

# In The Grove by Rhonda McCanless

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The Randolph Arts Guild will host the 27th Annual North Carolina Potters Conference Mar. 7-9. Guest artists this year include Michelle Erickson, John Gill and Mark Shapiro. Presenters include Robert Hunter, Bill Carty, Brian Jones and Ben Carter.

The conference centers on simultaneous demonstrations. All demonstrations and presentations are scheduled for the entire group. Tickets are \$225, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and Lunch on Sunday. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by Feb. 15. For more information, visit ([www.RandolphArtsGuild.com](http://www.RandolphArtsGuild.com)).

Operating hours for Seagrove Orchids have changed. Effective immediately, business hours will be Friday and Saturday, from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday by

appointment. Internet orders will be processed over weekends and shipped out on Mondays and Tuesdays. Seagrove Orchids is located at 3451 Brower Mill Road. For more information, visit ([www.SeagroveOrchids.com](http://www.SeagroveOrchids.com)).

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## Tyler White O'Brien Art Gallery in Greensboro, NC, Offers Works by Heather Jordan

The Tyler White O'Brien Art Gallery in Greensboro, NC, will present an exhibit of works by Heather Jordan, on view from Feb. 7 through Mar. 16, 2014. A reception will be held on Feb. 7, from 6-8pm.



Work by Heather Jordan

The exhibit will introduce the vibrant artwork of Heather Jordan from Darlington, SC, who is a positive upbeat mid career self taught artist...no art degree – just daily determination to paint well with a splash of entrepreneurial spirit. Her glass is always half full even on a rainy day. Being a problem solver, Jordan really enjoys color and mixing paint until the right colors are created. From conception to completion she is constantly thinking of one thing, "Will this tell a story and will it make a home complete?" The greatest achievement to an artist is to be able to place artwork in the hands of someone who has the same vision as the creator. We all work hand in hand and the end result can bring tremendous visual joy in its final location.

Jordan's art is influenced so greatly on interaction with daily life. She paints in a studio that was a gift from her husband. He understands how much she truly enjoys painting. Being a truly happy person leads

to happy color combinations. Mixing and dividing paint takes some time but gives great color composition. She believes the subject matter needs to have a relationship that drives emotion to one's past or future. This is a focus for Jordan as space, color theory, scale, makes her a little dizzy trying to follow some sense of rules. "I will break them at times and is so freeing!"

As for Jordan, owning an art gallery for 6 years was her most important journey to painting. She was surrounded by pottery, paintings and so much creativity! But, her brushes dried and she was never at the easel. She closed the gallery last year and she picked up her old, dear paints, just diving in. She wants to create pieces that will work well in a home or corporate setting. "Art to me is a mystery and often I use a limited color palette and layered brushstrokes, to create some thought in the pieces. All art has a story that is waiting to be told. I create pieces that offer you your own personal journey," says Jordan.



Work by Heather Jordan

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 336/279-1124 or visit ([www.tylerwhite-gallery.com](http://www.tylerwhite-gallery.com)).

## The Artists League of the Sandhills in Aberdeen, NC, Features Works by Small Group of Local Artists

The Artists League of the Sandhills in Aberdeen, NC, will present *Wednesdays with Friends*, featuring works by a small group of oil painters, on view in the Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art, from Feb. 17 through Mar. 21, 2014. A reception will be held on Feb. 21, from 6-8pm.

This group of oil painters includes Deirdre LaCasse, Julie Martin, Mary Ann Halsted, Bonnie Hanly, and Pat Anderson. They have been painting together for over two years and are excited to share their work with the community.

The Artists League of the Sandhills is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1994 to promote interest in the visual arts by providing art education and a friendly environment in which to work, exhibit and sell members' artworks. Our gallery, The Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art, is located in historic downtown Aberdeen.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 910/944-3979 or visit ([www.artistleague.org](http://www.artistleague.org)).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Feb. 24th for the March 2014 issue and Mar. 24th for the April 2014 issue of *Carolina Arts*.

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