

NC Institutional Galleries

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Bliss Gallery, established by Holy Angels, 25 N. Main Street, Belmont. **Ongoing** - Holy Angels established Bliss Gallery to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists during special exhibitions. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Harmony Heslop at 704/280-9475, e-mail at (blissgallery@holyanagelsnc.org) or visit (www.holyangelsnc.org).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 4100 Raleigh Street, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - CAL houses one of the area's largest collections of local professional and emerging artists, offering affordable fine art in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture, and fiber art. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Davidson College, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every/Smith Galleries, Through May 5** - "2021 Graduating Seniors - Studio Art Majors," including works by Rebecca Cobo, Adelle Patten, Chloe Pitkoff, and Isaac Scharbach, with progressing exhibits. **Ongoing** - While on campus, be sure to take a tour of our Campus Sculpture. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at (www.davidson-collegeartgalleries.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through Aug. 5** - "2021 Annual Juried Student Art Show' Exhibition". Each year, Central Piedmont Community College's Visual Arts Department hosts the Annual Juried Student Art Show, recognizing student works in ceramics, 2D and 3D design, drawing, jewelry, painting, photography, print-making and sculpture. The juror for this year's Student Show is Sensoria artist Alice Ballard, a South-Carolina-based clay artist whose work is deeply inspired by the natural world around her. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through July 31** - "Vision & Spirit I African American Art Works From The Bank Of America Collection," curated by Dexter Wimberly. "Vision & Spirit" is an exhibition composed of more than 100 paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, and mixed media works by 48 artists born in the 19th and 20th centuries. Highlighting key aspects of their lives, as well as the important objects they created, the exhibition focuses on these artists' strength and resilience as creative forces whose work continues to shape our understanding of the world. In selecting work for the exhibition, guest curator Dexter Wimberly sought images and concepts that embody the exhibition's central theme of resilience. Throughout this process he continually reflected on the social and political times in which the works of art were created. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Thur. - Sat., noon-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Extended hours from noon-8pm on Fridays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at (www.ganttcenter.org).

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 ceram-

ics 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" Beardens. **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).

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).

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



Works by Alice Ballard

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.-Wed., from 10am-2pm (by appointment, gallery director available), & Thur. and Fri. (by appointment but no gallery director from 10am-2pm). APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO COVID, e-mail Amelia Zytka, Gallery Coordinator at (amelia.zytka@cpcc.edu). She will get back to you with your requested day and time along with directions to the gallery in the Overcash Center as well as easy short term parking in the front drive of Overcash Complex. Due to COVID all visitors to the college are required to fill out a Health Acknowledgement Form at (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_VOi_IaUYae3qXpGqQC8KhRrnynm9vQvCD9Kyu3lBMVrLA/viewform) prior to arrival. 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).



Work by Joshua Galloway

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.ftcc.org).

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