

# Carolina Creations in New Bern, NC, Features Works by Janet Francoeur and Sally Sutton

Carolina Creations in New Bern, NC, is featuring the work of two artists in the month of January, including: works by Janet Francoeur, on view through Jan. 31, 2020, and Sally Sutton, who will be their featured artist during the Jan. Artwalk, on Jan. 10, from 5-8pm.

Janet Francoeur is our resident artist. She and her husband Michael founded Carolina Creations in 1989. She sold the gallery in 2017 to Virginia Spencer but the gallery continues to sell her paintings and pottery.

Francoeur's prints of New Bern scenes can be seen in many offices in the area, and is a favorite gift and souvenir of the area. Her Celebration Pottery pieces make wonderful gifts for weddings, graduations and anniversaries, and she regularly customizes them by adding names and dates or she can design a piece just for you.

Francoeur was born and raised in southern Michigan. She received a BA in drawing and printmaking from Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI. While in Michigan she concentrated on Architectural renderings in ink. The couple left Michigan in 1983 for an adventure in Aspen, CO. While there she started adding color to her ink drawings. After 6 years water won out and they started on a journey that took them from San Diego, CA, Galveston, TX, to the Florida Keys where they told someone what they were looking for in a new home. "We want a place that is on its way but hasn't gotten there yet." "Try New Bern" was the answer. So they did.



Work by Janet Francoeur

They arrived in New Bern and were welcomed by the community. Francoeur started doing drawings of the churches, waterfront and homes in the historic district. Again experimenting with adding watercolor to her ink drawings she soon started working in watercolor more and more. They purchased and renovated a home in the historic district and wanting to put their stamp on it Francoeur began to make tiles, which



Work by Sally Sutton

led to developing an entire line of functional and decorative pottery called "Celebration Pottery."

Sally Sutton enjoys the challenge of capturing light and experimenting with rich and bright color combinations and contrasting them with deep shadows using brushstrokes that create movement and energy in my work. "I want my work to reflect what I feel about a place or subject and instill some sort of emotional response in the viewer," says Sutton.

She has always been intrigued with nature and enjoys painting en plein air in the surrounding countryside, local and beyond. If the weather doesn't permit, she often uses a combination of small sketches on site, reference photos, and color notes and develops the larger paintings in her studio in Pittsboro, NC.

Sutton grew up in Culver City, CA, and received her BFA from California State University, Long Beach. She completed programs in painting and illustration at the Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles and Art Center College of Design, Pasadena. She completed her MFA in drawing and painting in May 2013.

Sutton's work has been exhibited in Tokyo at the Genkan Gallery of the Tokyo American Club, in the Meiji Gallery in Ginza, and in numerous shows in the United States. Her paintings can be found in private and corporate collections nationally and abroad. These include GlaxoSmithKline, SAS Institute, Northern Telecom Japan, Bank of America, SunTrust, UNC Hospitals and Duke Medical Center.

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Work by Jan Sullivan-Volz

surprises to unfold in my paintings and my collages. I am allowing my physical and emotional responses to guide me in these new directions. I trust my ability to recognize the beauty and excitement that develops and follow the course."

"And then from a place of presence and awareness, you can choose to deliberately respond with action inspired by love." - Anonymous.

"These paintings are a gift of love to me from the universe that I can now share," says Sullivan-Volz.

Jan Sullivan-Volz received her BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Fine Arts. She taught art in the public and private sectors for three decades.

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# NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Offers Works by Jan Sullivan-Volz

The NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present *Jan Sullivan-Volz: LIGHT- New Paintings and Assemblages*, on view in the Mims Gallery of the Dunn Center, from Jan. 10 through Feb. 16, 2020. A reception will be held on Jan. 23, from 5-7pm.

"It is with decades of familiarity with Jan Sullivan-Volz's artistic career as a painter, sculptor and designer that I am thrilled to reintroduce her to an eastern Carolina audience and I am sure many new admirers", says Everett Adelman, gallery director.

Sullivan-Volz says, "Nothing in the universe is static..." and in her ongoing evolution she has found a working synthesis bringing together her sculptural instincts with its associated structural realities into her recent work in painting and collage.

Inspired by the light of nature visually and emotionally she is making artistically concrete statements about her response to her experiences and has named her exhibition *LIGHT*.

In her own words, Sullivan-Volz says, "Nothing in the universe is static, it is ever changing. Light changes in a minute from a swaying tree or a passing cloud. When I observe a scene, I also take an emotional survey: how am I responding? What affects me? What do I feel? These new responses allow for exciting new choices and creative

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Visit us at the Art Walk on January 10, 2020!

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