

NC Institutional Galleries

Aberdeen

The Exchange Street Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Ongoing** - The Artist's League of the Sandhills currently houses 35 artists-in-residence studios and offers classes by local professional artists and workshops by nationally known artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon-3pm. Contact: 910/944-3979, or at (www.artistleague.org).

Albemarle

Falling Rivers Gallery, 119 West Main St., next to Starnes jewelers, Albemarle. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a cooperative venue of the Stanly Arts Guild. Member staffed, this gallery offers the very best in local art and crafts including oil and watercolor, photography, pottery and ceramic art, jewelry, native American art, gourd sculpture and much more. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 6:30pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/983-4278 or at (www.fallingrivers-gallery.com).

Alamance County

BAL Gallery, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/I40, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Since the beginning of Burlington Artists League in 1972, we have grown to represent many local artists in our immediate area. BAL's express purpose is to promote and elevate the area artists and their fine art spirit in Burlington, NC, and surrounding areas, thereby creating outlets for the artists and encouraging their continuing efforts to improve and create more art work. Along with wall art and bin reproductions, the BAL Artists Gallery also includes 3-D art such as sculptures and pottery. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-8pm; Sat., 10am-9pm, & Sun. for special events. Contact: 336-584-3005 or at (<http://balartists.com/joomla/>).

1873 Capt. James & Emma Holt White House, 213 South Main Street, 2 1/2 blocks off I85/40, exit#147, Graham. Home of the Alamance County Arts Council. **Sisters Gallery, Jan. 25 - Mar. 9** - Featuring an exhibit of works by David Nance. A reception will be held on Jan. 25, from 6:30-8:30pm. **Ongoing** - We are committed to shaping the cultural identity of Alamance County by making art a tangible presence in the lives of its citizens. We strive to enhance the quality of life by engaging people in a diverse array of art through the delivery of programming and education, and through the provision of facilities, advocacy, promotion, and funding. **Ongoing** - Picasso's Gift Shop, located in the Captain White House, promises unique finds of local, regional, and international art. The beautiful arts and craft items sold in the store help support the artist in the community. Featuring a wide variety of art, pottery and glass. Admission: free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 336/226-4495 or at (www.artsalamance.com).

Mebane Arts and Community Center, 622 Corregidor Street, Mebane. **Through Feb. 1** - Featuring an exhibit of photography by Martha Hamblin. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm. Contact: call the Center at 919/563-3629, ext. 2 or 919/304-3378 or contact the Alamance County Arts Council at 336-226-4495 or at (<http://www.artsalamance.com/>).

Asheboro

Sara Smith Self Gallery, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Jan. 8 - 29** - "Jerry Bledsoe". A reception will be held on Jan. 8, at 5:30pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

Asheville Area

Asheville Art Museum, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **Through Jan. 6** - "Art / Sewn". The exhibition focuses on works of art in which sewing is integral to the making and looking experience. Most importantly, the exhibition attempts to blur the distinction between art and craft so relevant to today's world when so-called fine art has adopted craft forms and techniques, and craft artists are making non-functional work. What the work shares is sewing—sewing on woven fabric, on paper, felts, and skins, and sewing as an artistic means, as expression and as feminist statement. **Through Jan. 20** - "Madi Lord and Sally Massengale: Chasing the Image". The exhibition brings together the work of two artists who both first became involved with the Asheville Art Museum in the 1990s. Madi Lord's "Rooster" (ca. 1990) and Sally Massengale's "Kitchen Sink" (1992)

were acquired for the Museum's Permanent Collection separately but both have won the ongoing affection of the Museum's public. For the first time, the public now has an opportunity to see a range of works by these two prolific artists. **New Media Gallery, Through Jan. 27** - "Flux Cuts: Experiments in Film". A loosely organized group of artists calling themselves Fluxus, meaning "flow" in Latin, was established in 1962 with artist George Maciunas as its founding member. The Fluxus movement included independent international, multi-disciplinary artists inspired by the Dada movement in the 1920s and artist Marcel Duchamp, as well as artist and composer John Cage. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).



Work by Everett Schmidt

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 16 College Street, Asheville. **Jan. 1 - 25** - "New Year-New Members," features work by the gallery's four newest artist-members: Jennine Hough, Everett Schmidt, Mary Webster and Eileen Ross. A reception will be held Jan. 1, from 1-4pm. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 28 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: M.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and first Fri. of the month till 8pm. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **Jan. 18 - June 1** - "John Urbain: No Ideas but in Things," an exhibition of collages and paintings by Black Mountain College alumnus John Urbain. A reception will be held on Jan. 18, from 5:30-7:30. The project includes a retrospective exhibition of Urbain's paintings and collages (including selected work from BMC), a publication, and a rich array of public programming, all designed to honor and recognize Urbain, sharing his work with a diverse audience in the WNC region and beyond. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Flood Gallery, Jan. 18 - 31** - "1st Annual National Juried Exhibition," juried and curated by Diana Stoll, arts writer and editor of "Aperture Magazine". A reception will be held on Jan. 18, from 6-9pm, when the curator will make remarks about the exhibit. **Ongoing** - Dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging and mid career artists, as well as educating the public and furthering the understanding of contemporary art and its importance within the community and beyond. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/255-0066 or at (www.philmecanicstudios.com).

Guild Crafts of Southern Highland Craft Guild, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

NC Homespun Museum, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the Conway Collection of Appalachian Crafts, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conway, who began collecting over 40 years ago while visiting the Southern Highland Craftsman Fair at the Civic Center in downtown Asheville. They also collected pottery & other traditional crafts from the Crafts Center during the State Fairs in Raleigh. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

S. Tucker Cooke Gallery, UNC-Asheville, 1st floor, Owen Hall, Asheville. **Jan. 18 - Feb. 5** - "National Juried Drawing Exhibition," featuring the university's fourth annual national juried drawing exhibition, with a lecture by juror Susan Hauptman at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, in Lipinsky Auditorium on campus. An opening reception will follow from 6-8pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm. Contact: call UNCA's Art Department at 828/251-6559 or at (<http://art.unca.edu/>).

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The Artery, Asheville Area Arts Council Gallery, 346 Depot Street, RAD, Asheville. **Jan. 4 - Feb. 5** - Home Is Where the ART Is. The young artists, battling cancer and other serious illnesses and disabilities in Western North Carolina, in Arts For Life's programs visually explore what HOME means to them in this collaborative and colorful art exhibit. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 828/423-2904 or at (<http://ashevillearts.com/>).

The Fine Arts League Gallery, 25 Rankin Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Located within the Fine Arts League of Asheville, the Gallery is devoted to the development of realist artists and features figure drawings, portraits, landscapes and still lifes. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/252-5050 or at (www.fineartsleague.org).

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Jan. 6** - "Black & White III". Every other year the Southern Highland Craft Guild hosts a Member Exhibition in the Folk Art Center Main Gallery. The theme for the 2012 exhibition is "black and white." All Guild members were invited to be in the show and space filled within the first month after the invitation was sent. This is the third time the theme has been chosen and it continues to be an artist favorite. While many see the theme as a direction, others see it as a challenge and a way to push the limits of their creativity within their own craft. Each craft media represented by the Guild including wood, paper, fiber, natural materials, clay, glass, metal, mixed media, leather and jewelry, appears in the show and 88 artists are participating. The exhibit is an amazing representation of the talent and creativity of the members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history – that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. **Focus Gallery, Through Mar. 19, 2013** - Featuring works in fiber by Valerie McGaughey and works in clay by Virginia McKinney. Hours: daily from 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Through Jan. 3** - "Table Manner(s) - Functional Tableware," featuring works by 5 talented potters from Western North Carolina (all former Odyssey Resident Artists) including: Joey Sheehan, Joy Tanner, Emily Reason, William Baker, and Becca Floyd. **Ongoing** - Works in ceramics by regional and national artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm and Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/285-9700 or at (www.highwaterclays.com).

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s-1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville
The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Baker Exhibit Center, Jan. 26 - May 19** - "A Painter's Journey," featuring works by Ann Vasilik, which captures her travels at home and abroad. A native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Vasilik has lived in Asheville since 1988. As a farm girl growing up in Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Ann Vasilik's far-flung travels existed only in her imagination. But her Jamaican honeymoon with her naval officer husband in 1964 began a globe-trotting lifestyle that led to one exotic locale after another. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education

Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Gallery, Through Jan. 18** - "Annual Clay Studio Teacher/Student Exhibit". Teachers include Studio Manager Charles Freeland, Geoff Bird, Cathy Babula, Annie Singletary, Maureen Joyce, and Elise Reed. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 10am-5pm; Thur. 11am-3pm; Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Blowing Rock



Work by Peggy Bryan

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Through Feb. 10** - "2012 Traveling Exhibit of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina". There are 35 juried paintings selected from the Annual Exhibit that was on display at the Albemarle Museum of Art in Elizabeth City, NC, from Oct. 8 through Nov. 26, 2012. The Watercolor Society of North Carolina will hold its annual conference in Blowing Rock, NC, in September, 2013. **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. The Museum will be free on Thursdays from 4-7pm. Hours: Tue., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur., 10am-7pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Boone

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, Through Feb. 9** - "International Focus Series: IV. Visible / Invisible. Print of the XXI Century. Jan Fejkiel Gallery Collection". The Jan Fejkiel Gallery, located in Cracow, Poland, was founded in 1991 by an art historian and is a contemporary art gallery specializing in print and drawing. The gallery owners, Jan Fejkiel and Maria Fuksa, are collaborating with the Turchin Center, and the artists that they represent, to present an exhibition of contemporary graphics focusing on a variety of trends and movements. This exhibition will feature twenty contemporary artists who include: Agnieszka Berezowska, Zbigniew Biel, Zbigniew Bielawka, Kacper Bozek, Marta Bozyk, Agnieszka Dobosz, Jerzy Jędrzyński, Małgorzata Józefowicz, Malwina Małgorzata Niespodziewana, Ewelina Małysa, Monika Niwelińska, Henryk Ożóg, Władysław Pluta, Anna Sadowska, Wiesław Skibiński, Krzysztof Skórczewski, Anna Sobol-Wejman, Jacek Sroka, Marcin Surzycki, Krzysztof Tomalski, Justyna Warchala, Stanisław Wejman, Tomasz Winiarski, and Katarzyna Wojdyła. **Mezzanine Gallery, Through Feb. 9** - "International Focus Series I-V: III. Jędrzej Stępak: Spaces of the Brain - A Site Specific Installation". The installation is the third of five exhibitions in the "International Focus Series I-V: 21 Sztuka: Contemporary Art of Poland". Instead of one long exhibition, this year's international focus will present a series of five shows presenting a multilayered viewpoint of the different aspects of contemporary Polish art from photography, painting, installation, graphic arts to fashion from July 2012 to June 2013. Stępak was born in 1953. He lives with his wife, Karolina, and his daughter, Marysia, near Poznan. He creates his art all over the world. Whether in his own studio near Nowy Tomysl, an American university's courtyard in California or the Malaysian jungle, the artist creates his visions honoring his muse - nature. **Gallery B & Mayer Gallery, Through Jan. 12** - "BFA Senior Studio Exhibition Fall 2012". The exhibition is organized by the Catherine J. Smith Gallery and the Department of Art. BFA Faculty Advisor, Christopher Curtin.

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