North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, Features Works by Willie Thorne

North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, will present *POP*, featuring wood reliefs by local artist, Willie Thorne, on view in the Mims Art Gallery, from Jan. 14 through Feb. 14, 2021.

Self-taught artist Willie Thorne will be exhibiting his wonderfully crafted, painted wood constructed wall reliefs at Wesleyan College's Mims Art Gallery in the Dunn Center.

Thorne is a graduate of Rocky Mount schools. After a hitch in the Army he went to work at Firestone in Wilson, NC. Inspired to woodworking by his father, Thorne began making his painted wood cut outs about 30 years ago with his first being a portrait of his daughter. Friends and workmates asked for family portraits and commissions followed.



Work by Willie Thorne

Cartoon characters have continued to be popular subjects for his wood reliefs as have patriotic and religious subjects such as The Passion which was acquired by the Four Sisters Gallery of Self-Taught Visionary Art and transferred to NC State's



Work by Willie Thorne

Gregg Museum 2015. Often inspired by newsworthy subject matter his recent work memorializes the late Kobe Bryant and daughter who died in a tragic plane crash in California.

Never settling or standing still as an artist, Thorne will select challenging subjects and is a peerless craftsman in wood working and paint...recently adding collaged materials to his artworks.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/469-8577 or e-mail to (eadelman@ncwc.edu).

SIOUR SCIENT SHOW & SALE SHOW DATES: APRIL 3 – APRIL 11, 2021 Hannah Block Community Arts Center Interested Artists are Encouraged to Visit www.WilmingtonArt.org For Full Prospectus and Application. Registration January 10th – February 26th, 2021 Presented by the Wilmington Art Association

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, Offers Show of Views of the Water

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, will present, *Water Views*, a group show of paintings in oil, acrylic, mixed media, and pastel, on view from Jan. 6 - 30, 2021.

The exhibition will include works by Connie Winters, Carol Iglesias, Nancy Hughes Miller, Sherry Thurston, Roger Tatum, Richard Staat, Jeri Tsistinas, Rachel Sunnell, Roseann Bellinger, Kathy Duckworth, George Krobatsch, Ruth Cox, M.T. McClanahan, Karen Casciani, R.L. Thomas, and Vicki Neilon.

"We love this particular collection," said gallery owner Ginny Lassiter. "It's a beautiful blend of ocean views, marsh scenes, creeks and rivers. I hope everyone can come by to enjoy it."



Work by M.T. McClanahan

Located in coastal Brunswick County, Sunset River Marketplace caters to both tourists and a growing local community of full time residents seeking fine art for their homes and businesses. Featuring work by approximately 150 North and South Carolina artists, the eclectic gallery is well known in the area for its collection of oil paintings, watermedia, pastels, photography, handblown glass, fused glass, pottery and clay sculptures, turned and carved wood, unique



Work by Ruth Cox

home décor items and artisan jewelry. There are two onsite kilns and five wheels used by the gallery's pottery students. Art classes are currently being offered on a limited basis. Call the gallery for details.

Special Covid 19 Notice: To meet North Carolina State mandates, Sunset River Marketplace requires that patrons wear face coverings and requires the use of hand sanitizer plus six-foot social distancing between gallery visitors and at the cash register. The gallery staff conducts thorough cleaning of surfaces upon opening and closing and during the day and has placed complimentary hand sanitizer throughout the gallery for visitor use.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit

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

Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, Offers Two New Exhibitions

The Craven Arts Council in New Bern, NC, will present two new exhibits including: the *Annual Exhibition of Valentine Cards*, on view in the Main Gallery, from Jan. 5 - 31, 2021, and *The Trouble is You*

Think You Have Time, featuring works by Brenda Hayun, on view in the Director's Gallery, from Jan. 5 - 31, 2021. A reception will be held for both exhibits on Jan.

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Selection of Valentine's Cards for sale

8, from 5-8pm.

The Craven Arts Council and the Twin Rivers Artists Association are proud to present the 2021 Craven County Valentine's Day Card Sale. Created by students in all grades in Craven County Schools, all proceeds are donated to Craven County art teachers for purchasing classrooms supplies.

Priced at \$3.50 each, these affordable Valentines gifts help fund arts education in Craven County, by donating all proceeds for the purchase of art supplies. The cards were created by the public school students during their arts class, and include a wide range of grades, skill levels, and techniques. This year's sale was made possible by funding and support from Craven Arts Council and Twin Rivers Artists Association, a local artist guild. The mission of both organizations believes in the importance of arts education, for students of all levels.

The Trouble is You Think You Have Time is an exhibit of photography by Brenda Hayun in the Director's Gallery.

Hayun is local photographer of nature and this will be her first time exhibiting work in the Bank of the Arts. She has been a resident of Carteret County for the past 22 years. She is a wife, mother of three daughters, small business owner in Emerald Isle and former nurse. She has always had a passion for photography and this passion has led her to win several local photography contests.



Work by Brenda Hayun

Photography became a therapeutic escape for Hayun after the passing of her father. Driven by nature and beautiful landscapes, Hayun uses a Mavic drone and a Canon camera to capture images of the Crystal Coast. This exhibition is no different and is filled with images of the beautiful North Carolina coast.

For more info check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 252/638-2577 or visit (www.cravenarts.org).

