

NC Institutional Galleries

Aberdeen

The Exchange Street Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Through Mar. 17** - "Something for Everyone," featuring works by artists Debby Kline and Janet Garber. **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. **Mar. 6 - 31** - "Nature At Its Best," featuring the Fourth Annual Ellen Cook Gaskin Memorial Art Show, juried by Bob Travers, internationally renowned wildlife and landscape artist. An awards reception will be held on Mar. 31, from 6-8pm. **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.fallingriversgallery.com).

Alamance County

BAL Gallery, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/140, 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/>).

Asheboro

Sara Smith Self Gallery, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Mar. 7 - 27** - "Youth Art Month," with a reception on Mar. 7, from 4-6pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

Asheville Area



Robert Motherwell, *Mexican Elegy*, 1987, lithograph, 27.5 x 33 inches. Extended loan from the collection of Scott D. Horowitz. Asheville Art Museum Collection. EL 1993.01.05.61. Art work copyright: Dedalus Foundation, Inc. / Licensed by VAGA, New York, NY.

Asheville Art Museum, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **Second Floor Galleries, Ongoing** - "Looking Back: Celebrating 60 Years of Collecting at the Asheville Art Museum will explore the Museum's collection of American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with an interest in the art of the Southeast and WNC. **Appleby Foundation Gallery, Through Mar. 18** - "The New Materiality". The exhibition expands beyond the boundaries that currently exist between technology, art and craft. The artists in this exhibition use new technologies in tandem with traditional craft materials such as clay, glass, wood, metal and fiber, to forge new artistic directions. According to Fo Wilson, the curator of the exhibition, "The New Materiality" looks at a growing development in the United States towards the use of digital technologies in the practice of craft. Artists featured in the exhibition include: Brian Boldon, Shaun Bullens, E.G. Crichton, Sonya Clark, Lia Cook, Maaie Evers, Donald Fortescue, LawrenceLa-Bianca, Wendy Maruyama, Christy Matson,

Cat Mazza, Nathalie Miebach, Mike Simonian, Tim Tate, Susan Working and Mark Zirkel. **Mar. 31 - Aug. 26** - "The Essential Idea: Robert Motherwell's Graphic Works". Prints rarely receive the same attention as paintings. Yet printmaking is a demanding medium, one that requires extensive technical knowledge and collaboration. Robert Motherwell was unusual among his Abstract Expressionist contemporaries because of his interest in and mastery of printmaking. Motherwell produced his first prints in 1943 and returned to printmaking in the early 1960s at the invitation of the Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE) print studio. His later work with Tyler Graphics, Gemini Graphics Edition Limited (G.E.L.) and others evolved into an impressive body of almost 500 prints. **East Wing Gallery, Through May 27** - "Fire on the Mountain: Studio Glass in Western North Carolina". The exhibit examines the first 30 years of the Studio Glass movement and its ties to WNC, providing an overview of the aesthetic and technical developments of the movement and focusing upon early Studio Glass pioneers who have lived and worked in WNC since the 1960s. **Gallery 6, Through Mar. 4** - "Homage2 (squared)". American artist Josef Albers, best known for his series "Homage to the Square," influenced art-making of the 20th century by using the series to explore and manipulate viewers' color and spatial perception. Historically most two-dimensional work has been rectangular in format, but with Albers's series, art-making in the 20th century was dramatically changed. Albers's theories and influence extended to his many students from Black Mountain College and Yale University, and ultimately gave rise to Op ("optical") art and Minimalism. **Mar. 17 - Aug. 12** - "Ancient Forms, Modern Minds: Contemporary Cherokee Ceramics". A reception will be held on Mar. 18, from 2-4pm. The Cherokee have been making pottery in Western North Carolina for almost 3,000 years. Though nearly disappearing in the 19th century, the tradition survived, emerging as a contemporary art form enriched by the Cherokee artists who have carefully preserved and passed on their practice from one generation to the next. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 16 College Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 30 local artists in oils, watercolors, lithographs, etchings and woodcuts. 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. **Through May 27** - "Pat Passlof: Selections 1948 - 2011". The exhibition focuses on the work of painter Pat Passlof, an accomplished Black Mountain College alumna, member of the New York School and under-recognized figure in the development of Abstract Expressionism. **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).

Blowers Gallery, main floor of UNCA's Ramsey Library, Asheville. **Mar. 1 - 30** - "Artistic Diversity in Fiber," featuring a new exhibition showcasing quilting, knitting, doll-making, and other fiber arts. A reception will be held on Mar. 1, from 6-8pm. The exhibition features the work of members of the Fiber Arts Alliance, which is affiliated with the Asheville Quilt Guild. Hours: regular library hours. Contact: 828/251-6546.

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Flood Gallery & Pump Gallery, Mar. 3 - 31** - "One Billion Seconds," will display the best of German-born artist, Heinz Kossler, including works from the past 32 years. A reception will be held on Mar. 3, from 6-9pm. **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.philmechanicstudios.com).

Grove Arcade Art & Heritage Gallery, One Page Ave., Suite 115, on O. Henry Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a project of the Grove Arcade Public Market Foundation and features the crafts, music and stories of the Blue Ridge. The gallery features a state-of-the-art, interactive exhibition that uses a solid terrain model animated with regional voices, video, music and lasers to bring the culture

and history of Western North Carolina to life. Rotating exhibitions of regional crafts will bring emerging artists and new stories to gallery visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/255-0775 or at (www.grovearcade.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.

Highsmith University Union Gallery, located on the ground floor of UNC Asheville's Highsmith University Union, Asheville. **Mar. 1 - 31** - "Our Voices, Our Stories, Nuestras Voces, Nuestras Historias," featuring a new traveling exhibition documenting the lives of immigrants and their journeys to and within Western North Carolina. The exhibit includes art in different and mixed media, and the voices of immigrants interviewed about their lives and experiences. A reception will be held on Mar. 1, from 7-9pm. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Contact: 828/251-6559 or at (<http://art.unca.edu/>).

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).



Work by Nick Agar

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through May 13** - "The American Association of Wood Turners: An International Invitational of Turned or Sculpted Wood". Twenty-six renowned artists from Canada, England, France, Germany, New Zealand, and the US have been selected to participate and represent the best wood art available. From traditional wood turnings to contemporary sculpture the exhibition focuses on a diverse range of wood art materials and techniques including carving and surface design and embellishment. **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: wood-carving, 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 Apr. 17** - Featuring works in glass by Cheryl Hevrdeys and works in fiber and mixed media by Martine House. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Through Mar. 2** - "Odyssey Exposed - Members Show Their Stuff!," featuring works by Anja Bartels, MaryJane Findley, Joanna Fireman, Stephen Foechner, Ginger Graziano, Anna Koloseike, Nick LaFone, Shelia Lambert, Kat McIver, Jennifer Moore, Dyann Myers, and Michael Parry. **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 or at (www.ymcc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville
The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Education Center, Through Apr. 8** - "In and Around the Ancients," featuring new works by Susan Lingg, an artist based in Cullowhee, NC. Her works will depict the unique mountain landscapes of the Southern Appalachians. **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

Throughout Black Mountain, Through Winter of 2012 - "3rd Annual Sculpture Stroll". Organized by the Town of Black Mountain Recreation and Parks Department, the Beautification Committee and the Black Mountain Center for the Arts. Featuring sculptures by Giullia, Dan Howachyn, Tekla, Julia Burr, and Dave Taylor. For more information contact the Black Mountain Center for the Arts at 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Level Gallery, Mar. 11 - Apr. 5** - "Annual Emerging Artists Show," featuring works of students who take classes at the Center. Current teachers are Bob Travers and Cheryl Keefer. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 10am-5pm; Thur. 11am-3pm; Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Through Mar. 31** - Grand Opening, "What Drew You Here?," which reflects on the various forces that have been drawing people to the mountains of western North Carolina for hundreds of years, including beauty, recreation, adventure, good health and the temperate mountain climate. Three exhibit are being presented including: "Elliott Daingerfield: His Art and Life in Blowing Rock". This main exhibit is devoted to turn-of-the-century American painter Elliott Daingerfield, who spent 46 summers in Blowing Rock; "The Blowing Rock: A Natural Draw," highlights western North Carolina's most famous rock outcropping, which gets its name because of the fierce winds that blow up the cliffs; and "The Historic Hotels of Blowing Rock," explores the grand resorts that emerged as tourism expanded. **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).

Parkway Craft Center, of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, at the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Opening Mar. 15. Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net).

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.

Catherine J. Smith Gallery, Farthing Auditorium, Appalachian State University, Boone. **Through Mar. 2** - "2012 Department of Art Biennial Exhibition". The exhibit provides a great opportunity for students to view and discuss artwork produced by their teachers. They also give other faculty at Appalachian State and the Boone community a chance to engage with the many ideas and practices being explored and taught within the Department of Art. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: Jody Servon, Gallery Director at 828/262-7338 or at (www.art.appstate.edu/cjs).

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, Through June 2** - "Robert Goodnough: Abstract Expression-

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