

# SC Commercial Galleries

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**Treasure the View - Sand Carved Glass**, 129 1/2 W. Richardson Ave., Summerville. **Ongoing** - Unique sand carved glass sculptures created by renowned artist Lex Melfi. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece produced by cutting images into glass using high-pressured sand. Hours: by appt. only. Contact: 843/875-7822 or at (www.lexmelfi.com).

## Sumter

**Elephant Ear Gallery Fine Arts and Creations**, 672 Bultman Dr., Sumter. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by 23 artists offering every medium from

watercolor to angora grown rabbits producing fur for spinning. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 803/773-2268.

## Walterboro

**Saja Gallery**, 501 E. Washington St., Walterboro. **Ongoing** - Working studio of ceramic artist Joanna Angell, and featuring works in painting, print, and clay by Sarina and Joanna Angell and art cards by Marsha Johnson. New work monthly. Hours: by appt. or chance. Contact: 843/549-9717 or at (www.sajagallery.com).

# NC Institutional Galleries

## Albemarle

**Falling Rivers Gallery**, 119 West Main St., next to Starnes jewelers, Albemarle. **Mar. 22 - Apr. 16** - "Nature At Its Best". This art show, sponsored by the John Gaskin Family, features the best in both 2D and 3D art. All mediums of art are permitted and encouraged - including clay, fiber, glass, metal and wood, as well as oil, pastel, and watercolor paintings and photography. Prizes awarded for first, second, third and honorable mentions amount to \$1200. **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).

## Aberdeen

**The Exchange Street Gallery**, 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen. **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: Melodie McRae at 910/944-3979, or at (www.artistleague.org).

## Alamance County

**BAL Gallery**, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/40, 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/).

**Sisters Gallery**, 1873 Capt. James & Emma Holt White House, 213 South Main Street, 2 1/2 blocks off I85/40, exit#147, Graham. **Through March 5** - Featuring an exhibit of works by Allen Bentley. **Mar. 17 - Apr. 16** - "Visual Arts Youth Competition". Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 336/226-4495 or at (www.artsalamance.com).

## Asheboro

**Sara Smith Self Gallery**, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Mar. 4 - 6** - "2011 Potters Conference". **Mar. 8 - 31** - Featuring an exhibit of works by Vandom Hinnant, with a reception on Mar. 8, from 5:30-7:30pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

## Asheville Area

**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 June 26** - "A Chosen Path: The Ceramic Art of Karen Karnes". The Asheville Art Museum is pleased to be one of five museums nationwide to host the first major retrospective of ceramic artist

Karen Karnes. For more than 60 years Karen Karnes (1925 - ) has been at the forefront of the studio pottery movement. Over her long career, she has created some of the most iconic pottery of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. She has worked in some of the most significant cultural settings of her generation including North Carolina's avant-garde Black Mountain College in the 1950s. **Gallery 6, Through Apr. 24** - "The Olmsted Project: Photographs by Lee Friedlander". Lee Friedlander (1934 - ) is one of this country's preeminent photographers. Among his projects, Friedlander photographed the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of the Niagara Reservation (North America's oldest state park), Washington Park, the US Capitol Building landscape, parkway systems in Buffalo and Louisville, New York City's Central Park and the grounds of Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. **Holden Community Gallery, Through Mar. 13** - "The Director's Cut I: 1995 - 2000". A new era began at the Asheville Art Museum on December 13, 1995, when Pamela Myers started her tenure as Executive Director. With prior experience at institutions including the North Carolina Museum of Art, The Strong Museum, Museum of the City of New York and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, she brought a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and new ideas to Asheville. This exhibition is a celebration of Pam's 15 years guiding the Museum through a period of extraordinary growth. 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).

**Asheville Glass Center**, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. Contact: 828/225-3113 or at (www.ashevilleglass.com).

**Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center**, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **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).

**Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center**, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **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.philmecanistudios.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.grovecarce.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.



Work by Patricia Bellan-Gillen

**S. Tucker Cooke Gallery**, UNC-Asheville, 1st floor, Owen Hall, Asheville. **Through Mar. 22** - "Stealing Stories," an exhibition of new large-scale drawings by Patricia Bellan-Gillen. Bellan-Gillen's work often incorporates animal figures, and combines imagery generated through study and research with an approach that is felt, intuitive, and enigmatic. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm. Contact: call UNCA's Art Department at 828/251-6559.

**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).

**The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild**, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through May 15** - "North Georgia College & State University". This exhibition focuses on the Department of Visual Arts at NGCSU in Dahlonega, GA. The university is an educational center member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. **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: woodcarving, 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 Mar. 15** - Featuring works in wood by Don Stevenson and works in fiber by Jane Cole. **Mar. 19 - May 3** - Featuring works in paper by Jay Pfeil and clay works by Laurey-Faye Long. Hours: daily from 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

**The Odyssey Gallery**, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Mar. 11 - Apr. 17** - "Spirited Vessels," featuring works by Nathan Neufeld, Nick Lafone, and Susan Musi. A reception will be held Mar. 11, from 5-7pm. **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.ymicc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville  
**The North Carolina Arboretum**, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Baker Exhibit Center, Through May 15** - "Emissaries of Peace: the 1762 Cherokee and British Delegations," presenting an exhibit by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, which is a We The People Exhibit. The exhibit brings Henry Timberlake's memoirs to life through artifacts, archaeological treasures, period artwork, music, video, and life size figures. **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).

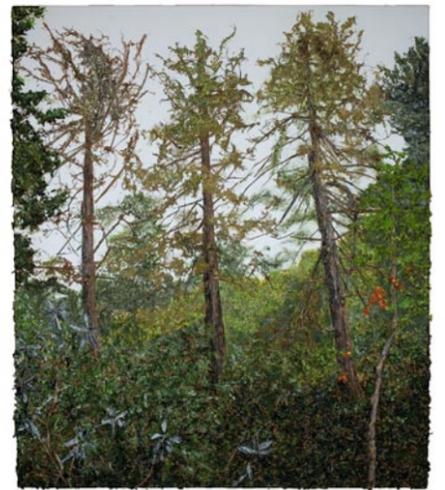
## Blowing Rock

**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 (parkway-craft@bellsouth.net).

## Boone

**Downtown Boone, Mar. 4, 5-8pm** - "Downtown Boone First Friday Art Crawl". Each month the Downtown Boone Development Association (DBDA) hosts the Art Crawl which happens every First Friday. Come visit the art galleries, art studios and other fine shops in downtown Boone. Contact: 828/262-3017 or e-mail to (turchincenter@appstate.edu).

**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.



Work by Lowell Hayes

**Turchin Center for the Visual Arts**, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, Through June 4** - "Appalachian Alumni in the Arts". ASU has built a national reputation for outstanding academics in all areas of study. Our alumni are successful in areas from business to education, politics to healthcare and communication to art. This exhibition is the first large-scale, group, alumni exhibition featured at the Turchin Center. This exhibition highlights alumni working in the field of visual arts and is a part of Appalachian's Spring Alumni Weekend. **Catwalk Community Gallery, Through Mar. 26** - "Children's Art of the High Country". This is a juried exhibition that features works of art by children (infants - 8th graders) in Ashe, Avery, Watauga and Wilkes counties. Juried by a small group of local artists, this exhibition includes a variety of creations from paintings to sculptures. **Mezzanine Gallery, Through June 4** - "8th Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition". The Competition (AMPC) is a program of Appalachian's Outdoor Programs in partnership with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. The AMPC has become a prominent regional competition, attracting the work of amateur and professional photographers from across the country and allowing them the opportunity to celebrate the unique people, places and pursuits that distinguish the Southern Appalachian mountains. Categories for photographic submissions include: Adventure, Blue Ridge Parkway Vista, Share the Journey, Culture, Environment, Flora/Fauna and Landscape. **Gallery A, Through Mar. 19** - "In the Void: Sculpture by David Meyer". Meyer is an artist whose work explores many aspects of the human condition and the physical world. His work ranges from installations and large-scale outdoor commissions to simple objects that compel the viewer to take a second look. **Gallery B & Mayer Gallery, West Wing, Through March 19** - "The Hemlocks! The Hemlocks! Grief and Celebration by Lowell Hayes". This series of paintings is a celebration of the life and beauty of the Tsuga canadensis, the eastern hemlock, and of the rare Tsuga caroliniana, the Carolina Hemlock, which occurs only in the mountains of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. This exhibition is meant to connect with viewers spiritually and emotionally, enhancing awareness and deepening the bond with these irreplaceable members of our living community. Hours: 10am-6pm, Tue., Wed., Thur., & Sat. and Fri., noon -8pm. Contact: Hank T. Foreman

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