

# NC Institutional Galleries

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Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm, (business hours M-F, 9 am-5 pm). Contact: 704/636-1882 or at ([www.waterworks.org](http://www.waterworks.org)).

### Saluda

**Downtown Saluda**, Main Street. **May 17, from 10am-4pm** - "2025 Saluda Arts Festival." This is the 20th annual festival which is showcasing the fine arts and crafts from local and regional artists on historic Main Street in Saluda, the Saluda Arts Festival draws thousands of spring tourists and area residents. If you have any questions, please e-mail ([saludancartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:saludancartsfestival@gmail.com)).

### Sanford

**Brick City Gallery**, in the historic Mann Center, Suite 211, 507 N. Steele Street, Sanford. **Ongoing** - Featuring over 200 works of art by 21 Sanford Brush & Palette Club members, including paintings, pottery, notecards, journals, and novelty items. The Sanford Brush & Palette Club was founded in 1964 with seven members. We've grown into a membership of more than one hundred diverse, talented artists. The values of the founding members – who believed that fellowship and education were vital to artistic growth – continue to be our main objective. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 919/364-0588 or at ([sanfordarts.org](http://sanfordarts.org)).

**Oxide Gallery of Fine Art**, 148 S. Moore Street. Historic Downtown Sanford. **Ongoing** - Presented by Lee County Fine Arts. Our gallery will present regular monthly exhibitions, fine art gifts, art competition shows, and access to working artists in Central North Carolina. The Gallery's NC Gift Shop features work by over a dozen local and regional artists. Guests can enjoy fabrics, mosaic, glass art, stoneware clay sculpture, decorative functional and food safe pottery, note cards and journals, and the famous Art-o-mat. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-5pm. Contact: 919/278-7270 or at ([oxideart.com](http://oxideart.com)).

### Seagrove Area

**Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden**, Carolina Bronze, 6108 Maple Springs Road, Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden is a natural and landscaped area overlooking a beautiful 1.25 acre pond. A walking trail loops around the pond with benches and a picnic area along the trail. The Sculpture Garden collection consists of donated and loaned sculptures from emerging and established artists working in all 3D media suitable for the outdoors. There are currently 19 sculptures installed around the pond. The landscaped and natural areas have a focus on NC native plants and trees. As an extension of this park, a sculpture is installed in the downtown area of Seagrove. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4pm. Contact: 336/873-8291 or at ([www.cbsculpturegarden.com](http://www.cbsculpturegarden.com)).



Works in the exhibit "Surface Stories" on view at the NC Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC

**North Carolina Pottery Center**, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove. **Main Gallery, Through June 21** - "Surface Stories". Discover the intersection of innovation and tradition in "Surface Stories", the new contemporary sales exhibition at the NC Pottery Center. This show explores the power of prints, patterns, and motifs in ceramics, offering a visual journey through narratives, surface design, and transformative techniques. Join us as we celebrate the artistry of shaping surfaces and elevating the ceramic experience. This show explores the power of prints, patterns, and motifs in ceramics, offering a visual journey through narratives, surface design, and transformative techniques. Featured Artists: Stephanie Martin (Seagrove), Vince Pitelka (Chapel Hill), Deborah Garner (Seagrove), Jeffery & Cassie McDowell (Seagrove), Rose Hardesty (Burnsville), Frank Neef (Seagrove), Allison Daniel (Winston-Salem), Michelle Hastings (Seagrove), Jeff Brown (Seagrove) Brenda Hornsby Heindl (Liberty), Fiva McCannless (Seagrove), & Emily Flores (Kernersville). **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display

of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at ([www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://www.ncpotterycenter.org)).

**Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center)**, 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.



View of a previous Sustain: Woodfire NC conference at STARworks. Photo by Michael Mahan

**STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise**, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **MAY 3, 9am-4pm** - "Starworks Craft Invitational." A reception will be held on May 2, from 6-8pm. Starworks' 2nd Annual Craft Invitational will feature work for sale by some of the most talented artists in ceramic, glass, wood, metal, and fiber with an emphasis on functional craft of the highest quality. Meet outstanding artists and find one-of-a-kind pieces at this exhibition-style sale. Participating Artists include Jack Barnes, Christina Bendo, Cara Bevan, Dahlia Bushwick, Sandi Carter, Hannah Cupp, Kirk Fry, John Geci, Rose Hardesty, Hannah Holden, Stillman Browning-Howe, Jennie Lorette Keatts, Katherine Maloney, Ron Philbeck, Jackie Polofka, Galen Sedberry, Ian Thomson, and Katherine Zeilman. Fee: Main Event Tickets are \$5, Preview Reception Tickets are \$25. **May 22 - 25** - Sustain: Woodfire NC 2025, an international wood firing conference. Join the global conversation on wood fired ceramics and immerse yourself in one of the most vibrant and unique pottery communities in the US. What new insights could you gain from North Carolina's renowned wood firing tradition? How can the ancient techniques and modern practices of this craft continue to evolve? Don't miss the chance to hear from international experts who are shaping the future of wood firing.

**STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks**

**Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shimpo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our

team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here unforgettable. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (<https://www.starworksnc.org/cafe-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon., 9am-3pm & Tue.-Sat., 9am-9pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: Claire Sellers, Starworks Communications Coordinator by e-mail at ([claire@starworksnc.org](mailto:claire@starworksnc.org)).

### Siler City

**North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry, metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at ([www.ncartsincubator.org](http://www.ncartsincubator.org)).

**PAF Gallery**, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at ([www.ncartsincubator.org](http://www.ncartsincubator.org)).

### Southport

**Franklin Square Gallery**, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at ([www.franklinsquaregallery.com](http://www.franklinsquaregallery.com)).

### Spruce Pine

**Spruce Pine Gallery**, TRAC Arts Center, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Kokol Gallery, May 10 - June 8** - "Spring Studio Tour Preview Exhibition". A reception will held on June 6 from 5:30-7:30pm. **Ongoing** - Toe River Arts will feature artist demonstrations and continue to sell artist's work in the gift shop. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at ([www.toeriverarts.org](http://www.toeriverarts.org)).

### Sylva

**Gallery One**, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

### Tryon



"Dog and Pig", Tryon Toys Bowling Set, on loan from WCU Mountain Heritage Center

**Tryon Arts and Crafts School**, 373 Harmon Field Rd., Harmon Field, Tryon. **May 2 - June 26** - "Tryon Toymakers Exhibition". Celebrate Tryon's craft heritage at this exhibit of vintage handmade toys and authentic Tryon Toy-maker tools, including selections from Western Carolina University, the Estate of Rick Dunn, and recent acquisitions from the Grady Estate. **Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm & Sat. 9am -1pm. Contact: 828/859-8323 or at ([www.tryonartsandcrafts.org](http://www.tryonartsandcrafts.org)).

**Upstairs Artspace**, (Celebrating over 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **May 18 - June 27** - "This is How it Happened," featuring works by Margaret Curtis. A reception will be held on May 18, at 2pm. With a title intentionally left open, suggestive, and enigmatic, "This Is How It Happened" invites viewers to draw their own conclusions, sparking curiosity and deeper engagement with the work. This exhibition will feature seven oil paintings, 12 drawings, and a series of six to



Work by Margaret Curtis

eight monoprints, several of which were recently shown at the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at ([www.upstairsartspace.org](http://www.upstairsartspace.org)).

**ALTERNATE ART SPACES** - Tryon area **Columbus Library**, Polk County Public Libraries, 1289 West Mills Street, Columbus, **Ongoing** - We believe that a good public library reflects its unique environment. Polk County Public Libraries are committed to providing high-quality library services that are locally relevant. Our Strategic Plan was developed with the input of people throughout our communities and reflects the diverse needs of Polk County, now and in the future. The Plan informs how the we prioritize services and manage resources as it provides a framework for responsible decision-making. Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9am-6pm; Tue. & Thur., 9am-7pm; and Sat., 9am-4pm. Contact: 828/894-8721 or at ([polklibrary.org](http://polklibrary.org)).

### Valdese

**Valdese Heritage Arts Center**, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center offers a great selection of unique gifts on exhibit and for sale, including, but not limited to original paintings, pottery, needlework, wood-carvings, hand crafted furniture, ceramic sculptures, stained glass, photography, jewelry, floral arrangements greeting cards, quilts and home made soap. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 828/874-1849 or at (<http://vhac.webs.com>).

### Wake Forest

**Renaissance Centre Arts Annex**, 405 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest. **May 1 - June 6** - "Open Call: Art is for All". A receptio will be held on May 9, from 6-8pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-noon-1-5pm. For info call April Cannon at 919/435-9568.

### Washington

**River Walk Gallery and Arts Center**, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

### Waynesville

**Little Gallery on Church Street**, 37 Church Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring montly exhibits by regional arts. Sponsored by the Haywood County Arts Council. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at ([www.haywoodarts.org](http://www.haywoodarts.org)).

**The Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts**, 307 Shelton Street, corner of US 276 So. and Shelton Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handicrafts of North Carolina in the historic Sheldon House. Hours: Museum hours change seasonally, call 828/452-1551.

### Wentworth

**Dan River Art Market & Gallery**, 1122 NC Hwy. 65, Wentworth. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers art and craft by local artists and 6 gallery exhibits throughout the year, workshops and lectures. Hours: Thur., 10am-4pm; Fri., 11am-2pm; and by appt. Contact: 336/349-4039.

### Wilmington

**ACES Gallery**, Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, 221 N Front Street, Suite 101, Wilmington. **Through May 20** - "RETRO CHIC," featuring works by Marlowe in a journey thru the stylish are of the 1920s and 1930s. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/343-0998 or at ([www.ArtsCouncilofWilmington.org](http://www.ArtsCouncilofWilmington.org)).

**Ann Flack Boseman Art Gallery**, Fisher University Union, 2nd Floor, UNC - Wilmington, Wilmington. **Ongoing** - The Boseman Gallery heightens awareness of both current and ongoing issues and creative processes, which encourages open dialogue and personal introspection. Open-call for exhibition proposals launch in the winter (Dec,-Jan.) to begin planning the full gallery series line up for the next academic year. UNCW students, alumni, and

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