

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts in Hillsborough, NC, Features Works by Nell Chandler, Ali Givens, and Michele Yellin

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts in Hillsborough, NC, will present *Serious Fun*, featuring jewelry by Nell Chandler, fiber art by Ali Givens, and paintings by Michele Yellin, on view from July 24 through Aug. 20, 2017. A reception will be held on July 28, from 6-9pm.

Nell Chandler writes, "For our show Serious Fun I have created some of my narrative jewelry about relationships, spirituality and just life. I have also made some of my more abstract pieces that have a tailored look. I always enjoy reaching back to my previous techniques and jewelry lines for inspiration, but this year feels different. I find the challenges of the world today burdening my heart. As a reaction to this heaviness, I find myself in the studio making pieces that are more lighthearted and happy."

Chandler continues, "Serious Fun definitely means something different to me today than when we chose our title last year. The title is both lighthearted and heavy, happy and sad. I now see these two words more as opposites. For this show I find myself creating pieces that are fun, but at the same time solid."



Work by Michelle Yellin

Painter and assemblage artist, Michele Yellin, often begins her work by placing a quote in the underpainting as way to start the process. Color is the language she uses with great boldness to say the things that cannot be expressed in words. As she layers the canvas with color she finds that figures and shapes begin to emerge. Much like a writer developing a cast of characters, she lets these shapes and figures tell her who they are. Yellin moves from philosophical to playful with deftness and a strong sense of her own artistic voice.

Yellin writes, "For *Serious Fun* I have created vibrant paintings and wooden folk art using texture, layers of color, and line. With these elements, I am exploring the reality that is inside the reality we see."

Fabric artist Ali Givens writes, "For Serious Fun I've worked on refining several fabric collages that I began years ago. For some pieces, such as "Orange Peacock" I



Work by Ali Givens, photo by Mort O'Sullivan

removed one element, the peacock, from the original quilt and built an entirely new composition. In another work, "Long Afternoon" I simplified the colors to create a completely new feeling. I've also revisited my favorite theme for other new work: the still life. Especially fun and challenging for me was incorporating my own interpretations of my fellow artists' paintings and pottery as elements in my own collages. Being inspired by my friends is always the most fun, serious fun."



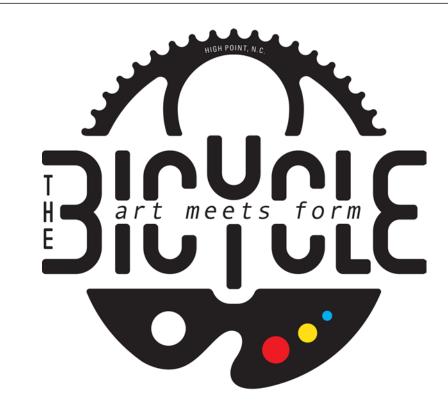
Work by Nell Chandler, photo by Frank Chandler

The Hillsborough Gallery of Arts (HGA) is owned and operated by 22 local artists and represents these established artists exhibiting contemporary fine art and fine craft. HGA's offerings include acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, textiles, jewelry, glass, metals, encaustic, enamel, and wood.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 919/732-5001 or visit

 $(\underline{www.HillsboroughGallery.com}).$

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be July 24th for the August 2017 issue and Aug. 24 for the September 2017 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com).



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