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Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, Features Works by Jeanne Bessette

Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern, NC, will present an exhibit of works by contemporary abstract artist Jeanne Bessette, on view from May 8 through July 3, 2015. A reception will be held on May 8, from 5-8pm, during the downtown Art Walk.

"I've been told I'm a full pot of coffee, make that espresso... extra sugar," says Bessette. Her abstracts are representative of the internal landscapes of her emotions and faraway memories. Color, lines and shapes tell those stories. Her figures feel like friends who remind her: We are protected. We are safe. We are connected. We're so OK!

Bessette's paintings are a method of storytelling, a meditative way to elude the external world and immerse her in the world of emotions. The painting process begins at the large plastic-covered tables in her studio. Here she begins playing and experimenting with sponges, rags, fingers, pencils, palette knives or whatever she encounters in the moment of creation. Bessette states that her abstracts come to life, "when the painting begins to talk to me, my internal experience shifts, which then spills onto the canvas."



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Work by Jeanne Bessette

Bessette is then left with what she calls "internal landscapes," making the canvas come alive with stories and experiences. Her figures dance off the canvas and into life, connecting with others' stories.

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Watch" by Art Business News Magazine in 2011, Bessette was born in Massachusetts, but spent her youth in the state of Rhode Island. It was there that she attended the Rhode Island School of Photography and began her path towards becoming a professional artist. Bessette owned and operated a successful photography studio for thirteen years before she dedicated herself solely to painting.

Bessette received her first art kit at the age of four. She was that little tot who walked around the outside of the house (four times, to be exact) leaving a trail with a purple crayon. She was also the one who drew on the bottom of my mother's coffee table. She says now that she wishes she still had that coffee table.

Bessette sketched a lot growing up and took some small college fine art classes. She was told she had real talent. She was also told that artists can't make a living making art and she believed that part of the story, at *continued above on next column to the right*

least for a long time. She returned to taking some painting classes and even sculpted and threw pottery for a while, but painting started to take.

Bessette's favorite color is purple...to the point of ridiculous. When she puts purple Doc Martens on, she thinks she has super powers. She loves strawberries and caramel candy apples...not so much chocolate. She is a really good golfer. Bessette is also a wine snob, a total foodie and she cooks without recipes. In fact, recipes make her squeamish. She has accomplished more than she ever dreamed.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/634-9002 or visit (www.fineartatbaxters.com).

Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild Offers Annual Quilt Show in Morehead City, NC

"Southern Hospitality" is the theme of this year's Crystal Coast Quilters' Guild 32nd judged Quilt Show, to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16, 2015, at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell Street, Highway 70, Morehead City, NC, and nothing could be finer! The show is open from 9am-5pm, admission is \$7, with children under 12 admitted free. All creative aspects of modern-day quilting will be displayed at this biannual show. A diversity of block-pieced quilts including many traditional favorites, as well as a wide assortment of contemporary fabric art quilt wall hangings, cute and colorful kid's quilts, patriotic lap quilts and embellished miniature hangings will be displayed.

Special exhibits which will appeal to all age groups include a trunk show of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) *continued on Page 31*

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