

NC Institutional Galleries

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Lake Norman Art League Gallery, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at (www.LKNart.org).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. The gallery, which has expertise in a number of different art media with a significant focus on paintings, will also be part of a larger planned expansion that includes open artist studios and a dining concept. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm or by appt. Contact: Neely Verano at (neely@lacaprojects.com) or call 704/609-8487.

Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (www.museumofthenewsouth.org).

McColl Center for Art + Innovation, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **First-floor Gallery, Through May 1** - "Spaces Between". Over the past year, the steadfast belief in two choices—right or wrong, yes or no, black or white—has shaken American society to the core. Alternative ideas and ideals have been forced into the tension and discomforts of the gray areas to reveal powerful beauty in intersection. Spaces Between explores this dimension where contrasting concepts meet through the work of winter/spring 2021 artists-in-residence Anna G. Dean, Rehab El Sadek, Lorena Mal, and Sharon Norwood. Through visual collisions of light and shadow, sound and movement, Anna G. Dean, artist-in-residence in partnership with Atrium Health, explores chance and order. Her layered, multi-dimensional paintings join linear mapping with the chaotic and organic forms of natural and human-made worlds. Born in Egypt, Rehab El Sadek builds bridges between ancient history and recent memory to create structural forms using a combination of contemporary media and Egyptian architecture. Following a move to the United States, her investigation expands to the immigrant experience and what it means to belong. With a similar interest in the past, Lorena Mal recontextualizes objects and sound to question how we keep time, claim space, and connect identity to place. Using cultural artifacts and manufactured goods, her performance and installation pieces raise questions of history, politics, and power. Like Mal, the implications of manufactured goods continue in Sharon Norwood's work. Her porcelain tea sets, covered with vinyl prints of 4c hair, confront our penchant for singularly constructed definitions of race and femininity. Her paintings adopt the visual language of the coil to build environments that challenge the legitimacy or definition of space. Hours: Call about visiting. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Visit the Mint Museum at Home** at (<https://mintmuseum.org/museum-from-home/>). **Bridges and Levine Galleries, Ongoing** - "Contemporary British Studio Ceramics: The Grainer Collection". Focused on the collection of Diane and Marc Grainer, this installation is a survey of contemporary British studio ceramics. Comprising functional and sculptural objects made between the 1980s and today, the show features work by artists either born or residing in Great Britain, including established "contemporary classics" like Gordon Baldwin and Rupert Spira, and cutting-edge ceramicists such as Julian Stair and Kate Malone. Several recently-gifted works from the Grainers are included. **Alexander, Spangler, and Harris Galleries, Ongoing** - "Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675 - 1825". The Mint Museum's collection of eighteenth-century British pottery and porcelain is widely respected for its scope and quality. The collection numbers over 2,000 objects and includes important examples of both salt-glazed

and dry-bodied stoneware from Staffordshire; tin-glazed earthenware from Bristol, Liverpool, and London; and cream-colored earthenware from Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire. Notable eighteenth-century porcelain factories represented include Chelsea, Bow, and Vauxhall in London, Longton Hall in Staffordshire, Worcester, Bristol, and others. Individual works in the collection are exceptional because of their rarity, craftsmanship, provenance, or as representative examples of particular types or methods of production or decoration. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Bearden's. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Ami Vitale, "Ripple Effect", 2009. Photographer @amivitale

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Level 4 Brand Gallery, Through July 25** - "W/ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine". On Nov. 9, 2019, the world celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Berlin Wall coming down. Most can easily call up images from that exhilarating evening in 1989: young Germans in T-shirts and jeans destroying the concrete dividers with sledgehammers, armed soldiers looking on with stoic reserve, people rushing through holes and rubble to embrace their counterparts on the other side. The world saw the joy of people uniting, and as the end of the 20th century approached, the toppled wall felt like the dawn of a new age of reason. As the violence of World War II receded into history, it appeared that so, too, was the ancient, simple brutality of dividing people with walls. **Now** - The Mint Museum's new four-story installation "Foragers" offers a transcendent experience while

celebrating the tradition of women as makers and providers. Unlike anything ever seen at The Mint Museum before, Brooklyn-based artist Summer Wheat's "Foragers" is a monumental piece of public work of art spanning 96 windows, four stories, and 3,720 square feet at Mint Museum Uptown's Robert Haywood Morrison Atrium. The myriad of vibrant panels that give the illusion of stained glass and celebrates the tradition of women as makers and providers. "Foragers" is part of a larger exhibition "In Vivid Color," which brings together four innovative contemporary artists—Wheat, Gisela Colon, Spencer Finch, and Jennifer Steinkamp—who create works celebrating the power of color and its ability to permeate the space around us. Their work is juxtaposed with a selection of paintings and works on paper, drawn primarily from The Mint Museum's permanent collection, which showcase artists' more traditional exploration of color. **Ongoing** - "El Tajín: Photographs and Drawings by Michael Kampen". El Tajín is a UNESCO World Heritage archeological site located in northern Veracruz, Mexico, one of the largest and most important cities of classical era Mesoamerica. It is home to hundreds of carved sculptures which have deteriorated over time due to acid rain and wind erosion. Drawings created by Dr. Michael Kampen, now a retired professor emeritus of art history, are the best representations in existence of the site sculptures at El Tajín. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown houses the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Now Fri. till 9pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Alice Ballard, "Ming Rose", photo by Amelia Zytka

Overcash Art Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through May 27** - "My Mother Took the Ming Rose out of the Cradle," featuring works by Alice Ballard. Ballard's new exhibition merges the past with the present while looking toward the future as she combines new and old works into a unique gallery show. "My Mother Took the Ming Rose out of the Cradle" is a poetic line of words deeply connected to Ballard. The ming rose, in Ballard's life, is a common thread representing some of her darkest and most joyful moments. The ceramic works of art Ballard crafts echo the natural world around her in their organic shapes and natural pigments. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Light Factory, 1817 Central Avenue, Charlotte. **Through May 21** - "Dead Reckoning: Bryce Lankard". "Dead Reckoning" is a thirty-five-year retrospective exhibition culled from images "that often did not end up living in some defined project." **Through May 21** - "In the Line of Sight: Joshua Galloway". "In the Line of Sight" is an exhibition that explores the intersection of humanity and activism on the front lines. To be in someone's line of sight means you are visible. So many times in life I feel like black people aren't visible. Folks think that racism and power projection from law enforcement don't exist if you don't see it or experience it. I decided to document the George Floyd protest in Charlotte, NC, to show that this can happen right in your own backyard. Hours: by appt only. Contact: 704/333-9755 or at (www.lightfactory.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.ftc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Charlotte **Novant Health SouthPark Family Physicians**, 6324 Fairview Road #201, Charlotte. **Apr. 12 - Sept. 3** - "2021 Novant Health Student Art Show," featuring works by Central Piedmont Community College art students. Call 704/384-0588 for hours and restrictions in viewing this exhibit.

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsalil Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at about 300. Hours: open daily, year round, with seasonal hours. Contact: 828/497-3103 or at (www.cherokee-nc.com).

Columbia

Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft and Contemporary Craft Gallery, 201 Main Street, Columbia. **Ongoing** - Arts School of Fine Craft is eastern North Carolina's premier hand-craft education center offering workshops, community programs, artist residences and gallery space. The Pocosin Gallery exhibits and sells work by current and former Pocosin resident artists, and students from around the country. Knowledgeable staff provides information about Pocosin Arts' programs, artists, studios and community involvement. The Pocosin Gallery in addition to Pocosin Art studios, lodge, and exceptional programming provides a unique destination for visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 252-796-2787 or at (<https://pocosinarts.org/>).

Cullowhee

Fine Art Museum, Fine & Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. **Now** - The WCU Fine Art Museum is currently offering an interactive 360° virtual tour of the exhibition, "Cultivating Collections: Paintings, Ceramics, and Works by Latinx and Latin American Artists". This multi-year series of exhibitions highlight specific areas of the WCU Fine Art Museum's Collection, which includes over 1,800 works of art in a wide range of media by artists of the Americas. As the Museum's holdings increase, either through donations or purchases, it is essential for the Museum to evaluate strengths, identify key acquisition areas, and also pinpoint where significant change is needed. Throughout the fall more virtual events will be available, learn more at arts.wcu.edu/cultivatingcollections. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 1-4pm. Contact: 828/227-3591 or at (<https://www.wcu.edu/bardo-arts-center/fine-art-museum/>).

Dillsboro

Jackson County Green Energy Park, 100 Green Energy Park Rd., Dillsboro. **Ongoing** - Featuring art created with renewable energy featuring blown glass, forge-hammered metals, ceramics. The Jackson County Green Energy Park (JCGEP) utilizes clean, renewable energy resources to encourage economic development, provide environmental protection, and offer educational opportunities that together will help lead towards a more sustainable future for Western North Carolina. Hours: Tue.-Thur., 1-4pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/631-0271 or at (www.jcgep.org).

Durham

Liberty Arts Gallery, 918 Pearl Street in the Cleveland-Holloway neighborhood of East Durham. **Ongoing** - Liberty Arts is a nonprofit arts community whose collaborative practice reflects the dynamic personality of Durham. Our mission is to expand access to three-dimensional art and share the skills required to make it. All are welcome to take part through hands-on classes, public events, mentorships, and commissions. Liberty Arts believes in community outreach and encourages visionary thinking. Founded in 2001, Liberty Arts serves as an incubator in which artists work together to teach, learn, and inspire. All artists also take on public and private commissions, in addition to exhibiting and selling their work at the Liberty Arts Gallery. Hours: call for hours. Contact: 919-260-2931, e-mail at (info@libertyartsnc.org) or at (www.libertyartsnc.org).

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