

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



Skyuka Fine Art in Tryon, NC

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Club, mountain scenes and much more. Artists include: Richard Christian Nelson, Michael McNamara, Gary Cooley, Shelia Wood Hancock, Linda Cheek and Keith Spencer. Skyuka also welcomes local fine art crafters Andy Costine, and Doug Dacey.

Costine is a woodworker (who uses salvaged wood from Western North Carolina) and his pieces are stunning; combining an organic as well as geometric design to his works. Dacey produces fine porcelain that is functional, as well as architectural and always inspired by colors and forms in nature.

Historic Tryon paintings from the Tryon colony artists Mazzanovich, Brown, Row-

ell, and Harrison-Barnes will also be available. As a special treat for our Trotters, local winery Parker-Binns will be bringing their tasting room to our gallery during the opening reception! Samples will be available and a stunning souvenir etched glass will be offered at \$5 for those who would love a full glass of their outstanding local wines.

Skyuka Fine Art is owned and operated by award winning artist Richard Christian Nelson and his wife Kim.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/817-3783 or visit (www.skyukafineart.com).

Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC, Offers Exhibit of Photography

The Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC, is pleased to announce their August exhibition, *SHOOT!*, featuring works by local photographers Jack Daulton, Curt Hiller, Dawn Mathews and Steve West along with Wake Forest, NC, photographer Sol Levine, on view from Aug. 3 - 24, 2012. A reception will be held on Aug. 3, from 5-7:30pm.



Work by Dawn Mathews

Jack Daulton is an award winning photographer living in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. Some of his award winning images have been featured in publications such as *Outdoor Photographer*, *American Photo* and *B&W* magazines. For 10 years Daulton was a regular contributing photographer to North Carolina's *Our State* magazine and his images have appeared on three covers. His images have also appeared in videos, on notecards, on phone book covers and in other regional publications.

Daulton says, "For me photography is not about the latest gadget or spending

hours in front of a computer. It's about being in a special place at a special time and connecting with whatever God has placed before me - then creating an expression of that experience". Although he has finally embraced the digital darkroom, Daulton jokes that he is not a "computer junky" but rather, prefers to focus on vision and artistry. "It's about simplicity and passion."

Curt Hiller says, "he reflect the ongoing beauty that is too often ignored and so often abused and taken for granted. My portfolio includes uniquely captured images of animals, plants, mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers and the changing skies above. My images are made in hopes to share 'chills,' yet also give a warming effect of bringing my audience along on my journeys. I believe the two most important points of the trade are, finding the subject matter that you have a special attraction for and learning to reproduce it as you like to visualize it for eternity. Each moment in time is precious. Photography started as a hobby for me and developed into a passion that remains and grows. Each time I click the shutter, the excitement is as exciting as my first photo. I proudly share my personal quotation and motto, 'Life: Love it and live it, before we leave it.'"

Sol Levine's award winning photography emphasizes flora, fauna and landscapes capturing the beauty and grace of the outdoors. He participates in wildlife and fine art shows in various locales. He

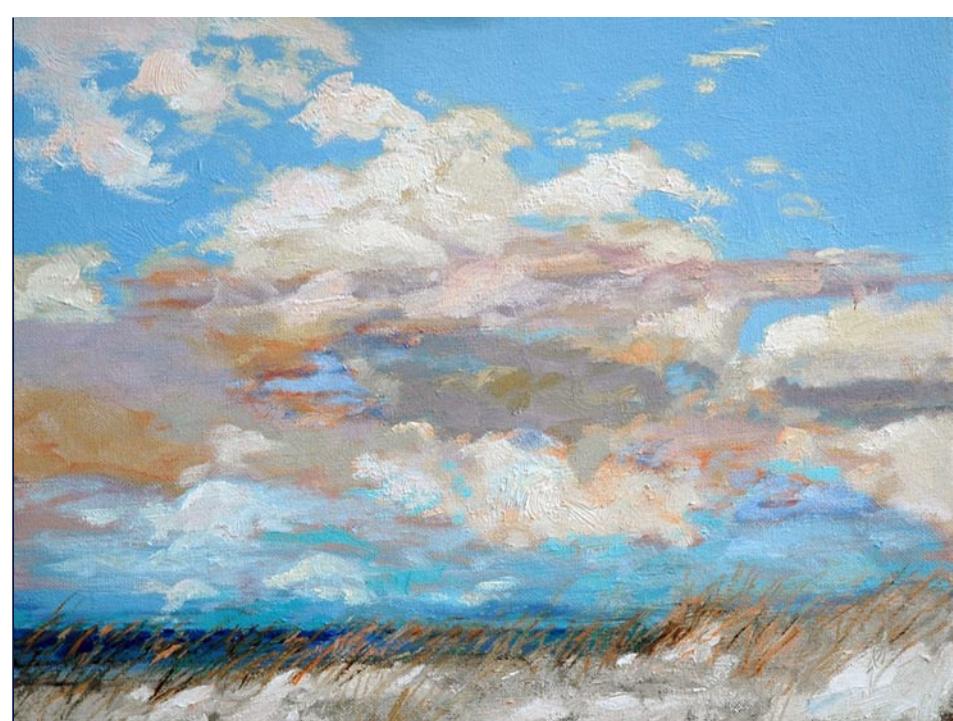
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is a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Artists Society, the Carolina Nature Photographer's Association, Wake Forest Arts, Canon Professional Services and, recently, the American Guild of Judaic Art. He is self-taught with some training through the NY Institute of Photography and some seminars.

Dawn Mathews is an artist, photographer, and soap maker originally from Hudson, NC. She attended Stratford

College of Art and Design on Hilton Head Island, SC, for art and photography. She has been doing photography since the 8th grade when she bought her first SLR camera and taught herself how to use it. In High School she was school photographer for two years. Since college Mathews has taken photographs of countless families, weddings, and individuals.

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Morning Sky Over Lake Michigan

11 x 14 inches

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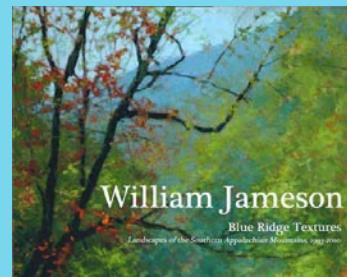
August 20 - 24 "Escape to Lake Michigan"

October 15 - 19 "Fall on the Blue Ridge" (plein air/studio in Saluda, NC)

My workshops are limited in size to 12 participants and early registration is encouraged. Beginners to advanced are welcome and materials lists, directions and schedules will be sent to all registrants. In keeping with today's economy I have changed the rates on some of my workshops.

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