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first made a piece of functional art which his wife allowed to "move into the house". From that first piece, his work has continued to grow and evolve. Zawistowski never strays far from the organic, nature inspired, curves and lines he experiences around him everyday. As an artist he takes pride in making pieces which do not at-

tempt to replicate nature but rather reflect its essence. The fluid forms of nature are used as inspiration, working to reflect them in the design of each piece.

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

## Carteret Community College in Morehead City, NC, Offers Works by Jean Baardsen

Local artist, Jean Baardsen, is showing her work, including art quilts, paintings, and mixed media, in a solo exhibit at Carteret Community College in Morehead City, NC. The show is being held on campus in the Historic Camp Glenn Building, on view through Sept. 25, 2013.

Much of Baardsen's artwork is inspired by nature. Her favorite subject is "things with wings." She would love to fly, and is considering returning as a bird (probably a seagull) in her next incarnation.

Baardsen's recent artwork has focused on the time she and her husband, Ed, lived on their 42-ft. sailboat, Tropic Moon. Their travels, from 1978-1992, included five years in the Caribbean, four years in the Mediterranean, and two Atlantic crossings. One room of the exhibit will feature highlights from their years on Tropic Moon, including an installation from the boat, travel posters featuring Tropic Moon, and acrylic paintings inspired by photos taken during their travels.

Baardsen retired from Carteret Community College in 2009, after ten years as Director of Learning Resources for the college. She is currently working on a web



Work by Jean Baardsen

book entitled, *Odyssey: Mapping Life's Adventures*. The book includes tales from their travels on Tropic Moon, as well as photographs, maps, digital art, and paintings used to illustrate her stories.

A selection of Baardsen's artwork, including several art quilts, are available for purchase during the exhibit. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Carteret Community College Foundation, to support CCC students and programs.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call Mary Schronce, Development Coordinator at 252/222-6143 or e-mail to ([schroncem@email.carteret.edu](mailto:schroncem@email.carteret.edu)).

## NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Willie Thorne

NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present *Willie Thorne - Painted Wood Reliefs*, on view in the Four Sisters Gallery of Self-Taught Visionary Art, located in the Wesleyan College Welcome Center, from Sept. 26 through Dec. 4, 2013. A reception will be held on Sept. 26, from 5-8pm.

Self-taught artist Willie Thorne is a Rocky Mount native and graduate of Rocky Mount schools. After a hitch in the Army he went to work at Firestone in Wilson, NC. Inspired to woodworking by his father, Thorne began making his painted wood cut outs about 25 years ago with his first being a portrait of his daughter

(which is included in this exhibit). Friends and workmates asked for family portraits and commissions followed.

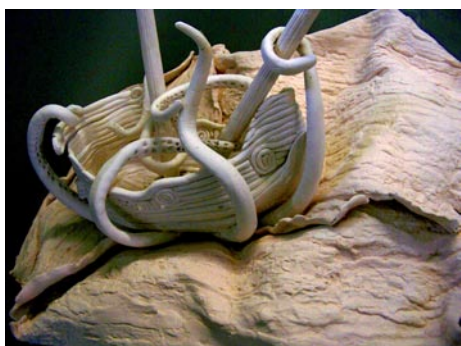
Cartoon subjects have continued to be popular reliefs as have patriotic and religious subjects such as *The Passion*. Never settling for standing still as an artist, Thorne has become a peerless craftsman, both in challenging subjects as well as wood craft and invention.

The Four Sisters Gallery has commenced a fundraising campaign to acquire *The Passion* for its permanent collection.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or call 252/985-5268.

## New Bern ArtWorks Fine Art Gallery in New Bern, NC, Offers Exhibition of Vessels

New Bern ArtWorks Fine Art Gallery in New Bern, NC, will present *No Boundaries Vessel*, featuring a mix of functional, beautiful, outlandish and conceptual vessels, on view from Sept. 13 through Oct. 31, 2013. A reception will be held on Sept. 13, from 5-8pm, during the New Bern Art Walk.



Work by Michaelé Watson

Vessel (/ves.el/): hollow or concave utensil, as a cup, bowl, pitcher, or vase used as a container; a craft designed to navigate on the water; a duct, canal or

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