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Works by Anne Cunningham and Ann Parks McCray
 May 4 - June 16, 2018
 Reception May 4, 5 - 7 pm



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Anne Cunningham, *Water Meditation*, galvanized steel, 36" x 24"
 Ann Parks McCray, *Island Hopping*, oil, 12" x 24"

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Camille Pissaro, Georges Seurat, and Edouard Vuillard.

An intuitive painter, McCray explains her process: "I begin a piece without defined intention; I wait for a composition to emerge. Often while listening to music and working quickly, I choose colors and utensils by feel. Beginning with a brush, I often incorporate spatula, palette knife, or wooden brush handles. I turn the canvas, so a finished piece has been worked from a number of directions. I study each piece in the full-wall mirror in my studio—to consider the painting in its reversed reflection—for hints of additions or revisions. This technique helps me merge further with the piece."

McCray studied art at Amarillo College in Amarillo, TX. She began a professional art career 25 years ago, creating large hand-built nonfunctional high-fire stoneware pottery. As a potter, one of her favorite aspects was glazing - applying abstract designs to clay. Eventually, she turned full attention to painting on canvas and now works primarily in oils.

Sunset River Marketplace showcases work by approximately 150 North and



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South Carolina artists, and houses some 10,000 square feet of oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media, art glass, fabric art, pottery, sculpture, turned and carved wood and artisan-created jewelry. There are two onsite kilns and four wheels used by students in the ongoing pottery classes offered by the gallery. A custom framing department is available. There are realistic and abstract art classes as well as workshops by nationally and regionally known artists.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or call 910/575-5999 or visit (www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com). For daily updates, "like" the gallery's page on Facebook.

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, Offers Works by Catherine Thornton

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, will present *Time, Space and Feathers*, featuring work by artist and sculptor Catherine Thornton, on view from May 11 through June 30, 2018. A reception will be held on May 11, from 5-8pm during the downtown Art Walk.

This exhibition is a contemporary avian imagery that explores the fascinating concept of time and space with an interactive twist.

"For me, art, creativity is still an inscrutable mystery," says Thornton. "It is like the wind. It comes from somewhere we don't see and goes somewhere we couldn't anticipate. Sometimes it's a welcomed breeze sometimes a purging storm. After all the planning, scrutiny and analyses, why this piece will work and that piece will not is completely up in the air. I love the process- most of the time!"

Thornton earned her BFA in Painting and Sculpture from Longwood College (currently Longwood University) in Farmville, VA, while in her mid 30's, but she was not able to consistently pursue her art career for another fifteen years. In those fifteen years, however, ideas, concepts, and techniques were explored, diligently



Work by Catherine Thornton

filed away on several sketchpads, envelopes and dinner napkins and assigned to the future. Her professional launch came about through a summer course at Penland School of Crafts and consequently being accepted into what she notes as a "nurturing and progressive artist community."

Thornton is tenaciously inquisitive with an appetite for discovery. She states, "I regret the day when I wake up to find no new thing, no reason to grow." Her work reflects that attitude.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/634-9002 or visit (www.fineartatbaxters.com).

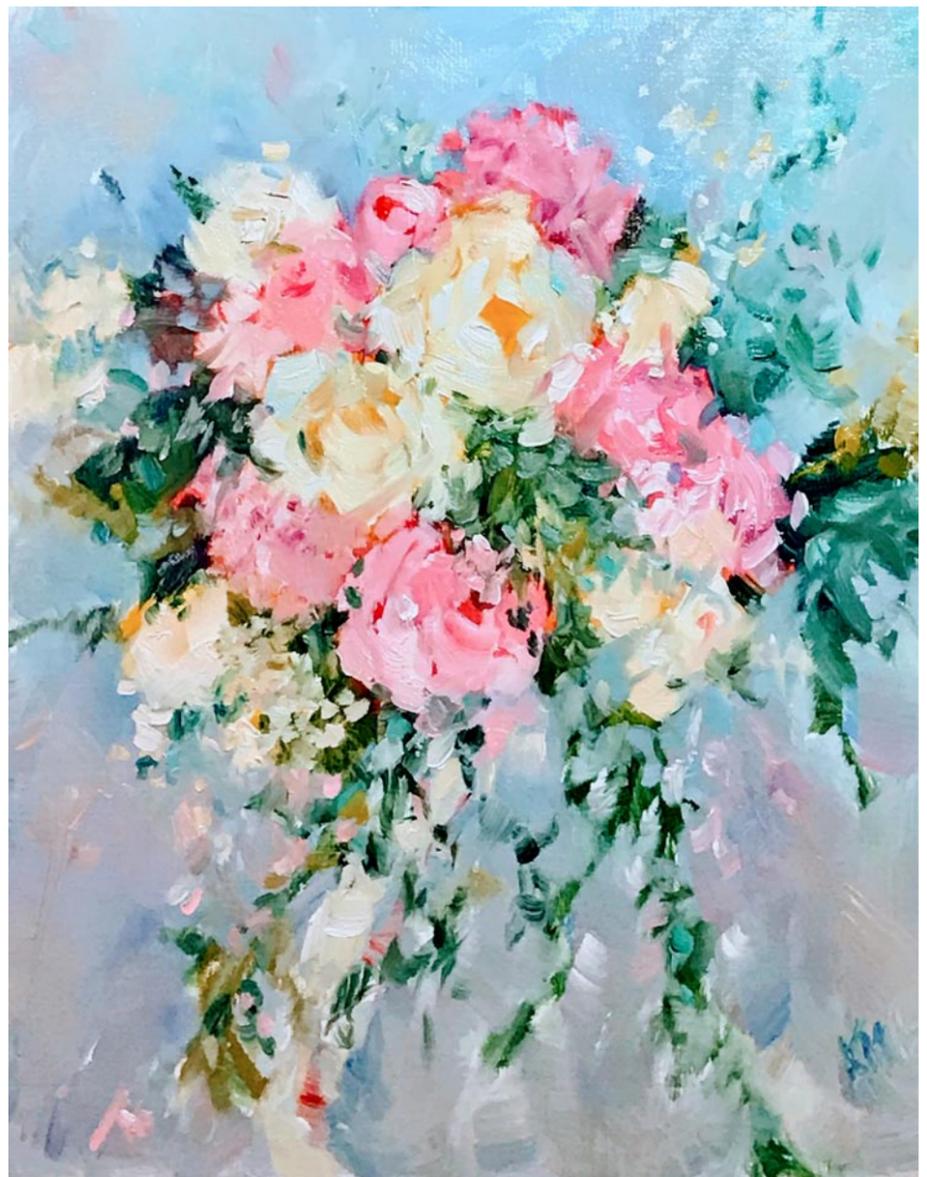
Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, Offers Exhibit Focused on Poetry

The Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, will present *Fusion Poetry: Art*, featuring art inspired by poetry, on view at the Bank of the Arts, from May 4- June 29, 2018. Receptions will be held on May

11 and June 8, from 5pm-8pm.

During the fall and winter of 2017 Craven Arts Council asked local poets to submit their poetry to be used as inspira-

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