

STARworks in Star, NC, Offers Holiday Ornament Sale - Dec. 2, 2017

STARworks in Star, NC, will present its annual Holiday Ornament Sale, on Dec. 2, 2017, from 10am-4pm, featuring more than 2,500 colorful hand-crafted glass and ceramic ornaments. Ornaments are handcrafted by STARworks artists, interns and resident artists, and come in all sizes, shapes and colors.

STARworks Clay Studio artists have created ceramic crystalline ornaments in new colors this year. In addition to the familiar ball ornaments, STARworks glassblowers have brought back the popular star ornament in new colors for this holiday season, and plenty of candy canes and icicles.

The glass and ceramic artists at STARworks have also created ornaments and holiday items for the STARworks Signature Series. Glassblowers and clay artists create Signature Series items in their own time after work. These items are unique to each artist and in limited supply.



Holiday Ornaments

There are no advanced or reserved sales. Ornaments left after the sale will be available in the School House Gallery at STARworks, Monday through Saturday, from 9am to 5pm while supplies last. A limited selection of ornaments will be available online at



Red Glass Star

(www.STARworksNC.org) after the sale. Prices start at \$10. Payment options include cash, check or credit cards.

STARworks recommends people arrive at the ornament sale as close to 10am as possible to ensure a good selection. Doors will open at 9am for those who like to arrive early, but the sale will not begin until 10am.

STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economy of the region by focusing on the sustainable use of our natural and cultural resources. Proceeds from the ornament sale help fund STARworks programs, including the high school glassblowing program.

STARworks is located on Russell Drive in Star, just off I-73/74 in northern Montgomery County.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 910/428-9001, or visit (www.StarworksNC.org).

Cheryl Newby Gallery in Pawleys Island, SC, Features Works by Mike Williams

One of South Carolina's most recognized artists, Mike Williams, will be featured for the winter exhibition at Cheryl Newby Gallery in Pawleys Island, SC, which has represented the Sumter native since 2004. The show includes both subjects for which Williams is best known; watery landscapes and "fish paintings". There will be sixteen paintings on view and for sale during the show which will run through Dec. 9, 2017.

"We see so many artists' depictions of the lowcountry that all seem to look alike, however, no one paints the watery estuaries and cypress swamps of the lowcountry like Mike Williams. I think that is because many other artists haven't grown up visiting those fishing holes, and haven't had the first-hand experiences in the cypress swamps that Mike has had. Mike is not only a masterful artist, he is an outdoorsman, and has fished all his life in the lowcountry. He is very much at home on the water," says gallery owner Cheryl Newby.

Williams' paintings are in the permanent collections of the Columbia Museum of Art, the South Carolina State Art Collection, City of Columbia, SC, the City of



Work by Mike Williams

Sumter, SC, South Carolina State Museum, among numerous others. In 2008 "Garden & Gun Magazine" published an article by Daniel Wallace entitled "Fish Out of Water" about Williams' paintings which helped spread the word of Williams' unique paintings.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/979-0149 or visit (www.cherylnewbygallery.com).

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, Offers Annual Student Exhibition

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, is presenting the Coker College Art Club's 45th Annual Student Exhibition and Competition, on view in the Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery in the Gladys C. Fort Art Building on Coker's campus, through Dec. 8, 2017. The exhibit features a selection of the best student work from this past year.

Greatly anticipated by students, staff, and faculty, Coker's annual student exhibition is designed as a competition and includes entries from both beginning and advanced students. Also, by design, the exhibition's judge is a professional artist from outside the Hartsville area.

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This year, the judge will be Hollis Hammonds whose drawings are currently on exhibit in the Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery. Hammonds will select all the art, assign place, and award prizes that have been donated by art manufacturers and suppliers. The judges for these shows are always given free reign regarding a show's size and focus, and the resulting shows have ranged from large and inclusive to small, theme-oriented exhibitions. The selection process has always served as a stimulus for critical discussion.

Hammonds received her BFA in Drawing from Northern Kentucky University and her MFA in 2D Studies from the University of Cincinnati. She is the author of *Drawing Structure: Conceptual and Observational Techniques*, and has had her creative work featured in multiple publications. She was awarded the grand

prize for the *Dave Bown Projects 14th Semi Annual Competition*, and has been an artist in residence at McColl Center for Art + Innovation in Charlotte, NC, Vermont Studio Center, and Atlantic Center for the Arts. Hammonds is an Associate Professor of Art and Chair of the Department of Visual Studies at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX.

Coker College upholds and defends the intellectual and artistic freedom of its faculty and students as they study and create art through which they explore the full spectrum of human experience. The college considers such pursuits central to the spirit of inquiry and thoughtful discussion, which are at the heart of a liberal arts education.

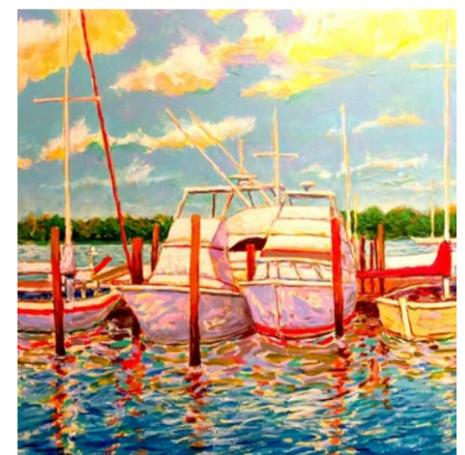
For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listing or visit (www.ceceliacokerbellgallery.com).

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, Offers Works by Eric McRay

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, is presenting *The Everyday World*, featuring works by Eric McRay, on view through Dec. 29, 2017.

McRay's Guiding Principle - An artist's style is his visual language by which he communicates. Thus, McRay is multilingual. Openness and exploration rather than a dedication to a particular style best characterize his work. "I believe there is no single correct pictorial solution."

McRay received a BFA degree at the Maryland Institute, College of Art, where he earned a four-year scholarship for his artistic talent. A native of Washington, DC, McRay moved to North Carolina and has been exhibiting since 1987. In November 1998, he was juried into Raleigh's prestigious Artspace. Since opening his Artspace studio in downtown Raleigh, McRay has served in the offices of Vice-President and President of the Artspace Artists Association, as well as served on Artspace's board of directors and Executive Committee.



Work by Eric McRay

McRay's artistic career has been featured on TV and radio programs, and in numerous newspapers, magazines and websites. The *Raleigh News & Observer* named him one of the "Artists to Watch". Numerous times he has been listed among the "Best Local Artist" and "Favorite Lo-

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