

Village Art Circle in Cary, NC

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phetic title. Fond of theater, she knew well that "the show must go on" despite all the pain and pitfalls that life has in store. Those of us who knew and miss her, feel that although she is no longer on the stage of life, Williams continues to watch from

"beyond the curtain."

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call Jillian Goldberg at 919/637-1675 or visit (www. villageartcircle.com).

FRANK Gallery in Chapel Hill, NC, Offers Two New Exhibitions

FRANK Gallery in Chapel Hill, NC, will present two new exhibits including: Natural Forces, featuring works by Nerys Levy, Carolyn Rugen and Julie Brooks and Planting Hope, a picture book project written and illustrated by kids for kids. Both exhibits will be on view from Dec. 6 through Feb. 5, 2017. A reception will be held on Dec. 6, from 6-9pm.

FRANK's current featured exhibition looks at the grandness of nature, both in the immense landscapes that surround us, and the microscopic elements that are the building blocks of all things living. Painters Nerys Levy and Carolyn Rugen look to the beauty in their surroundings for inspiration. Levy working on site during her travels, capturing the greenery and enormity of the British countryside. Rugen working locally, painting the serene views from the windows of her home in the heart of Chapel Hill.

In addition, jeweler Julie Brooks creates simple graphite drawings on her "sugar coated" enamel surfaces. These drawings highlight DNA structures, viruses, and cells, and the addition of hints of gold and stones highlights these components as precious jewels.

Our Michael and Laura Brader-Araje Community Outreach Gallery features original illustrations created for Planting Hope, a picture book project written and illustrated by kids for kids. The story tells the tale of a hard-working girl discovering a golden seed and together bringing unity and prosperity to a neglected garden. The project was developed through two consecutive teaching artist residencies and exemplifies working together. Thirty

children, ages 5-12, wrote and illustrated this allegorical story to celebrate the way PORCH has united the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community in its fight against local

In addition to our exciting exhibitions, FRANK will once again be partnering with the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and The NC Cancer Hospital to collect arts and crafts supplies for their Expressive Arts Program's "Art Cart." This program offers patients and family members the opportunity to use art for healing. A list of suggested donations can be found on our website at (www.frankisart.com/st-nick); items can be dropped off at FRANK Gallery anytime beginning Dec. 1; the kickoff event will take place on Dec. 9, as part of our 2nd Friday Artwalk celebration.

FRANK gallery is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit operated by member artists of the Franklin Street Arts Collective, with support from community leaders and art lovers.

The mission of the Franklin Street Arts Collective is to support the arts community of Chapel Hill and the region, strengthen community appreciation of the arts through educational outreach, and promote Chapel Hill and North Carolina as a major arts destination. FRANK offers workshops, salons, and innovative programs that reach out to diverse groups within the community.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 919/636-4135 or visit (www. frankisart.com).

24th Annual Chatham Artists Guild **Open Studio Tour Takes Place** First Two Weekends of December

Creativity is alive and well, and waiting for you around every turn at the 2016 Chatham Studio Tour. During the first two weekends of December, 49 Chatham County artists will take a collective deep breath and bravely open their studio doors to the general public for the 24th Annual Chatham Artists Guild Open Studio Tour.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, from 7 to 9pm, at Chatham Mills, 480 Hillsborough Street, in Pittsboro, NC. The first weekend tour takes place Dec. 3, from 10am-5pm and

Dec. 4, from noon-5pm. The second weekend takes place on Dec. 10, 2016, from 10am-5pm and Dec. 11, from noon-

Preparing tirelessly, since last year's tour no doubt, each artist has packed their studio full of original artwork and prepared to offer a glimpse into their creative process that is more often than not a solitary endeavor.

This tour is a free event organized by the Chatham Artists Guild featuring artists

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THE ART OF GIVING

Nov 14 - Dec 31



Opening reception: Fri Nov 25 6-9pm



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throughout Chatham County (Pittsboro, Fearrington Village, Siler City, and Moncure). Visitors choose their own routes in this self-guided tour, visiting as many or as few studios as they wish. Brochures with maps and studio descriptions are available throughout the Triangle - find a list of these locations or download a printable PDF online at (www.chathamartistsguild.org).

The artists on the tour earned their place through a jury process that focuses on high quality, original art. Of the 49 artists featured, 7 are brand new to the tour this year. Tour-goers will meet painters, sculptors, fiber artists, glass artists, jewelers, potters, wood-workers, and even gourd artists who have created some of the very best artwork you'll find in North Carolina.

Six guild artists, in addition to showcasing their own work, will host visiting artists from surrounding areas showing art as well. It's a chance to expand creative and inspirational horizons beyond the borders of Chatham County! Visiting artist information is listed in the brochures.

For the second year in a row, an interactive social media-based scavenger hunt offers visitors an opportunity to win awesome local art prizes by finding, posting and tagging art at the studios along the tour. Full scavenger hunt rules are available on the Chatham Artists Guild website and Facebook page, and you can play on



Work by Helen Kotsher

Facebook and/or Instagram.

Art takes courage in today's world. It's so tempting to blend in, fit in, fade into the background. Yet, artists emerge anyway. Seeing the world for what it is and what it isn't, these folks break the molds and offer gifts to the rest of us by sharing their creations. Take the tour to inspire your inner-artist and/or purchase one-of-a-kind gifts for loved ones (and yourself!) while enjoying the country-side of Chatham County, a true hidden-gem of the Triangle.

For further information visit (www. chathamartistsguild.org).

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts in Hillsborough Offers Holiday Show

Each holiday season the members of the Hillsborough Gallery of Arts in Hillsborough, NC, transform the gallery to showcase original ornaments and handmade gifts, on view through Dec. 31, 2016. The gallery's 21 members work in a variety of media, providing a wide array of art and fine craft for holiday shoppers.

The glass art includes hand-blown vessels, ornaments, solar lights, paperweights, and jewelry. Fiber art on display includes framed collage quilts and hand dyed stitched cloth, knitted scarves; and fabric handbags. The jewelry in the show covers a variety of styles and techniques, from copper and bronze to sterling and fine silver necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings, some with gold accents and

Visitors will also find metal sculpture, pottery, turned wood, enamels, and carved continued on Page 34

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