

NC Institutional Galleries

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public's imagination with the force of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo (1907–54) and her husband, the Mexican painter and muralist Diego Rivera (1886–1957). The myths that surrounded them in their lifetime arose not only from their significant bodies of work, but also from their friendships (and conflicts) with leading political figures and their passionate, tempestuous personal relationships. The exhibition will emphasize a remarkable chapter in art history that is at once Mexican and global," says Museum Director Valerie Hillings. "Diego Rivera's personality, politics, and monumental, social realist murals made him a celebrity during his lifetime. While he once overshadowed his equally talented wife, Frida Kahlo's fame has far outstripped her husband's in the years since her death. The NCMA is honored to present this exhibition and *Luces y Sombras: Images of Mexico / Photographs from the Bank of America Collection*, which will celebrate these artists' culture of origin as well as the diverse sources of influence they drew upon in creating their distinctive oeuvres." **Through Feb. 2, 2010** - "Scott Avett: INVISIBLE," featuring large-scale portraits, prints, and paintings by The Avett Brothers founding member, Scott Avett. This fall, the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) hosts the first solo museum exhibition of the visual art of Scott Avett, founding member of the Grammy-nominated Avett Brothers band. Until now Avett's work with The Avett Brothers has taken center stage. The NCMA exhibition shines a light on his art making, thereby demonstrating the richness and diversity of his practice. **NCMA Park** - The North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) announces new works of art to be installed in the 164-acre NCMA Park. The works include a bronze tree by Italian artist Giuseppe Penone, a playful pair of benches designed by Hank Willis Thomas, and a 10-day installation of 23-foot-tall illuminated rabbits by Australian artist Amanda Parer. The sculptures will be featured at the NCMA's Park Celebration on Nov. 6, when the public is invited to experience the newly expanded Park with a variety of outdoor activities. **Ongoing** - Featuring 10 additional sculptures by the celebrated French artist Rodin on loan from Iris Cantor's private collection. **Ongoing** - "John James Audubon's The Birds of America". The state has owned this treasured volume since 1848, but it has never been exhibited. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Museum of Art has an outstanding permanent collection of more than 5,000 objects spanning antiquity to the present day. On the occasion of the expansion, the Museum has acquired more than 100 new works of art. Representing commissions, gifts, and purchases, the new works encompass important and diverse examples of historic and contemporary art from around the world, and will be installed in the Museum's new building and the surrounding landscape. Highlights include a gift of 28 sculptures by Auguste Rodin, and work by such internationally acclaimed artists as Roxy Paine, Ursula von Rydingsvard, El Anatsui, Jaume Plensa, Jackie Ferrara, Ellsworth Kelly, and David Park, among others. Admission: Yes for some exhibits. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 9am-5pm; Sun., 10am-5pm; & open until 9pm on Fri. Contact: 919/839-6262 or at (www.ncartmuseum.org).

North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, (between Salisbury and Wilmington Streets), Raleigh. **Through Mar. 8, 2020** - "QuiltSpeak: Uncovering Women's Voices Through Quilts". Quilts speak. They reveal voices from the past—specifically women's voices. Some of these voices have long been silenced by illiteracy, exhaustion, racial oppression, and gender inequity. But if we know how to listen, we can understand what the quilts are saying. They speak of skill and power. They speak of economy and ingenuity. They speak of memory and forgetting. They reveal the experiences of women whose lives skirted the periphery of written history. What can quilts tell us about their makers? What can they tell us about ourselves? "Each quilt in the exhibit represents an example of female self-expression, whether consciously or less intentionally, and each has a story to tell," said exhibit curator Diana Bell-Kite. The North Carolina Museum of History will be featuring 40 unique quilts that give a voice to untold stories throughout history. **Ongoing** - Featuring exhibits dealing with North Carolina's history as a theme. **Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery**, located on the R Level, open Mon.-Sat., from 11am to 3pm. Download the full menu at (https://files.nc.gov/dncr-moh/Sweet%20Tea%20and%20Cornbread_MENU%202019.pdf). Call 919/814-6980 or visit (ncmuseumofhistory.org/sweet-tea-and-cornbread) for more information. Admission: Free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 919/807-7900 or at (<http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/>).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Raleigh **Hill Library Exhibit Gallery**, DH Hill Jr. Library, physical and digital display spaces, NC State University, 2 W Broughton Drive, Raleigh. **Through Mar. 15, 2020** - "Art's Work in the Age of Biotechnology: Shaping Our Genetic Futures," is a visually stunning and thought-provoking exhibition aimed at raising awareness about genetic engineering, biotechnologies, and their consequences through the lens of art and design. By combining science and art and design, participating artists offer new insights about genetic engineering by bringing it out of the lab and into public places to challenge viewer's understandings about the human condition, the material of our bodies, and the consequences of biotechnology. Hours: . Contact: Zoe Starling, Curator of Education at 919/513-7244 or at (<https://gregg.arts.ncsu.edu/>).

Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts, 2 East South Street, Raleigh. **Ongoing** - The Betty Ray McCain Gallery is nestled within the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, and is the proud home of the North Carolina Artists Exhibition, a collection of work by state artists, selected each year by respected local museum and gallery directors from hundreds of submissions. For info contact Susan Garrity by e-mail at (artistsexhibition@gmail.com). Hours: during performances or call. Contact: call 919/831-6060 for hours and directions.

Rocky Mount

Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Imperial Centre for the Arts and Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount. **Through Dec. 29** - "To Contemplate What Lies Behind Us: by Susan Fecho". **Through Dec. 29** - "Selections from the Permanent Collection". Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 252/972-1163 or at (www.imperialcentre.org/arts).

Mims Art Gallery, Dunn Center for the Performing Arts, NC Wesleyan College Campus, 3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd., Rocky Mount. **Through Dec. 8** - "Koncept Photography Club Exhibit," featuring a group exhibition of photographs by club members. The Koncept Photography Club has 21 members from around Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash Northampton and Warren Counties. Each member has their specialty and some members have broader interests in taking photographs.) Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 9am-noon. Contact: call 252/985-5268 or at (www.ncwc.edu/Arts/Mims/).

Rutherfordton

Rutherford County Visual Arts Center & Gallery, 160 N. Main Street, at the intersection of W. Court St., Rutherfordton. **Ongoing** - Offering a changing exhibit of 2D and 3D art including oils, watercolor, scratchboard, calligraphy, fiber, wood, glass, pottery and fine craft by local artists/fine crafters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 828/288-5009 or at (<http://www.rcvag.com/>).

Seagrove Area

Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at (www.cbsculpturegarden.com).

Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center), 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.

North Carolina Pottery Center, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Main Gallery, Through Dec. 14** - "Contemporary North Carolina Crystalline and Cameo Pottery". While there is only one

artist still using the pâte-sur-pâte cameo technique in North Carolina, crystalline pottery, on the other hand, has grown in popularity! Come check out pieces by a number of contemporary North Carolina ceramic artists across the state who skillfully blend science and art to create breathtaking pieces with a variety of crystalline structures, as well as pieces by our state's lone remaining cameo artist. Featured Artists: Bulldog Pottery, Deborah Caliva, Celtic Pottery, Rodney Leftwich, Al McCanless, Frank Neef, Ben Owen III, Uwharrie Crystalline, Marie Wright, and Wyndham & Brook Haven Pottery. All pieces in the contemporary show will be available for purchase. Purchased pieces must remain in the show until it ends. **Through Dec. 14** - "Pisgah Forest & Nonconnah: The Potteries of Walter B. Stephen". No longer in operation, the Nonconnah and Pisgah Forest Potteries begun by Walter B. Stephen in 1913 and 1926 were instrumental in bringing art pottery, most notably pâte-sur-pâte cameo and crystalline pottery, to western North Carolina. Come learn about the significance of Walter Stephen, his two historic potteries, and the techniques he used while viewing an extraordinary selection of those historic pieces. **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at (www.ncpotterycenter.org).



STARworks hand-crafted glass ornaments

STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **Dec. 7, from 10am-4pm** - "Holiday Ornament Sale". Choose from more than 2,500 hand-crafted glass and ceramic ornaments at STARworks NC. **STARworks Businesses:** **STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shimpo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **School House Gallery, Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here

unforgettable. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (<https://www.starworksnc.org/cafe-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 8am-9pm & Thur.-Sat., 8am-10pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: call 910/428-9001 or at (www.starworksnc.org).

Siler City

Throughout Siler City, Dec. 20, 6-9pm - "Siler City Art Walk," featuring exhibits at many of the city's exhibit spaces, live entertainment, artist demonstrations, food, local wine or beer tastings, offered in town on the 3rd Fri. of the month. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry, metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

PAF Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

Southport

Franklin Square Gallery, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at (www.franklinsquaregallery.com).

Sylva

Gallery One, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

Tryon

Tryon Arts and Crafts School, 373 Harmon Field Rd., in the old Tryon Middle School, Tryon. **Gallery & Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat. 9am-1pm. Contact: 828/859-8323 or at (www.tryonartsandcrafts.org).

Upstairs Artspace, (Celebrating 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Dec. 6, until 8pm** - In celebration and participation of the town's annual Christmas Stroll, a public event that fills the downtown streets with shoppers and merrymakers. **Through Dec. 6** - "Art of Play," featuring recent works by the Southern Exposure group, an artists' collaborative which has fun in this mixed media show and "Modified Perceptions," featuring striking sculptural forms from six glass artists, curated by Courtney Dood and Hayden Wilson. **Dec. 14 - 21** - Featuring Upstairs Artspace's annual fundraiser/art exhibition, "100x100". This unique fundraiser will feature 100 local artists, each donating one piece of original artwork; each piece will then be sold for \$100. In addition, 50 student works will be available for purchase at \$50 each. The fundraiser and exhibit will kick off on Dec. 14, with a preview showing from 11am to 3pm. That day, the gallery will close at 3pm and will reopen for a public reception, 6-7:30pm. Sales will begin during the reception. At that time, when an attendee comes in the door, he or she will be given one red-dot sticker, which can be used to stake a claim on a piece of art on display in the gallery. The patron will immediately pay for that piece of art and be given another red dot to buy another piece of art for \$100, if they so wish. Things will move quickly, especially for savvy bargain hunters. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at (www.upstairsartspace.org).

Washington

River Walk Gallery and Arts Center, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

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