Southwest (US). Hours: Tue-Sat, noon-6pm. Contact: 828/301-0391 or at (www.aestheticgallery.com).

American Folk Art & Antiques, 64 Biltmore Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing -** Featuring antique folk art, functional and contemporary folk pottery, furniture and paintings. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/281-2134 or at (www.amerifolk.com).

Appalachian Craft Center, 10 North Spruce St., Asheville. Ongoing - Folk pottery, face jugs, traditional grafts and other collectables. Hours: 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/768-0246 or at (www.BellaVistaArt.com).

BlackBird Frame & Art, 365 Merrimon Avenue, just 3/4 mile north of downtown, Asheville. Ongoing - Currently, about 25 painters, photographers and crafters show their work at BlackBird. We also offer expert custom framing. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm & Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 828/252-6036 or at (www.BlackBirdFrame.com).

Blue Ridge Frame & Gallery, 545 Merrimon Ave., Asheville. Ongoing - Featuring works by local artist Linda Cheek, Ann Vasilik, Carol Bomer, Kelly Wilkinson, and many more. Plus a large selection of prints, posters, and quality custom framing. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:30am-6pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/253-3559.



Work by Christina Brinkman

Blue Spiral 1, 38 Biltmore Ave., Asheville. Through Sept. 30 - Featuring works by Peter Alberice (painting), Alex Gabriel Bernstein (glass), Christina Brinkman (ceramics), Emily Leonard (painting), and John Nickerson (ceramics). Through Sept. 30 - "Storyline," featuring narrative works on paper including works by: Phil Blank, Taiyo la Paix, Kreh Mellick, Roger Palmer, Gabriel Shaffer, and Jessica C. White. Small Format Gallery, Through Sept. 30 - Featuring mixed media works by Anne Lemanski. Showcase Gallery & Display Cage, Through Sept. **30 -** "Wood Moving Forward," featuring works by Hunt Clark, Dustin Farnsworth, Gail Fredell, Robyn Horn, Stoney Lamar, Robert Lyon, Matt Moulthrop, Philip Moulthrop, George Peterson, Sylvie Rosenthal, Norm Sartorius, David Sengel, and Bob Trotman. Ongoing - Featuring works in a variety of mediums by regional, national and international artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/251-0202 or at (www.bluespiral1.com).

Castell Photography, 2C Wilson Alley off Eagle St., Asheville. **Ongoing -** The gallery is owned by internationally recognized artist Brie Castell, is a unique photographic Salon & Gallery dedicated solely to photo based media. The gallery features the work of Brie Castell, and also hosts several rotating exhibitions each year of other talented photographers. Hours: Wed.-Fri., noon-6pm, Sat., noon-7pm or by appt. Contact: 828.255.1188 or at (www.castellphotography.com).

Chatsworth Art and Antiques, 54 N. Lexington Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing -** Specializing in 19th and early 20th century oils, watercolors and prints. Also jewelry, silver, china, small furniture and fine accessories. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828.252.6004.

Clayspace Co-op, River Arts District, 119A Roberts St., Asheville. **Ongoing -** The Clayspace Co-op is a cooperative ceramics studio and showroom located in the historic river arts district of Asheville, North Carolina. The main aim of the Clayspace Cooperative is to provide an environment that promotes the artistic growth and success of its members through cooperation and education. Hours: Sale - Dec. 6, 10am-6pm & Dec. 7, 11am-5pm; reg. hours by chance. Contact: 828/279-3811 or at (www.clayspace.org).

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Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art,

750 Marguerite Drive, Winston-Salem. Through Aug. 28 - "Alex Hubbard," organized by SECCA and curated by Steven Matijcio. Oregon-born, Brooklyn-based artist Alex Hubbard creates video documents of his raw, experimental, and at times absurd, art-making. Like real-time laboratories played out across tabletops, pedestals and a '91 Ford Tempo, he moves through an array of materials in a process that marries painting, sculpture, performance and assemblage. In the video "Weekend Pass" (2008), a tire, bowling ball, hot plate, shards of dry wall, plates of wax, a block of clay and a Molotov cocktail all share time upon a pedestal encircled by a video camera. And while the acts and objects are highly palpable, Hubbard presents only the process of their making - displacing the tangible product with his slapstick acts of fabrication and deconstruction. For this exhibition, SECCA will present a series of his videos alongside a newly commissioned performance that adds new dimension to a mesmerizingly visceral practice. Through Sept. 18 - "The People's Biennial," organized & Toured by Independent Curators International (ICI); and curated by Harrell Fletcher & Jens Hoffmann. The exhibit is a response to the fact that many

The Gallery of the Arts, Commerce Plaza, 411 West Fourth Street, just next door to the Stevens Center, Winston-Salem. **Ongoing** - the facility includes The Community Arts Cafe's Gallery of the Arts, Underground Theare Gallery, and Arts Alley featuring works from artists of the Triad region of North Carolina including fine art, fine craft, literature, recorded music, videos and any other products available exclusively through CAC. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon-6pm & during First Friday Gallery Hop. Contact: 336/793-8000 or at (www.communityartscafe.com). traditional crafts, and other collectables. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/253-8499 or at

(www.appalachiancraftcenter.com).

Ariel Gallery, 19 Biltmore Ave., Asheville. Ongoing - Presenting the best in clay, fiber, paper, books, jewelry, metal, sculpture, furniture and glass by members of the Ariel Contemporary Craft Cooperative. A gallery owned and operated by artists. Hours: Tue.-Thur., 10am-6pm; Fri. & Sat., 10am-7pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/236-2660 or at (www.arielcraftgallery.com).

Bellagio, 5 Biltmore Plaza, Historic Biltmore Village, Asheville. Ongoing - Featuring exquisitely handcrafted jewelry and clothing. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/277-8100 or at (www.bellagioarttowear.com).

Bella Vista Art Gallery, 14 Lodge St., Historic Biltmore Village, Asheville. **Ongoing -** Featuring works by regional and national artists in a variety of mediums. Offering contemporary oil paintings, blown glass, pottery, black & white photography, stoneware sculptures, and jewelry. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., **Cold River Gallery**, 32-A Biltmore Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing -** Welcome to the artistic expression of messages found in ancient wisdom, philosophies and our Earth's gifts, presented as the fine art of Karen Pierre. Working studio, jewelry, pottery. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/350-0955.

CURVE studios & garden, 6, 9 & 12 Riverside Dr., River Arts District, Asheville. **Ongoing -** Working studios of Constance Williams, Sutherland Handweaving, Pattiy Torno, Maria Troya, Kyle Carpenter, Akira Satake, Cynthia Wynn, Fran Welch, Jenny Mastin, Cassie Ryalls & more. Hours: 11am-4pm daily. Contact: 828/388-3526 or at (www.CURVEstudiosNC.com).

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