

NC Institutional Galleries

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series of images in the 1930s. The Harlem Document remains his best known body of work from this period. **Through June 9** - "The Philadelphia Story: Contemporary Figurative Work Drawn from the Academy". In addition to its fine museums, the city of Philadelphia, PA, is home to no less than five major art schools. The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts is the oldest art school and museum in the country, founded 1805. Like the Asheville Art Museum, the Academy's focus is on American art. The Academy also focuses on teaching traditional methods of working from life, such as classes in cast drawing and the use of live models for classes in drawing. Painting and sculpture dominate the school's curriculum, both in past and present. Academy faculty were most often Academy students first, affording many artists the ability to trace their artistic lineage back to noteworthy faculty and students such as Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, Cecilia Beaux, Henry O. Tanner, Robert Henri, Alexander Calder and others. **Through July 21** - "The Well-Made World". The Asheville Art Museum has an expansive Permanent Collection that includes fine craft objects representing key themes from the history of craft in the United States during the 20th and 21st centuries. This selection from the Museum's craft collection reveals the genre's consistent commentary on the world around us. Craft exists as an integral aspect of our ability to create and interpret objects of meaning. By considering key pieces from the Permanent Collection, such as Walter B. Stephen's "Creamer (Blue)" (1950) featured in the exhibition, we see a variety of ways in which craft responds to tradition in light of advances in technology and shifts in culture, both in a historic context as well as more contemporary examples. This exhibition explores the ongoing story of craft and its particular significance to Western North Carolina. This exhibition is curated by Karen Peltier, the Asheville Art Museum's Windgate Intern of the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design. **Through Sept. 1** - "A Sense of Balance: The Sculpture of Stoney Lamar." William Stoney Lamar (1951 -) has contributed exceptional skill and vision to the world of wood turning for over 25 years. Lamar attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a short period before leaving and working as a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War for two years. He later attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville followed by Appalachian State University, where he graduated in 1979 with a B.S. in Industrial Arts. It was not until the mid-1980s that Lamar began to work on a lathe and fully explore its utility in realizing his own artistry. **New Media Gallery, T -** ". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).



Work by Floyd Kemp

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 16 College Street, Asheville. **May 1 - 31** - "From My Garden," features a series of acrylic still life paintings of flowers and foliage from Floyd Kemp's garden combined with objects he has gathered. A reception will be held on May 3, from 5:30-8pm. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 28 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: M.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and first Fri. of the month till 8pm. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **Through June 1** - "John Urbain: No Ideas but in Things," an exhibition of collages and paintings by Black Mountain College alumnus John Urbain. The project includes a retrospective exhibition of Urbain's paintings and collages (including selected work from BMC), a publication, and a rich array of public programming, all designed to honor and recognize Urbain, sharing his work with a diverse audience in the WNC region and beyond. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Flood Gallery, Through May 25** - "Margaret Curtis: End of Empire". Curtis thinks making art is an abnormal activity, albeit a positive one. She states: "Art making, in my opinion, springs from imbalance. It is an attempt to provide truer meaning and order to a cultural world of smoke and mirrors. The culture that most people take for granted and never bother to question is a giant irritant to the artist. Even artists that make beautiful work do so from this raw, aching place." **Ongoing** - Dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging and mid career artists, as well as educating the public and furthering the understanding of contemporary art and its importance within the community and beyond. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/255-0066 or at (www.philmechanicstudios.com).

Guild Crafts of Southern Highland Craft Guild, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

NC Homespun Museum, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the Conway Collection of Appalachian Crafts, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conway, who began collecting over 40 years ago while visiting the Southern Highland Craftsman Fair at the Civic Center in downtown Asheville. They also collected pottery & other traditional crafts from the Crafts Center during the State Fairs in Raleigh. Hours: Mon.- Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

The Artery, Asheville Area Arts Council Gallery, 346 Depot Street, RAD, Asheville. **May 3 - 25** - "Ninth Annual Juried Student Art Show," sponsored by A-B Tech's Fine Art Department. A reception will be held on May 3, from 5-7pm. The annual show is an opportunity for AB Tech's Fine Art students to showcase their work. AB Tech has offered an Associate of Fine Arts Degree since 2003 and students pending a portfolio review are eligible for admission into a BFA program in area universities. The juried exhibition will include a variety of student work in painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics and digital art. This year's juror is Constance Richards Bora, author, editor, curator and director of the Grand Bohemian Gallery. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 828/423-2904 or at (<http://ashevillearts.com/>).

The Fine Arts League Gallery, 25 Rankin Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Located within the Fine Arts League of Asheville, the Gallery is devoted to the development of realist artists and features figure drawings, portraits, landscapes and still lifes. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/252-5050.



Work by Linda Azar

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through June 23** - "Haywood Community College Graduate Show." Graduates of Haywood's Professional Crafts Program will showcase their talents in wood, clay, fiber, metal and jewelry. This exhibition continues the historical relationship between the Folk Art Center and Haywood, an Educational Center Member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft

objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history - that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. **Focus Gallery, Through May 7** - Featuring clay works by Marti Mochabee and works in fiber by Bernie Rowell. **May 11 - June 30** - Featuring works in fiber by Norma Bradley and mixed media works by Rebecca Kempson. Hours: daily from 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Works in ceramics by regional and national artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm and Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/285-9700 or at (www.highwaterclays.com).

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. **YMI Conference Room, Ongoing** - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s-1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. **YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing** - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. **Entry, Ongoing** - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville
The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **Baker Exhibit Center, Through May 19** - "A Painter's Journey," featuring works by Ann Vasilik, which captures her travels at home and abroad. A native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Vasilik has lived in Asheville since 1988. As a farm girl growing up in Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Ann Vasilik's far-flung travels existed only in her imagination. But her Jamaican honeymoon with her naval officer husband in 1964 began a globe-trotting lifestyle that led to one exotic locale after another. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden year-round, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Gallery, May 6 - June 13** - "Annual Art in Bloom Exhibit," preceding the art and flowers Art in Bloom show June 13-15. Twenty-two works featured, both 2 and 3-dimensional, are on loan from regional galleries. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 10am-5pm; Thur. 11am-3pm; Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **May 4 - Oct. 31** - "Among Friends: Four Collections of American Art". **Ongoing** - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. The Museum will be free on Thursdays from 4-7pm. Hours: Tue., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur., 10am-7pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.org).

Parkway Craft Center, of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, at the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. **Ongoing** - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net).

Boone

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. **Ongoing** - The permanent exhibit area includes,

TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, Through June 1** - "V. Polish Artists Group Exhibition," featuring works by Maciej Guźniczak (Graphic), and Monika Kostrzewa (Fibers & Fashion Arts) among others. In the fall of 2010, representatives from the Turchin Center staff visited four cities and countless artists living and working in Poland. The goals of the trip were to research local art and artists and to lay the groundwork for future artist residencies, faculty, student and cultural exchanges. This exhibition, exploring the amazing contemporary work being created in 21st century Poland, is evidence of continuing partnerships in the visual arts which expand the center's and the university's international programming. The TCVA and the Office of International Education and Development have partnered to provide increased accessibility to programs deepening the Appalachian's community educational and cultural experience relating to Poland culture and the visual arts.

Mezzanine Gallery, Through Aug. 17 - "10th annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition." (AMPC) is a program of Appalachian's Outdoor Programs in partnership with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. The AMPC has become a prominent regional competition, attracting the work of amateur and professional photographers from across the country and allowing them the opportunity to celebrate the unique people, places and pursuits that distinguish the Southern Appalachian mountains. The competition was juried by Chip Williams, Jamey Fletcher, and Marie Freeman. **Gallery A and Mayer Gallery, Through Aug. 3** - "Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth: An Exploration of Ukara." Ukara is an indigo dyed cloth used by members of the Ekpe secret society in the Cross River area of Southeastern Nigeria, West Africa. The cloth includes graphic signs known as nsibidi. Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth is an exhibition exploring the history, variety of design patterns, process of creation, and the various uses based on research conducted by Eli Bantor over the last twenty-two years. This exhibition is presented in dialog with contemporary artist Victor Ekpuk who incorporates nsibidi designs in his work. **Mayer Gallery and Gallery B, Through Aug. 3** - "Victor Ekpuk I Drawing Memories." Ekpuk is an established Nigerian artist based in Washington, DC, whose art responds to his cultural background, the realities of his homeland, and his experiences as a global artist. "The central theme of my work is the exploration of the relationships, challenges and responses to changes that characterize the human condition." This exhibition is presented in dialog with Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth, by Dr. Bantor. **Catwalk Community Gallery, Through June 1** - "BFA Senior Studio Exhibition," organized by the Catherine J. Smith Gallery and the Department of Art with BFA Faculty Advisor, Michael Grady. This biannual is a celebration of the accomplishments of all senior art students seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Each student artist exhibits a body of work that best represents their individual concepts. Hours: 10am-6pm, Tue., Wed., Thur., & Sat. and Fri., noon-8pm. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchin-center.org).

Brasstown

Folk School Craft Shop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Olive D. Campbell Building, Brasstown. **Ongoing** - The shop represents more than 300 juried craftspeople and features an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary Appalachian craft, including jewelry, pottery, wood, fiber, ironwork, basketry and other disciplines. You'll find marquetry earrings, clay serving platters, turned-wood bowls, functional fireplace poker sets and many more unique items. The shop is also proud to be the home of the world-renowned Brasstown Carvers. A book room houses hundreds of instructional and celebratory books on everything from basketry to writing. Buy a few art supplies or a CD from our collection of traditional Appalachian music. You can take home a Folk School t-shirt, hat or bag as a souvenir. Find the perfect scenic postcard to tell everyone back home about your visit to the Folk School. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8am-5pm; Thur. til 6pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 800/365-5724 or at (www.folkschool.org).

Brevard

Downtown Brevard, May 24, 5-9pm - "Brevard 4th Friday Gallery Walk". Enjoy an evening stroll in downtown Brevard, NC as you explore the art galleries, art stores, retail stores and restaurants

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