



Pink Dog Creative in Asheville, NC

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Hill, Liz Hozier, Amanda McLenon, Joseph Pearson, Pat Phillips, Viola Spells, Sarah St. Laurent, Larry Turner, Christine VanCott, Cindy Walton, Emelie Weber Wade, Maya White, and Andrea Kulish Wilhelm.

Randy Shull and Hedy Fischer are creating a colorful sensation on Depot Street in Asheville's River Arts District. The former textile manufacturing and warehouse building at 342-348 Depot Street has been transformed into an exciting mix of artist studios and retail spaces.



Work by Maya White

Pink Dog Creative shares the neighborhood with New Belgium & the Wedge Breweries, 12 Bones Smokehouse and hundreds of local artists. Pink Dog has 33 artists working in their studios, GRIND Coffee Bar, Fresh West Wood Fired Pizza, Vivian



Work by Sarah St. Laurent

Restaurant and A.C.E. Bicycles. Pink Dog raises funds and awareness for people and organizations working to make our communities more equitable and just, including Southside Rising, Youth Artists Empowered and the Edington Center, among others.

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Marquee in Asheville, NC's River Arts District Presents the Santorini Imagine Pyramid

The Marquee in Asheville, NC's River Arts District will present the *Imagine Pyramid*, created by Dee and Bruce Santorini, on Dec. 3, 2023, from 1-4pm. The *Imagine Pyramid* will be on display at Marquee through the end of 2023.

The *Imagine Pyramid* started with a song. That song, "Imagine" by John Lennon, is all about everything we stand for and believe in. Peace. Love. A world without hatred and war.

In this world of conflict and pain, the Santorini's are compelled to produce art that sings with hope - the beauty of the Earth, the possibilities of humanity and all creatures - these are at the core of the art they produce. And what greater inspiration than the peace and love vibrating through John Lennon's song, "Imagine"?

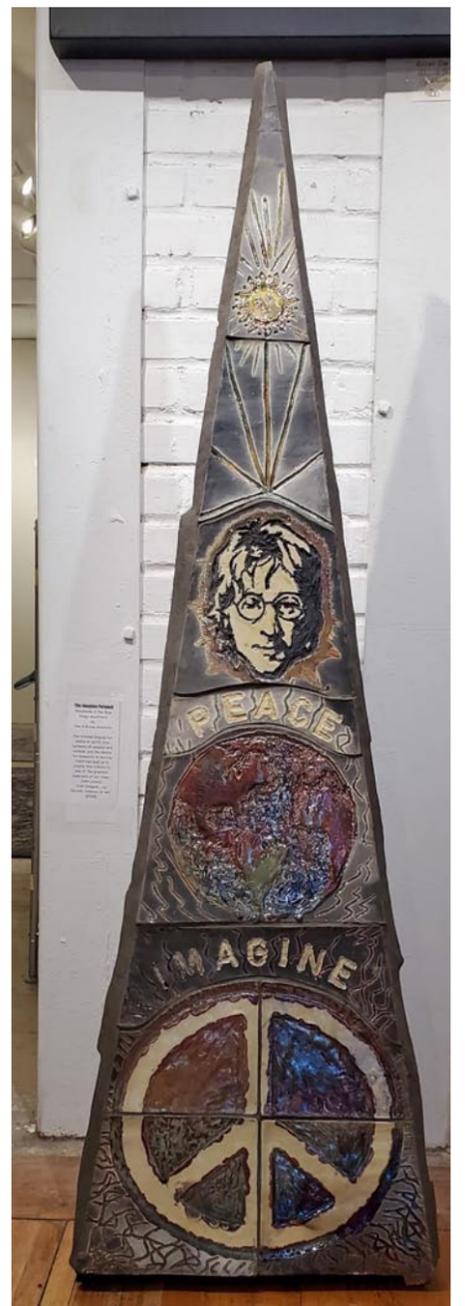
Dee and Bruce Santorini, artists in Asheville's River Arts District, have created a raku sculpture honoring the great John Lennon. They have spent months building a five-foot-tall pyramid out of clay - rolling it into just the right shapes, then carving the designs and textures - including Lennon's face.

"It's been a long process," says Bruce. Putting on his heat-rated leather gloves and taking off the lid of the raku kiln, he grabs the raku tongs to reach inside the kiln, still glowing orange at about 1800 degrees F.

As Bruce works the tongs around the clay he swings the piece up out of the kiln and carries it over to a sandpit where his partner, Dee, waits to dump a washtub filled with shredded paper, leaves and pine cones on top of the hot clay piece. Smoke billows out around the edges.

Says Dee, "Raku is magic! It's mostly the smoke...It seeps into the unglazed clay and turns the white clay a smokey black color. Then it gets into the glaze and makes it hazy and metallic looking. It's awesome! I love it!"

The Santorini's have always been mesmerized and inspired by the ancient pyramids that eventually became a focus for the shape of their work. And the nice thing about this pyramid, is that there are three sides that allow it to be turned to show three unique pieces of art! One side is a tribute to John Lennon and the ethics behind his music, the other two sides represent the

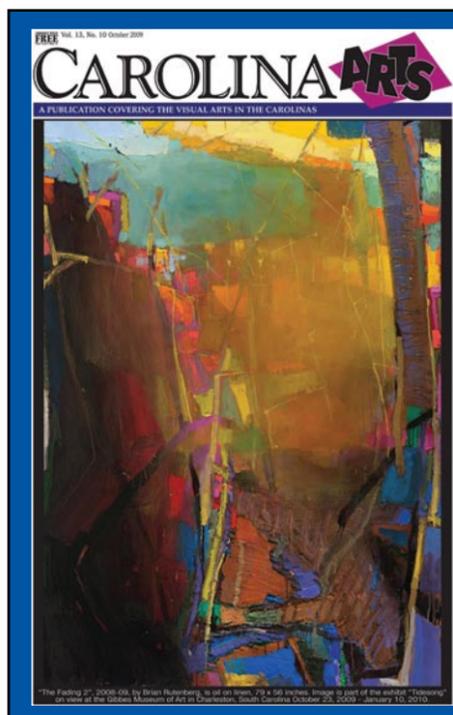


Work by Dee and Bruce Santorini
mysteries and wonders of life throughout the universe.

The Santorini's will be at Marquee in Asheville's River Arts District on Dec. 3, between 1-4pm, to speak about their pyramid process while doing demonstrations. They welcome all to stop by, sip a Mimosa,

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The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Dec. 24th for the January 2024 issue and Jan. 24 for the February 2024 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).



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