

# NC Institutional Galleries

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## Salisbury/Spencer

**Waterworks Visual Arts Center**, 123 E. Liberty St., in the East Square Arts District, located one block East of Main Street, across from the Salisbury Police Station, Salisbury. **Through Aug. 30, 2025** - "ART for ALL: Enriching Lives with ART". Waterworks Visual Arts Center is pleased to announce a yearlong exhibition of paintings and sculpture from the personal collection of the late New York philanthropists Julian and Josie Robertson. The show will include more than 20 works by leading European modern artists, including Pierre Bonnard, André Derain, Paul Gauguin, Wassily Kandinsky, Fernand Léger, Claude Monet, Francis Picabia, Pablo Picasso, Camille Pissarro, and Paul Signac, as well as influential postwar painters Willem de Kooning and Franz Kline. Spanning over 100 years of art history, the works will provide viewers with a vivid sense of key movements, from Cubism to Abstract Expressionism. Showing concurrently will be selected photographs from the 1937 Bostian's Alley Collection and a series of contemporary oil portraits by North Carolina painter, Maria Bennett Hock. **Ongoing** - At Waterworks, all exhibitions are free to see (donations gladly accepted). The galleries and Museum Store are open Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm. An elevator, braille signage, bench seating in all galleries, and wide hallways make the museum accessible to everyone. Visitors can experience the gated sensory garden, as well as sculpture gardens around the building. Waterworks offers three rotating exhibitions a year, K-12 Student exhibitions, and art classes for students ages 18 months to 100. Keep abreast of exhibitions, events, art classes, and new art for sale in the Museum Store. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm, (business hours M-F, 9 am-5 pm). Contact: 704/636-1882 or at ([www.waterworks.org](http://www.waterworks.org)).

## Sanford

**Oxide Gallery of Fine Art**, 148 S. Moore Street. Historic Downtown Sanford. **Through Dec. 28** - "Holiday Treasures," is a two month event celebrating the spirit of the season in small works. A portion of proceeds from the sale of all artwork benefits Lee County Fine Arts. We've curated a collection of beautiful artwork that will make a great gift for yourself or a loved one. Over seventy 8x8 paintings will be displayed in a grid along with a seasonal-themed collection of pottery, glass, and decorative ornaments. Gallery visitors can also participate in a holiday raffle to win a piece of original artwork. **Ongoing** - Presented by Lee County Fine Arts. Our gallery will present regular monthly exhibitions, fine art gifts, art competition shows, and access to working artists in Central North Carolina. The Gallery's NC Gift Shop features work by over a dozen local and regional artists. Guests can enjoy fabrics, mosaic, glass art, stoneware clay sculpture, decorative functional and food safe pottery, note cards and journals, and the famous Art-o-mat. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 919/278-7270 or at ([oxideart.com](http://oxideart.com)).

## Seagrove Area

**Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden**, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at ([www.cbsculpturegarden.com](http://www.cbsculpturegarden.com)).

**North Carolina Pottery Center**, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Main Gallery, Through Dec. 15** - "Something's Afoot". Footed pottery pieces, sometimes even having literal feet, have a rich history dating back thousands of years and have been found at archaeological sites in ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, Mesoamerica, and Medieval & Renaissance Europe, as well as other places. Adding feet or stands to pottery pieces emerged over time for various reasons, including increased functionality, cultural and religious symbolism, ceremonial purposes, and enhanced aesthetics. Today, footed pottery continues to be crafted by artisans worldwide, both as functional objects and works of art. Our "Something's Afoot" show will feature footed pieces by fourteen of our state's wonderful potters! For this show, "footed" means having two or more points of contact with the ground. **Back**

**Gallery, Through Dec. 15** - "Humble Components". When you break it down (not literally!), pottery, the product of a craft that likely originated independently in multiple regions around the world thousands of years ago and continues to be practiced in North Carolina today, is really just composed of humble components—clay and various minerals and elements. In our "Humble Components" show, you'll see old and contemporary pieces representing various North Carolina traditions and techniques: Native American pit-fired, slip-decorated redware, salt-glazed, alkaline-glazed, wood ash-glazed, Chinese blue, crystalline, and chrome red, next to samples of the humble components from which some of those pieces were made. **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at ([www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://www.ncpotterycenter.org)).

**Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center)**, 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.



Items for STARworks Holiday Market

**STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise**, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **Dec. 7 - 23** - "Starworks Holiday Market," featuring thousands of handcrafted glass ornaments, snowman, trees, and more. Online shopping starts Dec. 9. **STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shippo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery

also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here unforgettable. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (<https://www.starworksn.org/cafe-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon., 9am-3pm & Tue.-Sat., 9am-9pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: Claire Sellers, Starworks Communications Coordinator by e-mail at ([claire@starworksn.org](mailto:claire@starworksn.org)).

## Siler City

**North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry, metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at ([www.ncartsincubator.org](http://www.ncartsincubator.org)).

**PAF Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at ([www.ncartsincubator.org](http://www.ncartsincubator.org)).

## Southport

**Franklin Square Gallery**, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at ([www.franklinsquaregallery.com](http://www.franklinsquaregallery.com)).

## Spruce Pine

**Spruce Pine Gallery**, TRAC Arts Center, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Kokol Gallery, Through Dec. 31** - "Artist Market". **Ongoing** - Toe River Arts will feature artist demonstrations and continue to sell artist's work in the gift shop. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at ([www.toeriverarts.org](http://www.toeriverarts.org)).

## Statesville

**Iredell Arts Council**, 203 S. Meeting Street, Statesville, **Old Jail Galleries, Dec. 5 - 31** - "Annual Iredell Arts Council Member Art Show". A reception will be held on Dec. 5, beginning at 5:30pm. Iredell Arts Council artist members including award-winning Stained - glass artist and teacher. Michael Ziegler, and artists Chrystal Ingersoll, Becky Beasley, Amy Queen, Robin McGuirt, Sha'nee Wason, Ellen Patterson, Kristie Darling and others will showcase their work. Hours: open by appt. Contact: 704/873-6100 or at ([www.iredellartscouncil.org](http://www.iredellartscouncil.org)).

**Louise Gilbert Art Gallery**, Mitchell Community College, 420 Walnut Street, Statesville. **Ongoing** - For more than 25 years, the Louise Gilbert Art Gallery, hosted and curated by Mitchell's Department of Art, has played a vital role in the visual arts in Iredell County. The Gilbert Gallery serves as a vibrant space for students and visitors to explore ideas, techniques, forms and mediums. Our exhibits and installations feature award-winning local, national and international artists whose work includes traditional, folk, outsider and experimental styles. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: call 704/878-3271.

## Tryon



Tryon Arts & Crafts School Holiday Market

**Tryon Arts and Crafts School**, 373 Harmon Field Rd., Harmon Field, Tryon. **Through Dec. 19** - "Handcrafted Holiday Market." **Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm & Sat. 9am -1pm. Contact: 828/859-

8323 or at ([www.tryonartsandcrafts.org](http://www.tryonartsandcrafts.org)).

**Tryon Fine Arts Center**, 34 Melrose Ave., Tryon. **JP Gallery, Through Jan. 10, 2025** - "TFAC Enduring Art Collection," featuring the work of Jeanne Parker and Phyllis Allen Eifert. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/859-8322 or at ([www.tryonarts.org](http://www.tryonarts.org)).



Work by Dale McEntire

**Upstairs Artspace**, (Celebrating over 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Through Dec. 20** - "Dale McEntire: Reflections Along the Path". Saluda artist and Upstairs Artspace alum Dale McEntire will exhibit his work at Upstairs Artspace in the gallery's last show of the year titled "Reflections Along the Path". Known for his vibrantly colorful abstract landscapes done in oil and pastels, as well as sculptures of stone, steel, cast glass and wood, Dale says that the natural world and the spiritual essence of nature are the inspiration for his work. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at ([www.upstairsartspace.org](http://www.upstairsartspace.org)).

## Valdese

**Valdese Heritage Arts Center**, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center offers a great selection of unique gifts on exhibit and for sale, including, but not limited to original paintings, pottery, needlework, wood-carvings, hand crafted furniture, ceramic sculptures, stained glass, photography, jewelry, floral arrangements greeting cards, quilts and home made soap. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 828/874-1849 or at (<http://vhac.webs.com>).

## Wake Forest

**Renaissance Centre Arts Annex**, 405 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest. **Dec. 9 - 30** - "2024 Holiday Invitational Art Exhibit". A reception will be held on Dec. 11, from 6-8pm. The exhibition is designed to give visual artists an opportunity to display and sell their work in a gallery setting. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-noon-1-5pm. For info call April Cannon at 919/435-9568.

## Washington

**River Walk Gallery and Arts Center**, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

## Waynesville

**Little Gallery on Church Street**, 37 Church Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring monthly exhibits by regional arts. Sponsored by the Haywood County Arts Council. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at ([www.haywoodarts.org](http://www.haywoodarts.org)).

**The Haywood County Arts Council's Gallery 86**, 86 N. Main Street, Waynesville. **Through Dec. 31** - "Small Works 2024". It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our annual exhibit, "Small Works" remains a community favorite! This exhibit features work that is 12 x 12 inches or smaller and ornaments to encourage giving the gift of creative spirit. Hours: call. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at ([www.haywoodarts.org](http://www.haywoodarts.org)).

**The Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts**, 307 Shelton Street, corner of US 276 So. and Shelton Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handicrafts of North Carolina in the historic Sheldon House. Hours: Museum hours change seasonally, call 828/452-1551.

## Wentworth

**Dan River Art Market & Gallery**, 1122 NC Hwy. 65, Wentworth. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers art and craft by local artists and 6 gallery exhibits throughout the year, workshops and lectures. Hours: Thur., 10am-4pm; Fri., 11am-2pm; and by appt. Contact: 336/349-4039.

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