

# STARworks Glassfest

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Award recipient and received a Niche Student Award for sculptural glass. His work has been shown throughout the United States. Before coming to STARworks, Ziembra worked for the Pretentious Beer Glass Company in Knoxville, TN. He holds a BFA in Glass from Appalachian Center for Craft/Tennessee Technical University.

Demonstrations: April 3, 3pm and April 10, 1pm.

## Jackie Polofka



Jackie Polofka working



Works by Jackie Polofka

Polofka is a STARworks Glass production glassblower. She was born and raised in northwest Ohio and holds a BFA in three-dimensional studies from Bowling Green State University. Before joining the STARworks team, Polofka worked at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, NY and the Chrysler Museum of Art Glass Studio in Norfolk, VA. She has shown her work in multiple exhibitions, most notably in the Momentum Juried Exhibition in Toledo, OH, in 2017 and was awarded third place in the "Glass Arts Society International Student Online Exhibition" in 2016.

Demonstrations: April 3, 1:30pm and April 10, 10:30am.

## Claire Cadorette



Claire Cadorette working



Work by Claire Cadorette

Cadorette is the Glass Education Coordinator at STARworks. She holds a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design, and has shown work at several galleries in Rhode Island as both a student and post collegiate. As a Chrysler Museum assistant she worked with the Old Dominion University and Virginia Wesleyan, which instilled a passion for education. She is living on her own in her trailer and absolutely thriving.

Demonstrations: April 3, 4:30pm and April 10, 9am.

After Glassfest, work will remain in the School House Gallery while supplies last. Gallery visit reservations are available Monday - Friday and do not include glassblowing demonstrations.

STARworks is an arts-centered work community that promotes community and economic development by providing outstanding artistic educational programs and business ventures. We strive to engage the community with artwork and artists of the highest caliber. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC.

In rural areas, residents often live in cultural deserts. Too often access to the arts is limited to a narrow range of artistic vision, vernacular imagery, and craft styles. Through strategic partnerships with other artists, arts organizations, and businesses, STARworks has been working to increase the diversity of artistic experiences available by bringing nationally and internationally known artists for demonstrations, classes, lectures and to make new works of art. Our programs are targeted to professional makers, with additional programming for young adults and children.

Originally known as the Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project, Central Park NC was formed in 1993 by a consensus of leaders from the region to develop a strategy to preserve the natural and cultural assets of central North Carolina, using them to create a sustainable local economy. In 2000, Central Park NC published "A Strategy for North Carolina's Central Park" – a blueprint for the development of a new economy for our region based on heritage and cultural tourism development and outdoor recreation opportunities. The region includes Anson, Stanly, Richmond, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Davidson and Rowan counties. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC.

The Central Park strategy focuses on small businesses development complementary to heritage and cultural tourism, and also developing the regional infrastructure for increasing overnight tourism. According to studies conducted by Appalachian State University and the Belk College of Business at UNC Charlotte, the implementation of this strategy will result in a doubling of overnight visitation to the region from 20% to 40% by focusing on scenic natural areas, driving/sightseeing, nature walks, historic sites, and zoos/wildlife observation, and will create an additional 25,000 jobs above the benchmark forecast and an incremental positive net economic impact of \$2.1 billion per year.

In 2005, Central Park NC began STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise in a former hosiery mill in the small town of Star.

Our mission is to promote a new economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the Central Park NC region, encompassing Anson, Davidson, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

If you need help or have questions, please contact Rhonda McCanless by calling 910/428-9001 or by e-mail at ([rhonda@starworksnc.org](mailto:rhonda@starworksnc.org)) or visit (<https://www.starworksnc.org/>).

Looking for info on the next juried art show in the Carolinas, an opportunity to show & sell your work at the next festival taking place in the Carolinas or do you want to know who the new director of an art museum in the Carolinas is - just check out our Blog, "Carolina Arts News" at (<https://carolinaartsnews.wordpress.com/>).

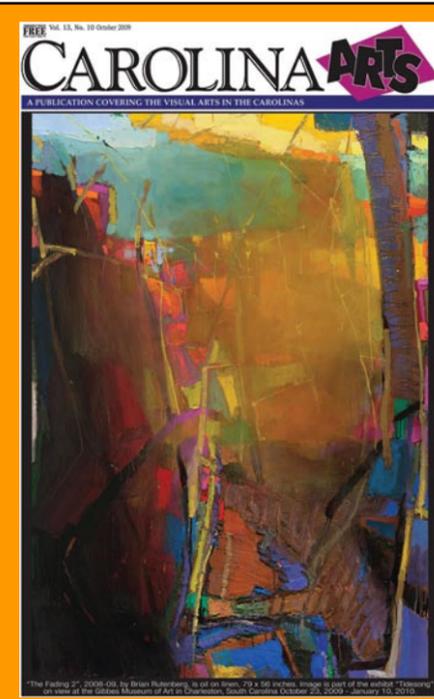
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