

Upstairs Artspace in Tryon, NC

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group of sixteen artists have created in the last decade. Encaustic, oil on panel, ceramic, jewelry, sculpture, photography and more grace the walls and floors of the gallery in this exciting show and the work reflects well on this cooperative effort.

The ArtBomb Studio is an informal organization of dedicated, professional artists in West Greenville, SC. In 2000, they joined forces to work under one roof in individual studios. That roof covers a large brick building at 1320 Pendleton Street, which had once been the general store for families working at the historic Brandon Mills textile company, long out of business.



Work by Jo Carol Mitchell-Rogers

At the ArtBomb, studio life buzzes with 16 artists, each working independently in a variety of disciplines. It is the ideal environment for creativity. Each artist exhibits in many regional galleries and museums, including Art & Light and Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville; Upstairs Artspace, Tryon; and Eastside 64, Cashiers. Some show in venues in Columbia, Atlanta, Charlotte and beyond. Most are in private and corporate collections.



Work by Paul Flint

Here is the list of artists exhibiting: Alexia Timberlake-Boyd, Katy Bergman Cassell, Tim Cassell, Diane Kilgore Condon, Darryl DeBruhl, Kim Dick, Jane Dorn, Susan Young Evans, Greg Flint, Paul Flint, Teri Pena, Jo Carol Mitchell-Rogers, Elizabeth Ann Shanks, Blake Smith, Tim Speaker, and Katie Walker.

The ArtBomb has transformed the lives and the art of more than 20 tenants who've been a part of its development. It is a magical place where artists become life-long friends, love working there and are continually inspired by one another.

Upstairs Artspace's free programs are made possible through the support of the Polk County Community Foundation, the North Carolina Council of the Arts, and the generous support of its members.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828-859-2828 or visit (www.upstairsartspace.org).

Carolina Creations in New Bern, NC, Features Works by Nancy McClure

Carolina Creations in New Bern, NC, will present *Summer Solace*, featuring painting by Raleigh, NC, artist Nancy McClure, on view from July 1 through Aug. 31, 2017. A reception will be held on July 14, from 5-8pm, during the downtown Art Walk.

Nancy C. McClure is a contemporary North Carolina artist painting in oils and acrylics. She has always been involved in the arts from a young age and then formally through her education. After graduating from Syracuse University with a Bachelors in Merchandising, she went to Georgia State to pursue a degree in Studio Art.

McClure relocated to Raleigh, where she met her co-owner of ArtSource Fine Art gallery. She has been surrounded by art for over three decades and decided to pursue her own love of painting with an impressionist style. Most of her imagery is related to the coast and southern landscapes. She also enjoys painting large scale abstracts as well as still lifes from life.

McClure's love of the outdoors and especially the beach, where she spends her weekends, is seen in much of her imagery. She is inspired by the early morning light and late afternoon light creating shadow seen in her landscapes. McClure works from her own photographs for inspiration,



Work by Nancy McClure

and paints en plein air as well as in her studio. Her beautiful still life series are always painted from life. McClure's abstracts have a bright acrylic underpainting and in some cases an intentional texture that is visible even after the last stroke of oil.

Her work is in many corporate collections including Rex Healthcare, WakeMed Hospital, Cornerstone Therapeutics, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/626-3376 or visit (www.carolinacreations.com).

Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, offers Two New Exhibitions

The Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, will present two new exhibits including: an exhibit of photography by local artist Chuck Colucchi, on view in the Director's Gallery, at the Bank of the Arts, from July 1 - 31, 2017, and *Summer Session*, an exhibition of works by five professional artists and professors at East Carolina University, on view in the Main Gallery at the Bank of the Arts, from July 4 through Aug. 26, 2017. A reception for both exhibits will be held on July 14, from 5-8pm, during the downtown Art Walk.

Colucchi is an award winning local photographer whose work includes scenes from across the United States and around

the world.

An avid outdoorsman, Colucchi's work focuses primarily on wildlife and nature photography. His shots include scenes from North Carolina, New England, Arizona, and Michigan, as well as Italy and Germany. Speaking about his work, Colucchi says, "No matter what type of photographer you want to be, we are really looking for the same thing. We want to create images that express what we see, feel and experience in the world around us. We want to create images that help us remember the present after it long slips away into the past. Images that give tangible form to feelings, ideas and

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