

Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC

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describes the work of Henry G. Michaux as "...part of a neo-pop/junk/funk/figurative/non-objective narrative that can fit firmly into a number of artistic generational contexts." Michaux's works derive their power from his keen observation of socio-cultural nuance filtered through a lens of intellectual vigor that translates complex subjects into whimsically acceptable art forms.

Michaux remains true to himself as he touches those among us who are willing to buy into his aesthetic sojourn. It is hoped, that by viewing this exhibition, we provide a platform for an experience that may move each of its viewers to a level of unparalleled individual discovery.

The upstairs gallery exhibit, *Thinking Inside the Box*, will feature artwork surrounding or containing a box, assem-

blage elements, encaustic and other mixed media created by Caldwell County art educators. Jane Wells Harrison and Bob Ebendorf proposed this show concept to provide a show opportunity and a new project idea to the art educators in Caldwell County.

The Caldwell Arts Council mission is to establish and maintain an awareness and appreciation of cultural arts in Caldwell County, to encourage participation in art events, and to offer various educational opportunities and administrative services in support of artists, arts agencies, and audiences.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 828/754-2486 or visit (www.caldwellarts.com).

Toe River Arts Council in Spruce Pine, NC, Offers Works by H. Allen Benowitz

The Toe River Arts Council in Spruce Pine, NC, will present an exhibit of photographic works by H. Allen Benowitz, on view in the Arts Resource Center, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 10, 2016. A reception will be held on Aug. 26, from 5-7pm.

This special two-week exhibition will catalogue his impressions from his travels in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Bhutan.

Benowitz's passion began as a child snapping pictures of friends. It evolved over the decades with divergent career paths until finally resurfacing. The first photograph he submitted for recognition received honorable mention in the International Kodak Contest. From there, a professional court reporting and video career, segued to photography, and the accolades followed from featured articles and exhibitions to national and international honors and awards.

Benowitz's camera captures the serenity of the Himalaya's in Bhutan, a land of monasteries, dzongs and dramatic topography; of Nepal, birthplace of Buddha and the highest peak in the world; of the tropics and plains of the island nation Sri Lanka, off the south coast of India; and of yet another island, but of lights and continuous excitement—Singapore, wrapped inside the tip of Malaysia. To be noted is that Nepalese photographs were taken shortly prior to the earthquake in April of 2015. They preserve the many beautiful, historical sites and architectural treasures razed by the devastation.

Benowitz has lectured extensively on his journeys, exhibited nationally, and



Work by H. Allen Benowitz

has his work in collections and galleries around the country.

The Toe River Arts Council is a 501C-3 nonprofit and is supported by donations, memberships, local government support, grants (including the North Carolina Arts Council, a Division of the Natural and Cultural Resources Department) and earned income from its events and sales.

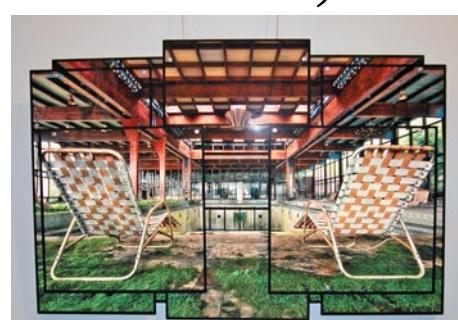
For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call TRAC at 828/765-0520 or visit (www.toeriverarts.org).

Arts Council of Henderson County Present Annual Exhibition in Flat Rock, NC

The Arts Council of Henderson County will present the 13th annual *Bring Us Your Best* art exhibition, on view in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall of the TEDC building at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, NC, from Aug. 5 - 19, 2016. A reception will be held on Aug. 5, from 5-7pm.

First (\$250), second (\$150), and third (\$100) place awards will be presented in four categories: 2-dimensional art, 3-dimensional art, fine craft, and photography. In addition, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville is sponsoring and selecting the "One Planet, One World" award. The winning artwork will be the best representation of a world community recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of all beings, and the oneness and interdependence of all life.

For a fourth year, an Artist's Choice award will be sponsored and presented by two artist patrons. This award is selected by all artists who have work in the show. The Artist's Choice award winner will be announced at the opening, and will receive a \$300 cash prize.



"It's Always Summer", photograph by Walter Arnold, 2015 1st Place, Photography

The Starving Artist Art Supply and Custom Framing Shop is sponsoring the People's Choice Award, which will be announced on Friday, Aug. 19, 2016, the last day of the exhibition. This award winner will be determined by the votes of all gallery visitors who will be encouraged to cast votes for their favorite piece in the show, and will receive a \$250 gift certificate from The Starving Artist. Ten Honorable Mention awardees will receive \$25 gift certificates from The Starving

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Artist at the reception.

All artwork displayed at *Bring us Your Best* is for sale. Regular gallery hours will be 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday,

and 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.acofhc.org).

Art Works Brevard NC in Brevard, NC, Features Works by Steve Owen

Art Works Brevard NC in Brevard, NC, will present *Etude with Black And White*, featuring works by photographer Steve Owen, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2016/ A reception will be held on Aug. 26, from 6-9pm.

Owen's photographs consist of new work in black and white, which capture the essence of shapes and mood in the landscape.

Brevard residents are familiar with Owen as owner of a top-flight real estate agency in Brevard. Many, however, may not know about his beloved avocation of photography. Owen says, "Photography for me is a form of meditation. It forces me to slow down and be in the moment."

As a consequence of this meditative approach, Owen focuses on scenic shots rather than images with lots of activity. In the past, he chronicled the beauty of North Carolina waterfalls and winter scenes, the Blue Ridge, and the coast of North Carolina in vibrant color.

For this show, however, "I explored using black and white photography," relates Owen. "This is relatively new for me and I find it makes me concentrate more on the subject, rather than get engrossed in



Work by Steve Owen
the lush greens and other colors that we so commonly find in this area. I try to keep my compositions simple."

The photos for this show are all printed on metal. "Again, something new for me," Owen reveals.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or call 828/553-1063.

Toe River Arts Council in Burnsville, NC, Offers Works by Marthanna Yater

The Toe River Arts Council in Burnsville, NC, will present *Growing Together*, a photographic study of the evolution of twin sisters and a photographer documenting their lives, by Marthanna Yater, on view in the Burnsville TRAC Gallery, from Aug. 13 through Sept. 24, 2016. A

reception will be held on Aug. 13, from 5-7pm. The twin sisters, Hannah and Molly Levin, will be present.

North Carolina-based photographer, Marthanna Yater, will present her decades-long study of twin sisters. The genesis

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