



## Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Offers Group Show with Focus on Winter

The Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *Winter Magic*, as its annual group exhibition, featuring works by 20 participating artists, on view from Dec. 2 through Jan. 31, 2023. A reception will be held on Dec. 2, from 5-8pm.



Work by Bee Adams

Compared to the showy colors of autumn, winter can be seen as a drab time of year, but from an artist's viewpoint, it is a time of magic. Picture the soft, subtle light of winter, casting reflections and shadows of peach, amber, cerulean, and violet; the dazzling brightness of snow across a landscape; the quiet, peaceful, stillness of a walk along a snowy forest path; the awe inspiring



Work by Zoe Schumaker

sight of snow capped mountains; or the joy of winter holidays filled with light and love and hope. These subjects and more form the inspiration for our upcoming exhibition. Here you will find an array of paintings that will warm your heart and carry you through the cold winter months.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/251-5796 or visit ([www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com](http://www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com)).

## American Folk Art in Asheville, NC, Offers Its Favorite Things

American Folk Art in Asheville, NC, is presenting *A Few of Our Favorite Things*, on view through Dec. 30, 2022. A reception on Dec. 2, from 5-7pm.

It's the most wonderful time of the year, y'all! The American Folk Art elves have been hard at work for many months gathering spirited artwork to honor this season of light. Whether you are choosing a gift or choosing to gift yourself, there is something for everyone in *A Few of Our Favorite Things*.

Ready to make your season bright, we will debut new artwork from 15 of our artists! Wood carvings from renowned Kentucky carvers Lonnie & Twyla Money; new framed woodblock prints from Kent Ambler; hand-carved songbirds from Ivy Billiot; new paintings from Cornbread, Ellie Ali, & Michael Banks; strikingly carved wood reliefs from Doug Frati, pottery from Carl Block, Wayne Hewell, & Ben J. North,



Work by Buddy Snipe

and sculptural assemblages from the one and only Buddy Snipe! Liz Sullivan, whose artwork will be featured on the US Capitol Christmas Tree this year, will share a selection of seasonal vignette paintings, small enough to be affixed to a garland or bough.

Looking to gift a unique tree ornament this year? We've got you covered!

Hand-carved and painted 'critter' ornament

ments from Lonnie & Twyla Money will be back in the gallery, a continuation of one of the American Folk's longest holiday traditions! Carl Block and Wayne Hewell have been busy creating 'dinky' face jugs, just the right size to hang from a bough. And, as a new addition this year, our very own North Carolina potter Ben J. North has created a selection of wood-fired ornaments patterned with intricately carved lines and decorations... a gorgeous addition to any tree and lovely enough to remain in your

home all year round.

To say the least, we'll be celebrating the spirit of the season in our traditionally unconventional way!

Join us in whatever way you can, as we celebrate the culmination of another year and prepare to welcome the coming year with joy in our hearts!

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/281-2134 or visit ([www.amerifolk.com](http://www.amerifolk.com)).

## Blue Spiral 1 in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Coralie Tweed

Blue Spiral 1 in Asheville, NC, is presenting *Coralie Tweed: For the Love of Trees*, on view in the Showcase Gallery, through Dec. 28, 2022.

Tweed finds her inspiration in nature. Her vibrant pastel, oil and gouache paintings capture the light and shadow of ever-changing atmospheric conditions. Creating a kind of visual poetry, her mountain ranges, low country marshes, forests, and streams come to life.

Tweed received her BA and MFA degrees from East Tennessee State University. She spent a year studying painting at the Sorbonne and the atelier Le Grande Chaumiere in Paris. Tweed's paintings have been exhibited extensively throughout the United States, including the National Museum of Women in the Arts (DC) and Wellington House (VA). Her work is also in numerous collections including the Reece Museum (TN), Hunter Museum of American Art (TN), Knoxville Museum of Art (TN), Mint Museum (NC), Tennessee State Museum, Bank of America (NC), Blue Cross/Blue Shield (TN), First American Bank (SC & TN) and the Opryland Hotel (TN). Coralie currently works from her studio in Tennessee.

Blue Spiral 1 was opened by founder, John Cram (1948 - 2020), on New Year's Eve of 1990 with a vision of creating a home for the many artists who had settled in the region in the mid-to-late 20th century. Additionally, he needed a suitable space to exhibit the recently acquired estate of Southern Modernist, Will Henry Stevens (1881 - 1949).

At the time Cram opened Blue Spiral 1, Asheville was a shell of itself. Having suffered through the post-industry recession, downtown buildings were boarded up and artists were moving to the area because the rent was cheap and the scenery inspiring. Cram recognized a need, took a chance,



Work by Coralie Tweed

and made an investment that altered the trajectory of visual culture in Asheville. What was once a defunk radio supply shop flanked by an adult theatre and plumbing supply store, is now one of the largest and busiest galleries in the South. Three decades later, Blue Spiral 1 is the heart of a booming art scene in downtown Asheville.

For 30 years, Blue Spiral 1 has exhibited work by artists and makers in a three-story, multi-gallery setting. Maintaining a diverse and extensive exhibition schedule, the gallery presents over 25 shows annually. Thematic group exhibitions and individual artist showcases rotate in the Main and Lower Level galleries every other month, while the gallery's Upper Level features a wide array of works by over 100 represented artists.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/251-0202 or visit ([www.bluespiral1.com](http://www.bluespiral1.com)).