

# Tryon Arts & Crafts School in Tryon, NC, Offers Annual Holiday Showcase

Tryon Arts & Crafts School in Tryon, NC, will present its annual *Handcrafted Holiday Showcase*, on view from Nov. 13 through Dec. 18, 2020. A reception will be held on Nov. 13, from 6-8pm. Attendees will be required to be CDC-compliant.

Each November, TACS' gallery bursts at the seams with talent and glistens with the holiday spirit. The showcase is a great way for artists to make seasonal retail sales and a great way for shoppers to support the local craft community. Participating artists return each week to restock the show. So, those seeking to brighten their loved ones' spirits with skilled craft typically revisit TACS to see the new enticements before they fly off the shelves.

This festive gift market features an array of arts and crafts items such as pottery, stained glass, jewelry, felted creations, woven scarves, paintings, carved figures, fused glass plates, wood-turned bowls, forged steel utensils, furniture, and much more.

Artists are additionally asked to donate handmade ornaments, the sales of which benefit TACS' young artist scholarship program. Proceeds provide financial aid for students to participate in children's art classes held throughout the year.



Work by Phoebe Blackwell

Tryon Arts and Crafts School is a non-profit organization that exists to provide creative opportunities for everyone through education, instruction and expression of heritage and contemporary arts and crafts in a friendly, stimulating and enriching environment.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the School at 828/859-8323 or visit ([www.tryonart-sandcrafts.org](http://www.tryonart-sandcrafts.org)).

# Haywood County Arts Council in Waynesville, NC, Offers Annual Small Works Show

The Haywood County Arts Council (HCAC) in Waynesville, NC, is excited to announce that the community favorite exhibit, *It's a Small, Small Work*, opens on Nov. 6 and will run through Jan. 9, 2021. The 2020 exhibit features 36 artists and around 190 individual works of art for sale. Small Work provides a unique opportunity for budding artists to exhibit their work alongside seasoned professionals. Every piece is smaller than 12"x12"x12" and costs less than \$300 – many for much, much less.

The Haywood County Arts Council's small work show was launched in 2008 in response to a declining economy and to demonstrate that original artwork can be affordable. Most businesses, homes and apartments can accommodate smaller works of art — and the show promotes buying local and regional work to help support artists in western North Carolina.

Leigh Forrester, HCAC Executive Director explains, "This show is one of my personal favorites, because any artist can



View from a previous show.

participate and many people can afford to purchase original work from the exhibit — whether for their homes or as gifts. I love to see the multiple levels of participation *Small Work* creates in the community. The variety in this year's show is particularly wonderful."

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 828/452-0593 or visit ([www.HaywoodArts.org](http://www.HaywoodArts.org)).

# Celebration of Seagrove Potters Studio Tour In Seagrove, NC, Takes Place - Nov. 20-22, 2020

The largest concentration of working potters in the USA pivots during Covid to replace their biggest festival of the year with a safe alternative. Thirty pottery shops and almost 100 ceramic artists will come together for the Celebration of Seagrove Potters Studio Tour on Nov. 20-22, 2020, from 10am-5pm. In its 13th year, the Celebration of Seagrove Potters is the largest sales and collector event of the year. Traditionally, all of the potters gather under one roof for the show. This year, each shop will open its gallery to the public for one of the state's largest gallery crawls.

Seagrove pottery includes functional tableware, home décor, art pieces, and large-scale works. Guests can find examples of raku, crystalline, stoneware, salt-glaze, and wood, pit, or kiln-fired pieces.

The Seagrove Pottery tradition dates back to the 18th century, including the establishment of the renowned Jugtown Pottery in 1917. Potters continue the tradition in their families, some for more than nine generations. Today, more than 75 shops, galleries and studios dot the pastoral countryside along Hwy. 705, also known as Pottery Highway.

"Seagrove is a mecca visited by potters from across the country," says David



Inside Johnston & Gentithes Art Pottery

Fernandez, Seagrove's mayor and potter at Seagrove Stoneware Pottery. "Some of them, like myself, have stayed. The tradition and the availability of materials attract the potters. Customers realize that in one location they can find virtually anything made out of pottery."

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