

# Tryon Arts & Crafts School

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profit organization that exists to provide creative opportunities for everyone through education, instruction and expression of heritage and contemporary arts and crafts in a friendly, stimulating and enriching

environment.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call TACS at 828/859.8323 or visit ([www.tryonartsandcrafts.org](http://www.tryonartsandcrafts.org)).

## American Craft Week in Seagrove, NC, Takes Place Oct. 7 - 14, 2023

Seagrove, NC, potters have exciting activities planned to celebrate American Craft Week, coming up Oct. 7-14, 2023. Visitors are invited to see and purchase new work fresh from the kilns, meet the potters, enjoy refreshments, watch demonstrations and learn more about the pottery process at participating shops.

Some participating shops may offer hands-on experiences while others will take guests on a journey of discovery to learn more about why Seagrove was voted America's #1 Town for Craft Lovers in a nationwide poll conducted by the American Craft Week website.



Michael Mahan inspects a board of bowls that will be fired in his wood kiln at From the Ground Up Pottery for the R.D. Mahan Kiln Opening & Turkey Roast, part of the American Craft Week celebrations

With a pottery tradition that spans more than 200 years, Seagrove remains a special place to visit. More than 100 ceramic artists call Seagrove home, offering a diverse selection of handmade pottery and ceramic art to learn about and choose from.



Crystal King shows off pumpkins that will be available during the Potters' Pumpkin Patch, part of the American Craft Week celebrations

Visitors are encouraged to pick up a map that includes photo examples of individual work and directions to the more than 50 pottery shops in the Seagrove area. Seagrove pottery shops are open throughout the year and welcome visitors.

Many of those shops have special events and activities planned for American Craft Week. Visit ([www.DiscoverSeagrove.com](http://www.DiscoverSeagrove.com)) for a list of participating shops and more information. The specific Event page is at (<https://discoverseagrove.com/events/american-craft-week-2023/>). This is a free event and open to all ages.

## STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise in Star, NC, Presents the Starworks 2023 Glass Pumpkin Patch!

More than 3,000 hand blown glass pumpkins in all sizes, shapes and colors will be on display and available for purchase at the School House Gallery at STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise in Star, NC, from Oct. 7 - 28, 2023. The School House Gallery at Starworks is open Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. There is no cost to attend, but due to expected large crowds reservations are required to shop on opening day, Saturday, Oct. 7.

The Glass Pumpkin Patch is Starworks' most popular annual fundraising event. Each pumpkin is a unique work of art, hand-blown by resident artists and interns. Glassblowers begin creating this lineup early in the year to guarantee a massive selection of pumpkins, gourds, and seedpods. This year the team at Starworks Glass is excited to introduce many new color combinations! Proceeds from the event help fund Starworks programs, including K-12 educational programs.

Register early at ([StarworksNC.org](http://StarworksNC.org)) to attend and shop on opening day, Oct. 7. Starworks will be hosting Smoke House Mobile Bistro Food Truck 10am-5pm. Stay late for Marshall Sidbury performing LIVE at the Starworks Café & Taproom 7-9pm.

The 2023 Starworks Glass Pumpkin Patch is sponsored in part by Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway Company, Bunce Building, Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, First Bank, Insurance Associates of the Triad, Montgomery County, Montgomery Ford Lincoln, MXIII LLC, Pee Dee Electric, Sandy Ridge Memory Care & Assisted Living, and Uwharrie Bank.

Starworks is a family friendly and a



A selection of glass pumpkins, and gourds created by Starworks Glass artists & interns

leashed dog friendly environment. Enjoy refreshments from the Starworks Cafe & Taproom before, during and after you shop. The Cafe is open Mon. 9am-3pm, and Tue.-Sat., 9am-9pm. Starworks Cafe has a large selection of hot and cold beverages, locally crafted wines, beer, pastries, locally prepared sandwiches, desserts and other snacks available for purchase.

Starworks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that focuses on providing high quality educational programming in glass, ceramics, and metal arts. Starworks is host to a public access glass studio, ceramic supply shop, café & taproom, and multiple galleries; All open to the public. Artists worldwide can apply for Starworks internships and residencies that offer space, time, and access to state of the art resources that will aid artists in all stages of their career with advancing their skills and developing a professional network. Starworks is located at 100 Russell Drive in Star, just off I-73/74 in northern Montgomery County.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or contact Claire Sellers, Starworks Communications Coordinator by e-mail at ([claire@starworksnc.org](mailto:claire@starworksnc.org)).

## Discover the Seagrove Potteries

Seagrove is a Community of Working Potters & home to the North Carolina Pottery Center

**You're invited....**

to visit the Seagrove potters at their workshops & studios nestled in the countryside.

Experience a diversity of pottery from contemporary, one-of-a-kind art pottery, to traditional utilitarian forms, & folk art

**It's an Adventure....**

Pick up a free colored map at any of the pottery shops

Seagrove is located in the Center of North Carolina 40 miles south of Greensboro on Hwy. 220 (future I-73, I-74)

[www.discoverseagrove.com](http://www.discoverseagrove.com)

## Potters' Pumpkin Patch Trail Can Be Found in Seagrove, NC, Saturdays in October

The Potters' Pumpkin Patch Trail is a self-guided tour of five pottery galleries each offering special Fall themed items throughout the month of October and experiences each Saturday of the month, from 10am-5pm. The Saturday events are hosted by a group of Potters in Seagrove, NC, which include: Blue Hen Pottery, Crystal King Pottery, Seagrove Stoneware, Thomas Pottery and The Triangle Studio.

Experience Autumn in Seagrove by exploring five individual shops that are featuring Fall themed decorative and functional pottery, festive woodland animal sculptures and their signature ceramic pumpkins and gourds. Spend the day in the country on the Potters' Pumpkin Patch Trail, along the scenic Pottery Highway in Seagrove, NC, and stop in at one of the locations to get a map and list of events. During Saturday events throughout the whole month, visit each participating shop to meet the artists, shop for Fall specialty items, and take part in special activities that vary from location to location.

You might think a pumpkin is just a pumpkin, but you will find that these talented artists all have their own unique style and their own handmade seasonal interpretations. Find the latest fall designs, pottery pumpkins, gourds, fall home décor and seasonal tableware for all your baking needs. Each participating shop offers a different experience, so pick up a map and follow the trail. Please visit ([www.potterspumpkinpatch.com](http://www.potterspumpkinpatch.com)) for a list of happenings, to find out more about each potter and their shop's weekly open hours.

As an event sponsor, The General Wine and Brew will offer handmade collectible pottery mugs and a seasonal selection of pumpkin brews. Located in downtown Seagrove, The General Wine and Brew is a retail wine shop and bar and will be open during each event Saturday from 1-9pm. They have a small plates menu, a great selection of craft beer and fine wine. Stop in to relax and unwind during the Potters' Pumpkin Patch event. Enjoy outside deck seating and picnic area.



Works which can be found on the pumpkin Patch Trail

Check them out at ([www.thegeneralwineandbrew.com](http://www.thegeneralwineandbrew.com)).

Pottery shops in Seagrove are the ideal getaway for a day or weekend trip. The countryside is beautiful, the pottery is exquisite, and the individual shop locations are perfect for social distancing.

The Pottery Capital of the United States, Seagrove, is in the central piedmont of North Carolina where more than 100 ceramic artists call home. Visitors can shop galleries and studios from the town's center, extending to a 20-mile radius along the scenic NC Pottery Highway. Tour the Seagrove shops to experience the 200-year old pottery making tradition as well as the contemporary evolution of its artful pottery Makers. The pottery shops of Seagrove are open year-round so come see us today.

Participating pottery shops include: Blue Hen Pottery, 247 W. Main St., Seagrove, NC; Crystal King Pottery, 2475 Hwy. 705, Seagrove, NC; Seagrove Stoneware Pottery, 129 E. Main St., Seagrove, NC; Thomas Pottery, 1295 W. Hwy. 705, Seagrove, NC; and The Triangle Studio, 1140 NC Hwy. 705, Seagrove, NC.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or visit Instagram at (<https://www.instagram.com/potterspumpkinpatch/>), Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/potterspumpkinpatch/>) or on the web at (<https://potterspumpkinpatch.com>).

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