

NC Institutional Galleries

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tional 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.

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. **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 Shimpo, 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).

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).

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).

Spruce Pine

Spruce Pine Gallery, TRAC Arts Center, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Kokol Gallery, Feb. 15 - Mar. 15** - Mitchell County Student Showcase. **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).

Statesville

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.

Sylva

Gallery One, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

Tryon

Tryon Arts and Crafts School, 373 Harmon Field Rd., Harmon Field, Tryon. **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).

Tryon Fine Arts Center, 34 Melrose Ave., Tryon. **JP Gallery, Feb. 1 - 28** - "Showcase of Excellence - Juried High School Art Show". A reception will be held on Feb. 1, at 10:30am. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/859-8322 or at (www.tryonarts.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Waynesville **Columbus Library**, Polk County Public Libraries, 1289 West Mills Street, Columbus, **Feb. 3 - 28** - "2025 Tiny Art Show," featuring works on 4 x 4 inch canvases. **Ongoing** - We believe that a good public library reflects its unique environment. Polk County Public Libraries are committed to providing high-quality library services that are locally relevant. Our Strategic Plan was developed with the input of people throughout our communities and reflects the diverse needs of Polk County, now and in the future. The Plan informs how we prioritize services and manage resources as it provides a framework for responsible decision-making. Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9am-6pm; Tue. & Thur., 9am-7pm; and Sat., 9am-4pm. Contact: 828/894-8721 or at (polklibrary.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>).

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).

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.

West Jefferson

Ashe Arts Center, 303 School Ave., West Jefferson. **Through Feb. 8** - "Retrospective". Artists showcase works of art that are created before 2022, with a focus on looking back at past themes and styles. **Feb. 13 - Mar. 10** - "ARTMIX," a group exhibit. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: the Ashe County Arts Council at 336/846-2787 or visit (www.ashe-countyarts.org).

Wilmington

ACES Gallery, Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, 221 N Front Street, Suite 101, Wilmington. **Through Feb. 24** - "Nature's Bounty: An Intimate Look," featuring photographic works by Alexander Percy. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/343-0998 or at (www.ArtsCouncilofWilmington.org).

Ann Flack Boseman Art Gallery, Fisher University Union, 2nd Floor, UNC - Wilmington, Wilmington. **Ongoing** - The Boseman Gallery heightens awareness of both current and ongoing issues and creative processes, which encourages open dialogue and personal introspection. Open-call for exhibition proposals launch in the winter (Dec.,Jan.) to begin planning the full gallery series line up for the next academic year. UNCW students, alumni, and local or regional artists interested in being apart of the Boseman Gallery line up. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7am-11pm; Sat., 10am-11pm; and Sun., 1-11pm. Contact: 910/962-7972, 910/962-3842 or e-mail at (artgallery@uncw.edu).



Work by Pam Toll

Cultural Arts Building, ground floor, corner of Randall Parkway and Reynolds Drive, UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington. **CAB Art Gallery, Through Feb. 13** - "Longing & Movement", an exhibition of works by Professor Pam Toll. Toll, who joined the University of North Carolina Wilmington's faculty in 1999, will retire from her teaching career in May 2025. Toll's exhibition of narrative paintings and collage, made in different places and at various times throughout Toll's career, but exhibited together for the first time. There are works made after her first residency in Macedonia in 1994, works painted on Bald Head Island in North Carolina, and collage paintings made for an ongoing memoir series, "The Familiar Distance in Going Home". Also included are new works. **Feb. 20 - Mar. 26** - "Rachel Gloria Adams: Bloom for Yesterday". A reception will be held on Feb. 20, from 5:30-7pm, with an Artist Talk at 5pm in Room 2033. Rachel Gloria Adams is a multidisciplinary artist living in Portland, ME. Adams has developed a vibrant, graphic pattern-based visual language filled with references to the natural world that poses an heirloom quality. Her work takes form by way of quilting, painting, design and large scale murals. Hours: Mon., Tue. Wed. & Fri., 10am-4pm and Thur., 10am-7pm. Contact: Keltsey McKoy, Gallery Director by calling 910/962-3031 or e-mail at (cabartgallery@uncw.edu).

Fried Fruit Art Space, 615 S 16th Street in the Cargo District of Wilmington. **Through Feb. 14** - "Mahal Gutierrez". **Feb. 28 - Mar. 21** - "Parker James Reinecker". An Artist Talk will be offered on Feb. 27, from 5:30-6:30pm in the UNCW Cultural Arts Building, Room 2033. Parker James Reinecker is a visual artist, photographer, and educator based in Central North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia (USA). His work within the Central Piedmont region of North Carolina has spanned

to now three projects, "Two Cardinals in the Thicket" (2020-2023), "Ned Peek & The Pug Mill" (2022-2024), and "To Watch the Moon Move" (2024). The work and approach to photography and mixed media installation have changed drastically over these past projects, from working through strict themes and research to a more open-ended and abstract approach to making. All of the projects work from a place of visual connection to landscape, culture, and the investigation of conceptual identity in the American South— all working to maintain a dialog in visual literacy. **Ongoing** - Fried Fruit Art Space is an artist-run gallery. We are committed to education and freedom of expression. Housed in a retired cargo container, our space functions as a storefront. Fried Fruit is in the growing Cargo District, surrounded by small businesses, entrepreneurs and local restaurants. We share our courtyard with several small businesses, including Crafted Outpost, Salita Pizza and The Alley Bar. Visitors can enjoy a pizza and beer while viewing the exhibition through the window 24/7 -- it's a great way to experience art in a casual, accessible setting. Day or night, anyone can approach the floor-to-ceiling glass window and view our exhibitions. Fried Fruit's footprint is a mere 150 square feet. The smallness is appealing and unintimidating, allowing exhibiting artists to conceptualize and execute an idea freely. Fried Fruit Art Space serves as a great jumping-off point to realize long-thought-about projects. Hours: not available. Contact: Madison Creech, Assistant Professor by e-mail at (madisoncreech.com) or visit (<https://friedfruit.art/>).



Elisabeth Chant (American b. England, 1865 – 1947), "Live Oak, Pelican Point", 1925, Oil on canvas. Collection of Cameron Art Museum. Gift of Hester Donnelly.

Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum, @ intersection of Independence Blvd. & South 17th Street, Wilmington. **Reception Hall, Through Apr. 6** - The Cape Fear Area Painted: The Art of Jodie Rippy. The museum welcomes artist Jodie Rippy on Sunday, Mar. 30, at 2pm, to celebrate the launch of this beautiful book. The exhibition highlights local, historical and coastal landmarks, and the activities of our area. Rippy explored as far north as Bald Head Island and as far south as Bald Head Island to create the gouache (opaque watercolor) works. The works on view range in size from 4 x 6 inches to 1 x 1.5 inches, delightfully miniature, a theme which has fascinated the artist for decades. **Through Feb. 16** - "Thomas Sayre: Four Walls". The exhibit features new and never exhibited works by American artist Thomas Sayre. Each of the four large-scale pieces in the installation questions the belief systems and symbols that underpin the ideals of church, nation and creation. Made of materials that include tar, smoke, fabric gowns, gunshots, welding material, earth and fire, these works invite visitors to draw close and experience the messiness of making, and by analogy, to bear witness to the ways that life invades, entangles, and tarnishes us. **Through Mar. 23** - "Close to Home," is a celebration of CAM's collection featuring works by artists with a connection to our state, our region, our home. Join us as we explore images of people and places that evoke the varied spirit of our community. Beloved familiar works are joined by hidden treasures in a showcase of artistic voices; a collective search for the meaning of home. Features work by Josef Albers, Romare Bearden, Mary Cassatt, Diego Camposeco, Elisabeth Chant, Minnie Evans, Maud Gatewood, Claude Howell, Hiroshi Sueyoshi, and others. **Feb. 7 - Apr. 27** - "Elisabeth Chant". North Carolina artist Elisabeth Chant (1865-1947) made an indelible mark on Wilmington's art community. Born in England, she emigrated to the United States, eventually settling in Wilmington around 1922. Chant studied art in Minneapolis and Paris and was influenced by the Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts movements. In Wilmington, she became known for her vibrant landscapes and scenes of the North Carolina coast. **Ongoing** - Cameron Art Museum presents the only sculpture park in the country created to honor the United States Colored Troops and their fight for freedom. The opening of PNC USCT Park marks the one-year anniversary of the unveiling of Boundless, the public sculpture by artist Stephen Hayes that commemorates the United States Colored Troops and the Battle of Forks Road. This park creates a gathering space for the more than 60,000 visitors from across the country who come to CAM each year and the 8,000 school children who visit the museum on field trips. PNC USCT Park will become a community space for gathering, field trips, classes, workshops, storytelling, live music and

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