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rable, and engaging. “The idea for *Faces of Freedom* came to me during a time when I was feeling concerned about minorities,” said Karesh. “Many minorities felt like their ancestry was something shameful, something that had to be hidden. I wanted to give them a platform to share their experience of freedom or lack thereof.”

Each year, Karesh invites marginalized artists in Transylvania County to interpret the theme *Faces of Freedom* through their creative medium, resulting in a diverse and powerful exhibition. The opening reception showcases many of the artists through visual and performance art, the spoken word, and interactive installations. Karesh anticipates an installation of community created prayer flags will be a powerful piece in the exhibition.

“Earlier in the year, Moms Demand Action showed “Newtown” at Brevard College. The film was gripping and emotional as it documented how the traumatized, yet resilient, community of Newtown, Connecticut, came together in the aftermath of the largest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history... Sandy Hook,” explained Karesh. “The film was deeply moving for those who attended, so I asked them

to write down their thoughts on index cards. At the time I didn’t know what we would do with their responses, but I knew they would move forward into some kind of community art. The *Faces of Freedom* exhibition will be the third community event since, where we have incorporated their reactions, along with additional community expressions for public art.”

“It is an honor for these artists to be invited to the show, especially for the minorities who are not used to being represented through their art,” said Karesh. “They are so thankful to discover that their voice matters in our community.”

The mission of the Transylvania Community Arts Council is to enhance the quality of life in Transylvania County by celebrating and nurturing the creative spirit of artists, youth and individuals throughout the County. *Faces of Freedom* has become one of the most widely attended and captivating exhibitions of the year for the TC Arts Council. Sponsors for this exhibition include the Audrey Love Charitable Foundation, and Morning Glory Inspirations.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call TC Arts at 828/884-2787 or visit ([www.tcarts.org](http://www.tcarts.org)).

## Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Offers Works by New Members

The Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *A Life of Art*, featuring exciting, harmonious works by three new members, Robin Wethe Altman, Tina Honerkamp, and Deb Sholly, on view from Jan. 1 - 31, 2020. A reception will be held on Jan. 3, from 5-8pm.

When Robin Wethe Altman arrived in Asheville two years ago she was surprised by the artistic inspiration she found in winter. “I’d had a life-long career as a professional artist in California, and my tropical paintings are on calendars marketed in Hawaii. I’d been hungering for a change including cold weather and rain! I’ve been painting cozy candlelit cabins, blue shadows on white snow, and layers of smokey mountains behind inky, black-barked trees.”

Tina Honerkamp interprets the show’s title as capturing the creation surrounding her in her everyday life and putting it on canvas. “The paintings in this show



Work by Robin Altman

reflect those moments when I’ve been on my daily walks around nearby Lake Junaluska and have seen glimpses of heaven on earth. Most of the time I find it in the small details or in the light and shadows.”

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Honerkamp is a full-time oil painter with a background in illustration and design.

“My personal life of art has been inspired by these mountains,” says Deb Sholly. “The mountains call to my soul. Their rolling ridges and the mysterious fog that continuously shifts along the hill-sides is simply magic to me. I lived close to the Blue Ridge Parkway as a child, and although I have moved in all directions,

I have never forgotten the magic of these mountains. Life is circuitous, and I have finally returned home.”

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/251-5796, visit the gallery website at ([www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com](http://www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com)), or go to the gallery Facebook page.

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