

Greenhill in Greensboro, NC

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each year. "The range of ceramics in the show is exemplified by Ben Owens III of Seagrove who will be presenting large vessels in his signature Chinese red glaze and Western NC artist Eric Knoche, winner of *Ceramic Monthly's* 2014 Emerging Artist Award, whose wood-fired clay sculptures resemble cloud forms with moving shadows" notes Edie Carpenter.

Striking works taking up a small footprint will be on exhibit. Carpenter suggests, "Collectors can find themselves with little wall or shelf space for the display of artworks will find freestanding works such as Ben Galata's 58-inch high forged steel *Spire* distilling the streamlined verticality of an art deco skyscraper. In a different register is the storybook quality of wood maker Elizabeth Spotswood Spencer's *The Teasing Tune Box*, a working polychrome tune box with animal motifs."

Winter Show is Greenhill's shortest exhibition but the one that takes a tremendous amount of work by the curatorial team and entire staff. One may ask 'why do you do it', and the answer is simple according to Laura Way, Executive Director: "Our focus is to support and promote the art and artists of NC—presenting an astounding array of artwork in time for the holiday season is good for the artists who are professional working people who rely on art sales. It is good for Greenhill because through *Collector's Choice* (annual fundraiser and preview party), we get to meet new supporters, catch up with long-time sponsors and connect collectors, young and not so young to artists, new and established. It is a win-win, and the proceeds are so important in ensuring we can present exciting and fresh exhibitions, provide free programming, and educate children and adults about the power of art."

Winter Show has two major openings; On Dec. 4, Greenhill hosts Greensboro's most popular holiday season event, *Collector's Choice*. Participants have a rare opportunity to meet and mingle with *Winter Show* artists, have the first opportunity to purchase great art, and enjoy a lively evening of food, cocktails and music. Tickets are \$70 for



Work by Mariyah Sultan

members, \$85 for non-members, and \$90 at the door. Purchase tickets online at (www.greenhillnc.org/winter-show) or by calling 336/333-7460.

The second opening is free and open to the public on Dec., 6, from 2 – 5pm, will be a fun afternoon for the whole family. Visitors can enjoy holiday cookies and see the exhibition in a relaxed setting. Led by artist/educator Steven M. Cozart, student docents from Weaver Academy, a full-time performing and visual arts academy located in downtown Greensboro, will be giving presentations on artists and works featured in *Winter Show*. Students research and interview artists and then propose brief introductions to their selected artists giving them professional experience. Additionally, ArtQuest will be open for free for families to create holiday decorations from repurposed materials.

Greenhill is located on North Davie Street, in the Greensboro Cultural Center. Greenhill is a space for NC Art and is composed of four spaces; ArtQuest, The Gallery, InFocus Gallery and The Shop. We engage a broad community of artists, adults and children through dynamic exhibitions and educational programs while providing a platform for exploration and investment in art. We are the only non-collecting organization dedicated to presenting, promoting and advocating contemporary visual art and artists of NC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.greenhillnc.org).

Potteries in Seagrove, NC, Offer Kiln Openings and Open House Events - Dec. 5 & 12, 2015

North Carolina is rich with towns and cities with clusters of artists making these communities perfect for holiday shopping excursions from Asheville to Wilmington, and from Ashe County to Forsyth County. And in between is Seagrove, one of the country's largest communities of potters with the longest continual history of pottery making in the United States.

With more than 80 shops to choose from, you are sure to find a piece that makes an ideal gift. Whether you are looking for traditional or contemporary styles, functional or decorative pieces, Seagrove Potteries have something for everyone on your list.

Here's a sampling of holiday pottery events in the area of Seagrove:



Vernon and Pam Owens of Jugtown Pottery Annual Holiday Kiln Opening, Jugtown Pottery - Saturday, Dec. 5, 8:30am to 5pm, 330 Jugtown Road, Seagrove. The kiln opening features a variety of select pieces from 2015, fine American Crafts and new JLK Jewelry designs. Museum Opens at 7am with refreshments. For info visit (www.jugtownware.com).

Thomas Pottery, Christmas Open House, Saturday, Dec. 5, 9am to 5pm, 1295 NC



Work from JLK Jewelry Hwy. 705 S., Seagrove. Enjoy holiday decorations, tour the studio and shop while enjoying refreshments. For info visit (www.thomaspottery.com).

Ben Owen Pottery, Christmas and Holiday Kiln Openings, Saturday, Dec. 5, 10am to 5pm and Saturday, Dec. 12, 10am to 5pm, 2199 S. 705 Hwy., Seagrove. A preview and light refreshments is scheduled from 9 to 9:50am, followed by the sale. For info visit (www.benowenpottery.com).

Crystal King Pottery, Holiday Open House, Saturday, Dec. 12, 10am to 5pm, 2475 Hwy. 705 S., Seagrove. The holiday open house features fresh loads from the kilns and refreshments from North Carolina's very own Southern Supreme. For info visit (www.CrystalKingPottery.com).

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Museum Hours:
Tues-Sat 10am-4pm
Business Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

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