

Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, NC, Offers Final Exhibit of 2023

The Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, NC, is presenting its final exhibit of 2023, *Embellishments*, on view in the Main Gallery of the Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC, through Jan. 17, 2024.

This exhibition features the work of fifty-one Guild members showcasing embellished work in a variety of craft media.

The exhibition curator, Nikki Josheff, chooses a theme and title for each member show that opens at the Folk Art Center. "I thought *Embellishments* would be a fun theme for our members to explore. Member exhibition themes are always open to interpretation by the maker. It adds another layer of fun to the theme. Our members hit this one out of the ballpark! This is one of my favorite exhibitions!" Josheff states.

One of the striking pieces on display is by a new member and fashion designer Timothy Bridges. His piece, "I Can't Stop Looking in the Mirror" stands in the center of the exhibit, demanding attention with every color of the rainbow, in different textures and fabrics. "I have been sewing since childhood, and I am fascinated by the way intricate detail can combine with color and pattern to create new forms grounded in tradition. Whimsy, fun, and a tongue in cheek attitude that is nevertheless a bit sophisticated are always a part of creativity for me. Everything old is new again," says Bridges.



Work by Timothy Bridges

(jewelry), Barbara Ball (glass), Valerie Berlage (wood), Darla Beverage (Fiber), Judy Brater (clay), Tim Bridges (fiber), Connie Brown (fiber), Julie Calhoun-Roepnack (clay), Bill Capshaw (clay), Bill & Tina Collison (wood), Tina Curry (clay), Rachelle Davis (jewelry), Rita de Maintenon (fiber), Peggy DeBell (mixed media), Robin Ford (fiber), Cat Francis (jewelry), Pam Grainger Gale (fiber), Elizabeth Garlington (fiber), Laura Gaskin (fiber), Ann Gleason (clay), Amy Goldstein-Rice (clay), Lynne Harrill (fiber), Teresa Hays (fiber), Patti Hill (basketry), Betty Hilton Nash (fiber), Ilene Kay (jewelry), Susan Webb Lee (fiber), Janice MacDonald (mixed media), Cheryl Mackey Smith (clay), Ronnie McMahan (wood), Mary Nichols (fiber), Ann T. Oakes (fiber), Judy Ott (fiber), Amy Putansu (fiber), Emily Reason (clay), John Richards (mixed media), Joe Rhodes (jewelry), Sandy Rowland (fiber), Cori Saraceni (mixed media), Audrey Laine Sawyer (metal), Judy Simmons (fiber), Christine Smith (wood), Liz Spear (fiber), Susan Spies (jewelry), Karen Swing (fiber), Michele Tway (mixed media), Tamela Wells (jewelry), Peter Werner (natural materials), Joanna White (fiber), Amolia Willowsong (fiber), and Jennifer Zurick (fiber).

The Southern Highland Craft Guild is a non-profit, educational organization established in 1930 to cultivate the crafts and makers of the Southern Highlands for the purpose of shared resources, education, marketing and conservation. The Southern Highland Craft Guild is an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The Folk Art Center is located at Milepost 382 of the Blue Ridge Parkway, just north of the Highway 70 entrance in east Asheville, NC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, contact Millie Davis, Marketing Director at 803/604-6508 or e-mail to (millie@craftguild.org).



Work by Audrey Laine Sawyer

creates clay sculptures based on her sketches from nature, forming each piece individually from a slab or lump of clay. Curry primarily uses her bare hands rather than tools, so you will see her finger marks on the pieces. The love of animals, both domestic and wild, are the essence of her body of work. Often bare and in earth tones, Curry's work rarely features bright colors. In this exhibit, she's added flare to her piece showing jewelry and fabric draped on her sculpture called "Color my World."

Participating artists include: Linda Azar

Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, NC, Offers Holiday Seconds Sale - Dec. 2 & 9, 2023

The Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, NC, begins the holiday season with their annual Holiday Seconds Sale on Dec. 2 and 9, 2023, at the Folk Art Center. These Saturday sale events last from 10am-4pm and will feature a different selection of artists each weekend with handcrafted gifts and home decor discounted up to 70%.

This is the best opportunity to find deals on quality gifts during the holiday season and a chance to connect with the craftspeople in the region. For our makers, this is a chance to cycle out remaining 2023 one-of-a-kind pieces, or an opportunity to share new designs and techniques with the public. Handmade options include ceramic tableware, fine jewelry, hand-woven and dyed apparel, bound journals and etched



View of a previous seconds sale

cards, blown vases and ornaments, turned wooden bowls and more, all at a discounted price.

Admission to the Holidays Seconds Sale events and the Folk Art Center is free.

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established in 1930 to cultivate the crafts and makers of the Southern Highlands for the purpose of shared resources, education, marketing and conservation. The Guild currently represents nearly 800 craftspeople in 293 counties of 9 southeastern states. The Southern Highland Craft Guild is an authorized concessioner of the National Park

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Mark Bettis Gallery in Asheville, NC, Offers Annual Ornament Show

Last year was so popular we decided to invite the whole WEDGE Studios Building, in Asheville's River Arts District, to take part in it! The opening reception will take place on the evening of Nov. 10, 2023, from 5-7pm. Mark Bettis Gallery will have six of their own artists participating, as well as many of the artists in Wedge Studios.

The Ornaments will be on sale through Dec. 16, 2023, or until they are all sold out (whichever comes first). Each piece will be a great addition to your collection or as a gift for friends and family. Start your collection or continue collecting these one-of-a-kind ornaments for the holiday season. Refreshments will be served and the artists will be present to meet and talk with guests about their creations. Each artist will only be creating a small number of their unique and festive holiday pieces, so quantities will be limited!

For further information check our NC



Work by Annie Jacobsen

Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 941/587-9502 or e-mail to (markdbettis@gmail.com).

Pink Dog Creative in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Janice Geller

Pink Dog Creative in Asheville, NC, will present *InHer Visions*, featuring works by Janice Geller, on view in the Pink Dog Gallery, from Nov. 3 through Dec. 3, 2023. A reception will be held on Nov. 4, from 5-8:30pm.

InHer Visions is an intimate glimpse into artist Janice Geller's inner world of dreams and awakenings of the unconscious. The show revolves around the processes she

uses to create her paintings - creating art after exploring vivid dreams, inner meditations, authentic movement, active imagination, inner body states or the sumptuous allure of nature. At the exhibition visitors are invited to engage in interactive explorations of these themes and artworks. At the opening reception there will be mini performances inspired by the paintings.

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