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also features works by contemporary potters Ben Owen III of Seagrove, NC, Mark Hewitt of Chatham County, NC, and others who continue the art pottery tradi-

tion. For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 919/807-7300 or visit (www.ncdcr.gov).

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Karen Keil Brown

The Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *Landscapes in Abstraction*, featuring works by Karen Keil Brown, on view from Mar. 1 - 30, 2014. A reception will be held on Mar. 7, from 5-8pm.

The exhibition features Brown's semi-abstract oils. The subtle, rich layering and depth in her work are an invitation into her ethereal atmospheric landscapes.

Originally from New Jersey, Brown was raised in beautiful Asheville. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Asheville, with a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts. She was an art teacher for 10 years at a private school before getting back to exhibiting her paintings and photographs throughout the southeast. Brown and her husband, Buster live in North Asheville where they raised their 3 lovely, artistic daughters.

"In my paintings I attempt to create an ethereal atmosphere, inspired by my outdoor surroundings: the changing seasons,



Work by Karen Keil Brown

the impending storm, from morning to dawn, the misty mountains, the vastness of the sky as it meets the ground! I hope you enjoy the soft visual affect as you get lost in the distant horizon," says Brown.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/251-5796 or visit (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Asheville, NC, is the Site of the 3rd Annual Asheville Tattoo and Arts Expo - Mar. 14 - 16, 2014

The 3rd Annual Asheville Tattoo and Arts Expo is coming to Asheville, NC, on Mar. 14-16, 2014.

This year's festival will be bigger and better than ever and, for the first time, will expand to two venues. The Renaissance Hotel, at 31 Woodfin Street, will once again host 100 of the best tattoo artists in the industry practicing their craft all weekend long.

This will also be the site of the "Rat Rod Rumble" hot rod show hosted by the Bootleggers Car Club, the Pinup contest presented by Sailor Jerry Rum and Pinups for Pitbulls as well as the tattoo contests, a demo bout by the Blue Ridge Roller Girls

and other events.

The Masonic Temple, at 80 N. Broadway, in Asheville will be the site of our pop up art gallery (proceeds to go to the restoration of the Temple) and the Food Truck Showdown on Saturday, Mar. 15 (benefitting Pinups for Pitbulls, Manna Food Bank, Asheville Humane Society and Masonic Temple).

Already one of the most respected tattoo conventions in North America, the expanded activities and locations are part of our commitment to make every year better than the last. The artists will include both legends of the industry like Mike Skiver and

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Philadelphia Eddie who helped create the modern tattoo industry as well as today's pioneers like Dave Tavenal and Marshall Bennett who are bringing it into the 21st century. TV stars from *Tattoo Nightmares* and *Inkmaster* will be available to meet and tattoo their fans when they are not enjoying the vendors or sampling the offerings of Sailor Jerry, PBR or Carolina Distillery.

The Asheville Tattoo and Arts Expo is about showcasing all types of art in our re-

gion. The pop up gallery will feature the the work of local and regional artists, as well fine art from tattoo artists set in one of the most architecturally significant buildings in Asheville. We will also feature Asheville's amazing culinary arts with Saturday's Food Truck Showdown where dozens of local trucks will compete for "Best Truck in Asheville" as chosen by our panel of celebrity judges. Paying homage to the amazing

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