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#### Cary

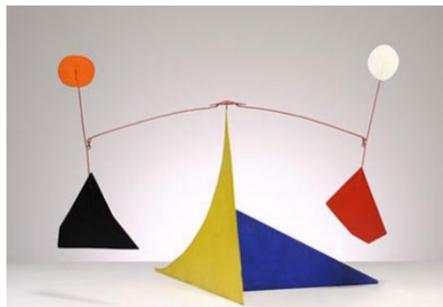
**Cary Arts Center Gallery**, 101 Dry Avenue, Cary. **Through Jan. 8, 2012** - "Fine Arts League of Cary Annual Juried Painting and Sculpture Show," featuring sculpture juried by internationally renowned sculptor Paris Alexander. A reception will be held on Dec. 4, from 2-4pm. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-10pm; Fri.-Sat., 9am-11pm; and Sun. 1-6pm. Contact: 919/469-4069 or at ([www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)).

**Cary Senior Center**, 120 Maury O'Dell Pl., in Bond Park, Cary. **Through Dec. 16** - "Cary Photographic Artists 4th Annual Open Juried Photography Exhibition". A reception will be held on Dec. 2, from 6-8pm. The Cary Photographic Artists formed in January 2007 as a club dedicated to learning, teaching and sharing photographic art. It is the only club in Cary focusing on photography as a viable fine art form. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-9pm & Fri.-Sat., 9am-6pm. Contact: 919/469-4081.

**Page-Walker Arts & History Center**, 119 Ambassador Loop, Cary. **Dec. 3 - Jan. 10, 2012** - "Fine Arts League of Cary Annual Juried Painting and Sculpture Show," featuring paintings juried by well known artist and author Sterling Edwards. A reception will be held on Dec. 4, from 2-4pm. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-9:30pm; Fri., 10am-5pm; & Sat., 10am-1pm. Contact: 919/460-4963.

**Town Hall Gallery**, City of Cary Town Hall, 316 North Academy Street, Cary. **Through Jan. 4, 2012** - "The Artists Within: TOC Employee Art Exhibition". A reception will be held on Dec. 3, from 3-5pm. Town of Cary employees show off their talents. This diverse show is sure to surprise and engage your creative side. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: 919/469-4061.

#### Chapel Hill - Carrboro - Hillsborough



Work by Alexander Calder

**Ackland Art Museum**, UNC - Chapel Hill, Columbia & Franklin Streets, Chapel Hill. **Through Dec. 4** - "Carolina Collects: 150 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art". Gathered from the private collections of more than 45 alumni of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the exhibition brings together nearly 90 hidden treasures by some of the most renowned artists of the modern era. From Claude Monet to Alexander Calder, from Louise Bourgeois to Yayoi Kusama, Carolina Collects offers an extraordinary overview of art of the past 150 years through paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, and sculptures, many of which have rarely been exhibited. **Through Jan. 22, 2012** - "Rembrandt: The Printmaker". Rembrandt is one of the few great artists whose achievement as a printmaker matches what he accomplished as a painter. In his own lifetime one large etching, "Christ Preaching," acquired the nickname "The Hundred Guilder Print" because of the extravagant price it had fetched at a sale. **Renaissance and Baroque Gallery, Ongoing** - "Art and the Natural World in Early Modern Europe," features masterpieces by artists including Peter Paul Rubens, Jan Weenix, Salomon van Ruysdael, and a seventeenth-century landscape by Claude Lorrain on long term loan to the Ackland from the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens in New Bern, NC. This exhibit now combines with its neighboring gallery, Art and Religious Life in Early Modern Europe, to showcase a wide range of Renaissance and Baroque subject matter. Hours: Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur., 10am-8pm; Sun., 1-5pm; and 2nd Fri, each month till 9pm. Contact: 919/966-5736 or at (<http://www.ackland.org/index.htm>).

**Chapel Hill Museum**, 523 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. **Ongoing** - "Farmer/James Pottery - North Carolina Art Pottery Collection 1900-1960". Pottery by North Carolinian and southern potters, from a significant survey collection of southern art pottery. A portion of the 280-piece collection will be on display permanently, demonstrating the movement of art pottery displacing utilitarian pottery made here in NC and throughout the South. Noted author and folklore expert, Dr. A. Everette James, and his wife, Dr. Nancy Farmer, have generously gifted the Chapel Hill Museum with this significant survey collection of southern art pottery. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10am-4pm &

Sun. 1-4pm. Contact: 919/967-1400 or at ([www.chapelhillmuseum.com](http://www.chapelhillmuseum.com)).

**Davis Library Gallery**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 208 Raleigh Street, Chapel Hill. **Through Jan. 25, 2012** - "From the Cradle to the Cave: 18 Years of NC Poster Art," featuring 40 reproductions of posters by Casey Burns, Matt Hart, Ron Liberti, Jason Lonon and Chris Williams, dating from 1993 onward. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 8am-midnight; Fri., 8am-8pm; Sat., 10am-8pm; & Sun., 11am-midnight. Contact: 919/962-1345.

**FRANK**, 109 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. **Through Jan. 8, 2012** - "Holiday Gift Show," featuring works by invited artists who use mediums congenial to gift giving, including jewelry, glass, ceramics, wood, furniture, paper and wearable art. **Ongoing** - Featuring work from over 70 artists, Frank offers more than you'd expect from an art gallery. Frank is a collective, founded by the area's finest artists working together to open the door for creative innovation in the arts. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-6pm; Thur. till 8pm and Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 919/636-4135 or at ([www.frankisart.com](http://www.frankisart.com)).

**Horace Williams House**, Chapel Hill Preservation Society, 610 East Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. **Dec. 4 - 23** - Featuring an exhibit of prints by Laura Williams and photographs by Todd Tinkham. Opening Sunday, Dec. 4, 2-4pm. Hours: Tue-Fri 10 am-4 pm, & Sun 1-4 pm. Contact: 919/942-7818 or at ([www.chapelhillpreservation.com](http://www.chapelhillpreservation.com)).

**The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History**, UNC-Chapel Hill, 150 South Road, Chapel Hill. **Robert and Sallie Brown Gallery, Through Jan. 20, 2012** - Featuring an exhibition of work by (Luis) Franco, whose work is an exciting and eclectic mix of pop art and pop art icons reconfigured to communicate subtle and overt political themes. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-9pm. Contact: 919/962-9001 or at ([www.unc.edu/depts/stonecenter](http://www.unc.edu/depts/stonecenter)).

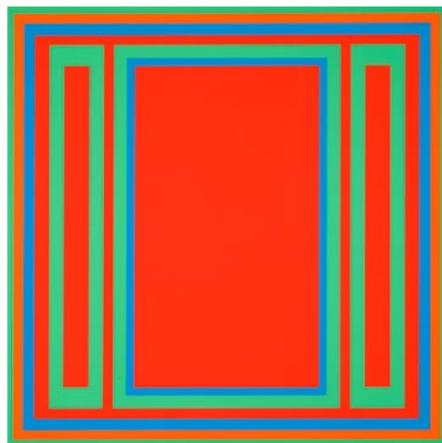
**ALTERNATE ART SPACES** - Chapel Hill **Friends Gallery at Carrboro Public Library**, McDougale Middle School Media Center, 900 Old Fayetteville Road, Carrboro. **Through Jan. 15, 2012** - "Plein Air," featuring local art by Louise Francke, Carroll Lassiter, Nerys Levy, Jennifer Miller, Pat Scheible, David Taylor, Emily Weinstein, David Otto and poet Maura High. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 3:30-6pm, Mon.&Tue., till 9pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 919/969-3006.

#### Charlotte Area

**North Davidson Arts District Gallery Crawl** - **From 6-9 or 10pm on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For info check ([www.noda.org](http://www.noda.org)).**

**Uptown Gallery Crawl** - **From 6-8pm on the 1st Friday of each month.**

**South End Art Gallery Crawl** - **From 6-9pm on the 1st Friday of each month.**



Willy Müller-Britttau, *Untitled*, 1968, Serigraph on Paper, 23 5/8 in. x 23 5/8 in., Bechtler Museum of Modern Art

**Bechtler Museum of Modern Art**, Wells Fargo Cultural Campus, 420 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 16, 2012** - "Remembering Cascade: Tinguely's Last Sculpture," featuring letters, prints and found objects related to kinetic artist Jean Tinguely's "Cascade" sculpture in uptown's Carillon building. **Through Feb. 27, 2012** - "Geometry and Experimentation: European Art of the 1960s and 1970s". The exhibition looks at the integrated effects of color, pattern and geometry examined by European artists whose work reveals a variety of approaches in different media: painting, drawing, sculpture and prints. The show includes works by major figures such as Victor Vasarely and Bridget Riley but also deepens the viewers understanding of artists not well known in the United States such as Max Bill, Gianfredo Comesi, Richard Lohse and Julio Le Parc. Twenty-seven artists are represented by 58 works. The results are surprising in formal complexity, intellectual rigor, meditative beauty and occasional humor. **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the

family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection comprises artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; and open until 9pm the 1st. and 3rd. Fri. of each month. Contact: 704/353-9200 or at ([www.bechtler.org](http://www.bechtler.org)).

**Charlotte Art League Gallery, Classes & Studios**, 1517 Camden Rd., South End, Charlotte. **Dec. 2 - 30** - "Small Works for the Holidays". A reception will be held on Dec. 2, from 6-9pm. **Ongoing** - CAL offers fine art for all tastes and budgets in a variety of media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Tour studios of working artists. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376/2787 or at ([www.charlotteartleague.org](http://www.charlotteartleague.org)).

**Davidson College Art Galleries**, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Through Dec. 7** - "It Looks Something Like This," featuring an exhibition of paintings and other works on paper by Assistant Professor Hagit Barkai. A reception will be held on Nov. 3, from 7-9pm. The exhibit reflects Barkai's experience growing up in Israel. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519.

**Elizabeth Ross Gallery**, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Ross I & II Galleries, Through Jan. 12, 2012** - "Marek Ranis: Vergangen". A reception will be held on Dec. 1, from 5-7pm. Ranis is currently an assistant professor at UNC-Charlotte. Most recently, he has had solo exhibitions at the Baer Art Center in Iceland and Joie Lassiter Gallery in Charlotte. His work has been included in group shows throughout Europe, the US, Australia, and Taiwan. Ranis has been an artist-in-residence at the Uparnavik Museum in Greenland, the Baer Foundation in Iceland, McColl Center for Visual Art in Charlotte, and UCross in Wyoming. Hours: Thur.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at ([www.cpcc.edu/art\\_gallery](http://www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery)).

**Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture**, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 22, 2012** - "Paper Trail: Romare Bearden Works on Paper". This exhibition features rarely seen watercolors and prints by Romare Bearden on loan from Charlotte-area collections. These works on paper explore several themes relative to African American cultural experiences as well as Bearden's personal experiences in North Carolina and in the Caribbean. **Through Jan. 22, 2012** - "Romare Bearden: The Life". Frank Stewart had remarkable access to the personal life of Romare Bearden and has documented - in photographs - Bearden's associations with prominent artists and the political and cultural figures of his day. Stewart also captured moments of introspection, studio work, and Bearden's personal experiences with his wife and family. The work gives great visual insight into Bearden, the man behind the art. **Through Jan. 22, 2012** - "Beyond Bearden: Creative Responses". Bearden's influence was wide and this exhibition presents artists who succeeded him, or those who were his contemporaries, whose creative expression was inspired by Bearden or whose use of collage was affected by his work. Painters, sculptors, printmakers and mixed-media artists represented in the exhibition include Betye Saar, Camille Billops, Brett Cook, Louis Delsarte, Howardina Pindell, Wadsworth Jarrell, Kerry James Marshall, Nelson Stevens, Maya Freelon Asante, and Nigerian artist Moyo Okediji. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at ([www.ganttcenter.org](http://www.ganttcenter.org)).

**Lake Norman Art League Gallery**, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at ([www.LKNart.org](http://www.LKNart.org)).

**Levine Museum of the New South**, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 22, 2012** - "COURAGE: The Carolina Story That Changed America". In celebration of our 20th anniversary,

the Museum is bringing back "COURAGE: The Carolina Story That Changed America," appearing in Charlotte for the first time since 2004. The exhibit tells the powerful grassroots story of the Rev. J.A. De Laine and the other brave citizens of Clarendon County, S.C., who brought the first lawsuit in America challenging racial segregation in public schools. Combined with four other national lawsuits, the result was the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*, which ruled that racial segregation of schools was unconstitutional, subsequently initiating massive change in race relations in the US. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at ([www.museumofthenewsouth.org](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)).

**McColl Center for Visual Art**, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Through Jan. 7, 2012** - "ELEMENTS," featuring works by Michael Gayk and Carrie M. Becker. A reception will be held on Sept. 23, from 6-9pm. Gayk is a metalsmith and digital sculptor working with combinations of hardware and sensory data searching for novel ways to develop 3d form and meaningful context. Becker enjoys experimenting with her sculptural materials. Through the manipulation of fabric as a rather malleable substrate, she finds that it can be sewn, filled, encased in plastic and wax and built up as the need allows. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at ([www.mccollcenter.org](http://www.mccollcenter.org)).



Allan Ramsay, Scottish, 1713-1784, *Queen Charlotte*, circa 1762, oil on canvas. The Mint Museum, Gift of Mr. Frank Ryan Hartly.

**Mint Museum Randolph**, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 31** - "Of Hounds and Men: Rockingham Pottery from the Lewis Collection". The term "Rockingham" refers to a rich brown glaze that received its characteristic color through the addition of manganese. It was first made in England in the late eighteenth century, but a few decades later the technique spread to the United States, where it became a standard of many potters—especially those in the Northeast, Maryland, and Ohio. American potters initially followed the English example of dipping their wares in the glaze to achieve a solid brown surface, but they soon switched to dripping, sponging, or splattering the glaze on the ceramic body in order to achieve a pleasing, mottled effect. By 1845, Rockingham pottery dominated the American ceramics industry, and it remained immensely popular for the rest of the century. **Through Dec. 31** - "Threads of Identity: Contemporary Maya Textiles". Maya peoples of Guatemala and southeastern Mexico are renowned for their time-honored tradition of magnificent attire. Throughout the world, clothing transforms the biological body into a socio-cultural being, integrating the person into the community. Among the Maya, dress is an outward expression of cultural pride. Dress also conveys one's place in the world, signaling social identity and geographic origin or current community. **Through Dec. 31** - "The Golden Age of English Art". The 18th century witnessed the "Golden Age of English Art" in which artists explored the variety and abundance of the times. Portraiture ranked high as ordinary individuals, like those in the upper ranks, sought to have their likenesses and achievements documented by artists of note. Satire came into vogue in which art was used to lampoon individuals and situations from those royal to everyday mundane. No aspect of English life was exempt from the artist's eye, which recorded the triumphs, achievements and changes that occurred in society. **Through Dec. 31** - "Chinese Court Robes: The Mint Museum Collection". In 1644, the Manchu-Qing nomads took control over China. To further exert their power over the defeated Han population, the Manchu imposed dress codes for their ruling imperial family to distinguish these individuals from the general citizenry. Court robes of this

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