

NC Institutional Galleries

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Annie Leibovitz, “James Turrell,” Flagstaff, Arizona, 2019. Photo courtesy of the artist ©Annie Leibovitz. - Mint Uptown

her early black-and-white work to her more recent, painterly conceptual portraits, the exhibition showcases the breadth and depth of her creative journey. Visitors will enjoy the exhibition in an engaging dual format, with prints on paper complemented by cutting-edge digital displays. This immersive presentation highlights both the timeless quality of her work and her embrace of new photographic technologies. Special exhibition admission: +\$10. **Through Sept. 21** - “DaRemen J.: the longest way home”. DaRemen J. composes the seen and unseen in his photographic and filmmaking processes, creating visual matter that reveals subtleties and depth of character. His practice and presence exist as co-conspirators in what he describes as “method shooting,” capturing sight, sound, and sentiment that echo of emotional attunement and resonance beyond media. Spanning two decades, and clarified by lineages of afro-surrealists, futurists, and image-makers, DaRemen has honed his artistry into a vehicle for deeper connection, Black liberation, and imaginative world-building. Since childhood, the artist displayed a keen sensitivity to detail and the world’s visual textures, nostalgically noting the warm and fuzzy feelings seen in fast-food packaging and classic 90s commercials. **Through Mar. 22, 2027** - “Across the Nation,” featuring masterpieces from the National Gallery of Art. As part of the “Across the Nation” initiative, works by Edgar Degas, Georgia O’Keeffe, and Alma Thomas will be on display, offering a unique lens into the American experience through art. These iconic pieces explore themes of beauty, movement, and abstraction, providing a compelling dialogue on the nation’s cultural legacy. The Mint Museum is honored to be one of 10 institutions throughout the United States selected to participate in the unprecedented program. “This partnership is a remarkable opportunity for our community to experience firsthand some of the most celebrated works in the National Gallery’s collection,” says Todd Herman, PhD, president and CEO of The Mint Museum. **Through Nov. 9** - “Ever Present: Romare Bearden and Music”. From his earliest paintings to his final collages, music was a recurring theme in Romare Bearden’s art. This selection of more than a dozen examples of Bearden’s work, drawn entirely from The Mint Museum’s rich holdings, highlights some of the many ways that the artist explored musical subjects in drawings, prints, and collages. Music was a foundational part of Bearden’s life. His father, Howard, was a pianist and organist, and other members of his extended family had musical talents as well. A grand piano enlivened their apartment in Harlem, which was visited by a variety of musicians who were close friends of the family, including Fats Waller and Duke Ellington. **Craft + Design Galleries, Ongoing** - "Craft in the Laboratory: The Science of Making Things," is the first installation in the Southeast to explore how craft artists and designers use science and math concepts when creating works of art. Presented by Müller Corporation, Craft in the Laboratory also celebrates a reinstallation of the Mint’s Craft + Design Galleries—the first since 2010. Co-curated by the Mint’s Senior Curator of Craft, Design, and Fashion Annie Carlano and Assistant Curator for Craft, Design, and Fashion Rebecca Elliot, "Craft in the Laboratory" includes 100 works from the Mint’s collection that are made from precious metals, wood, steel, polymers, and even agricultural waste, that emphasize the preciseness of science used to craft works of art. Made by nationally and internationally renowned artists, the objects are organized by material and subject throughout the galleries. **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** - 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).

Pauline Dove Art Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, located inside the college’s new Parr Center, Charlotte. **Through July 31** - "2025 Annual Juried Student Art Show," featuring works by Central Piedmont visual arts students. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-4pm or by appt. Contact: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook at Central Piedmont Arts or call Amelia Zytka, Senior Art Gallery Coordinator at 704/330-6847 or visit (<http://blogs.cpcc.edu/cpccartgalleries/>).

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 Photo Arts Center, inside the Visual and Performing Arts Center, 700 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - The Light Factory Photo Arts Center is a vibrant, inclusive photographic center serving the Charlotte area by enriching our community through the creation, exploration, and sharing of photography. We engage with the community through the creation, exploration, and sharing of photography. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm. 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.fftcc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Charlotte **Ford Building at Camp North End**, Camp Road, Charlotte. **May 10, from 10am-5pm** - "Carolina Clay Matters Pottery Festival". Come experience the ceramic work of 80+ local artists of the greater Charlotte area, including long-time professionals and emerging artists. If you can make it in clay, we’ll have it. Free admission and free parking. Contact: (carolinaclaymatters.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali 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).

The Museum of the Cherokee People, 589 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Welcome to a sweeping history of the Cherokee Nation, engaging and oftentimes heart-rending, from ice age beginnings to present-day life and culture. In the brushstrokes of this fascinating heritage, you’ll discover the warp and weft of treaties, the roots of a naturalistic language, artifacts of particular periods, great figures and heroes and entrancing stories of a civilization along with the Cherokee’s distinctive values and ways of being in the world before and after “the Trail of Tears.” The museum offers courses and workshops that combine scholarly content with voices of Cherokee people and experiences on the Qualla Boundary. A perfect place to begin exploration of Cherokee heritage and traditions is the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina. Visitors are greeted at the entrance by a 20-foot hand-carved statue of Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet. An interpretive site for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, this state-of-the-art facility traces the story of the Cherokee from the earliest inhabitants of the area 11,000 years ago to the present. An extensive exhibit of artifacts and photos is enhanced with computer-generated holograms and other imagery, sound, and special effects that leave a lasting and haunting impression on the visitor. The museum gift shop is rich in Cherokee tradition. Locally created baskets, pottery, wood carvings, decorated gourds and beadwork are among the art available for sale. Books on Cherokee history, culture, language, and genealogy line the shelves, along with audio CDs and tapes by local musicians and storytellers. Admission: Yes. Hours: Daily, 9am-5pm; closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Contact: 828-497-3481 or at (<https://mci.org/>).

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’ 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/>).

Concord

ClearWater Arts Center & Studios, 223 Crowell Dr., NW, Concord. **Ongoing** - ClearWater Arts Center & Studios enables inspiration, creative expression and community connections through providing access to top-notch artists, their teaching and their works; as well as affordable space for working artists to build their practice and community, and for the community to hold private or public events and to gather. Hours: Wed.-Fri., noon-5pm; however, the Manager is usually onsite 11am-6pm most weekdays with some exceptions. Calling ahead, to be sure the door will be open, is recommended. Contact: 704/784-9535 or ([www. ClearWaterArtists.com](http://www.ClearWaterArtists.com)).



Work by Michael F. O’Neill

The Galleries of the Cabarrus Arts Council, in Concord’s Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street South, Concord. **May 30 - Aug. 2** - "Walking Through Light," featuring works of Karina Hean and Michael F O’Neill. A reception will be held on June 6, from 5-7pm. A Curator and Artist Talk will be held on June 5, from 10-11am. Karina Noël Hean lives in the Galisteo Basin between Cerrillos and Galisteo, NM on the San Marcos arroyo, where the high desert light, skies, and land provide daily inspiration. Her artwork is grounded in drawing and amalgamates responses to landscape, which aim to transmit the power and impact of place. Michael O’Neill is a full-time instructor of Art History and Studio Art at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. He previously taught photography and visual literacy at Queens University in Charlotte where he designed the new darkrooms at the Sarah Belk Gambrell Center for the Arts and Civic Engagement. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704/920-ARTS or at (www.cabarrusartscouncil.org).

Cullowhee

Fine Art Museum, Fine & Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. **Through May 2** - "2025 School of Art and Design Faculty Biennial". Outside of the classroom, faculty members in the School of Art & Design are active artists and scholars that make significant contributions to the arts. The "2025 School of Art and Design Faculty Biennial Exhibition" provides students and the community with an opportunity to view recent work created by these distinguished faculty members whose primary research output is studio based. **Ongoing** - 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/>).

Dallas

Gaston County Museum, 131 W. Main Street, Dallas. **Ongoing** - Explore the art and history of Gaston County in our permanent and rotating exhibits. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-3pm. Contact: 704/922-7681 or at (gastoncountymuseum.org).

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 (JCGEF) 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

Claymakers, Gallery of Fine Handmade Pottery, 451 S. Driver Street in Old East Durham, Durham. **Ongoing** - Shows an ongoing, but rotating, exhibit of Claymakers Community artists. Current exhibitors include Corinne Fox, Deborah Harris, Laura Korch, Barbara McKenzie, Teresa Pietsch, Elizabeth Paley, Gillian Parke, Savannah Scarborough, and Evelyn Ward. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 1-6pm & 3rd fri. of the month from 6-9pm. Contact: 919/530-8355 or at (<http://www.claymakers.org/>).

Durham Arts Council Building, 120 Morris Street, Durham. **Allenton Gallery, Through May 12** - “Midlife,” featuring works by Hyewon Grigoni. **Semans Gallery, Through May 12** - “bodies tender with grief,” featuring works by huiyin zhou & Laura Dudu. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-9pm & Sun. 1-6pm. Contact: 919/560-2787 or at (www.durhamarts.org).

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: We are open to the public but would need to schedule an appointment to make sure someone is here to meet you. Contact: 919-260-2931, e-mail at (info@libertyartsnc.org) or at (www.libertyartsnc.org).

North Carolina Central University Museum of Art, 1801 Fayetteville Street, across from the Farrison-Newton Communications Building on the campus of NCCU, Durham. **Ongoing** - Permanent collection focuses on African American art of the 19th & 20th century, including works by Edward Mitchell Bannister, Henry Ossawa Tanner, Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence, Elizabeth Catlett, and Norman Lewis. As well as more contemporary works by Sam Gilliam, Richard Hunt, William Artis, and Kerry James Marshall.

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