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By 2005 they were off and running. Now, with two children and a bigger studio, they continue to grow their collection with new and inspiring ideas. Every item is made using slab building or wheel thrown techniques. Being lovers of nature, enjoyment comes from producing forms that are based on the organic shapes surrounding them. Surface design is also a very large part of their style. They hand carve, wax and layer glazes to achieve several different textures and patterns. All pottery is high fired in electric and gas kilns and is microwave, dishwasher, and food safe.

For further information check our NC



Work by Batton Clayworks

Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/254-9234 or visit (www. woolworthwalk.com).

River Arts District in Asheville, NC, Celebrates Mothers' Day with Studio Stroll and Art Sale - May 9 & 10, 2015

The Artists of Asheville, NC's River Arts District open their doors for a full weekend, May 9 & 10, from 10am-6pm, in the Spring Studio Stroll and Art Sale, welcoming the public to experience and collect amazing art in the studios and galleries in which the inspiration flows. Come be inspired, shop, meet the artists and watch live demonstrations

Thousands of visitors from nearby and abroad interacting with some 180+ artists working and selling art in their River Arts District studios.

The River Arts District of Asheville is a mile long cluster of working studios, galleries and eateries housed in the former industrial section of town surrounding the railroad along the banks of the French Broad River. More than 180 working studio artists, many with showrooms and galleries, are open throughout the year. During Studio Stroll, visitors are able to comb the district riding the Grey Line Trolley for free. River Arts District Artists work in such mediums as paint, pencil, pottery, metal, fiber, glass, wax and paper.

For more information, please contact Shellev Schenker by e-mail at (radartistmarketing@gmail.com) or visit (www. riverartsdistrict.com).

Asheville Gallery of Art Features Works by Sandi Anton | Black Mountain Center for the Arts

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present My Wonky World, featuring works by Sandi Anton, on view from May 1 - 31, 2015. A reception will be held on May 1, from 5-8pm.

Anton's show is filled with wonky, funky, never-perfect buildings, which Anton claims are her obsession. "I find life much more interesting in the imperfections," she says

Anton first held a brush in her hand in May of 2009, and fell in love with the world in color. "Suddenly, all objects and subjects became potential paintings," she says. She claims that experimentation and practice were key to her process without sacrificing her spontaneity. "I began using a very limited palette of only primary colors. This exercise taught me color, light, and composition, while inspiring creativity and supporting my individual technique and style."

Having lived in the French Quarter in New Orleans for 12 years, much of what she paints and the subjects she's most drawn to are architectural in nature, though she



Work by Sandi Anton

continues to experiment with other themes and techniques. Anton now lives in the Asheville area, where she and her husband, Tom, write and produce movies, as well as spearhead the Asheville Cinema Festival.

Asheville Gallery of Art also features the works of the 27 other gallery artists.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828-251-5796, or visit (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

in Black Mountain, NC, Features Fundraising Exhibition

The first step in a successful Art in Bloom event is the artwork chosen for the gallery. Unlike big museums with large, diverse permanent collections, Art in Bloom at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts, in Black Mountain, NC, begins with Executive Director Gale Jackson and her selection committee going out to regional galleries from Asheville to Old Fort and choosing artwork that they believe will spur the imaginations of the floral designers who will descend in June to create flower arrangements that are inspired by the artwork.

Art in Bloom is held every June as a fundraiser for the Black Mountain Center for the Arts. This will be the ninth year the Center has organized this multi-day immersion in art and flowers. The art gallery show is May 12 through June 20, 2015.

The diverse collection is on display for nearly a month before the three day



The Budding Earth by Karen Paquette borrowed from Arrowhead Gallery/Studio interpreted by Floral Designer- Laura Felt, Ikenobo School of Ikebana. Photo Credit: Ray Mata

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