# NC Institutional Galleries

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from Frances Goodrich in 1931, the Permanent Collection serves the Guild's mission of craft conservation and education. This new installation will feature over 200 works that highlight our holdings in traditional art: woodcarving, pottery, dolls, basketry, weavings and furniture. The subject of this ongoing exhibition is craft history - that of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Studio Craft Movement. Focus Gallery, Through Aug. 3 - "Magic is in the Air". The exhibit will feature the work of five Guild members: Cindy Billingsley, Sharon Gordon, Jane Cole, Jeanne Rhodes-Moen, and Lisa Besler. Disciplines represented are metalsmithing, rag-weaving, quilting, handbuilt ceramics, and leather work. Hours: daily from 9am-5pm. Contact: call 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild on Tunnel Road, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville. Ongoing - Work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild in various media. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/298-7903.

YMI Gallery, YMI Cultural Center, 39 S. Market Street @ Eagle Street, Asheville. Ongoing - "In the Spirit of Africa". Featuring traditional and contemporary African masks, figurative woodcarvings, beadwork, jewelry, and textiles. Discover the purpose of mask and sculptures, which reflect African ancestral heritage and learn to appreciate symbolism and abstraction in African art. YMI Conference Room, Ongoing - "Forebears & Trailblazers: Asheville's African American Leaders, 1800s-1900s". The permanent exhibit offers a pictorial history of African-Americans from throughout Western North Carolina. Photographs of both influential and everyday people create a panorama of the variety of life among blacks in the mountain region. Here are the young and old, the prominent and the unknown, the men and women who helped create our city's life. YMI Drugstore Gallery, Ongoing - "Mirrors of Hope and Dignity". A moving and powerful collection of drawings by the renowned African-American artist Charles W. White. Entry, Ongoing - "George Vanderbilt's Young Men's Institute, 1892-Present". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/252-4614.

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville The North Carolina Arboretum, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. Throughout the Gardens, Through Sept. 26 - "Wild Art!" This outdoor sculpture exhibition features works by 17 local and national artists drawing inspiration from the natural environment. Situated throughout the Arboretum's spacious, open-air gardens, the show offers guests a doorway into the wild world from the comfort and safety of cultivated landscapes transformed by art. The 18 sculptures on display represent a variety of approaches to the theme of "wild art," from the literal to the abstract, and are crafted from a diverse array of materials that will delight and inspire. Ongoing - The Asheville Quilt Guild features a permanent, rotating quilt exhibit at Arboretum's Education Center. Visitors can also enjoy the Arboretum's Quilt Garden yearround, with plantings and patterns that change with the seasons. Admission: Yes. Hours: Education Center hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/665.2492 or at (www.ncarboretum.org).

### Beaufort

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Beaufort Historic Site, 130 Turner Street, Beaufort. Ongoing - The Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, Carteret County's Oldest Gallery, is housed in one of the Historic Site's oldest buildings and features over 100 local and regional artists. An extensive collection of fine art, pottery, crafts, and gifts can be found at this special gallery. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/728-5225.

"TRANSFORMATION" is a gathering of powerful and intriguing images that open stories of our times and portray a world undergoing transformation. The exhibition will also explore the transformation of the photographic process. Photography as an artistic medium has been the beneficiary of changing technologies and new materials in the last quarter century. The artist now has dramatic latitude in terms of scale and visual media. Photography is no longer just a pretty picture or a document. It can be many things at once, integrating many materials and media. Rankin West Gallery, Through Aug. 1 - "The Alexander Collection". Guest curated by BRAHM's docents, The Alexander Collection is comprised of a number of important pieces from the museum's permanent collection of American impressionist paintings. Made possible, thanks to the generous donation and loan of artworks by Welborn and Patricia Alexander, the collection has served as a major anchor of the museum's collection since 2014. The Alexanders have contributed to the growth of the museum since its inception and continue to give through additional donations of artwork from their personal collection. Alexander Community Gallery, Through Aug. 1 - "Janet H. Wilson Collection," is made possible by North Carolina collector, Janet Wilson. While Janet spent most of her adult life in Lenoir, NC, she was born in New York City and grew up in New Jersey. After the gift of NYC Central Park scenes by Edward Dufner, which she inherited from her parents, Janet began her lifelong journey in local art collecting. She would later develop a keen interest in collecting women artists. The "Janet H. Wilson Collection" marries two entwined interests by exhibiting a collection of women artists who studied with the well-known artist Elliott Daingerfield and later formed The Philadelphia Ten, a leading group of women in American Art. Atwell Gallery, Through Sept. 19 - "Drawn to Detail: Metalsmiths of North Carolina," guest curated by Adam Whitney. The exhibition explores a wide range of metal art and design, from jewelry to functional housewares and sculpture, both static and kinetic. The metals used to create these pieces are as diverse as the works themselves and include precious gold and silver, ductile pewter and copper, as well as steel and aluminum. Artists implement distinct working properties and techniques depending on the types of metals that are used, and the works selected for this exhibition exemplify a variety of designs through a multitude of construction methods. These metal works portray an array of color through different metals and patinas, along with paint, enamel, and stone settings. The diversity of work exhibited strains the nomenclature "Metalsmith" to encompass all of the participating artists. Specific titles--Designer, Fabricator, Enamelist, Jeweler, Blacksmith, Bladesmith, Pewtersmith, Silversmith, and Goldsmith--provide better insight into the individual Metalsmiths themselves and illustrate the diversity of work being created in this field by artists living and working in North Carolina. Schaefer Gallery, Rotated Annually - "The Carol and Shelton Gorelick Collection". The late Carol and Shelton Gorelick were prominent art collectors. Together, they amassed a collection of work from many of North Carolina's most prominent ceramicists, including Mark Hewitt, Donna Craven, Cristina Cordova, Herb Cohen, Stacy Lambert, Alex Matisse, and many others. Ongoing - the BRAHM will host exhibits, educational programs and classes that promote the visual arts, history and heritage of the mountains of western North Carolina. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-4pm.



Krista Elrick, "Joyce Kilner Forest, NC"

Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition and Exhibition. This competition is sponsored by the Mast General Store. This competition provides both amateur and professional photographers the opportunity to showcase their interpretation of the unique character, people, places, and pursuits that distinguish the Southern Appalachians. Community Gallery, Through Aug. 7 - "Ruminations: Cheryl Prisco". Rumination (noun) 1. a deep and considered thought about something. "I am addicted to color and pattern, drawn to irreverence and visual dissonance. In place of paint and brush I cut, color, and shape wood elements, creating abstract low relief assemblages. The process of my work, the shaping and fitting, the painting and placement of multiple pieces, is the physical manifestation of rumination. My feelings, attitudes and concerns are visually recorded in color and composition. Each assemblage is a rumination, a story, one in the making and one in the viewing. My technical approach is radically free-wielding by traditional woodworking standards. My desired effect is not symmetry or exacting ornamentation as in inlay but rather a more expressive and painterly approach characterized by qualities of color and texture." Mayer Gallery, Through Aug. 7 - "Rowhouse Workshop". "Rowhouse Workshop" is an interactive exhibition showcasing the unique personalities of rowhouse blocks in North, South, and West Philadelphia. Dinner workshops held in 2019 invited local residents to share, discuss and document the neighborhoods and histories of Philadelphia's urban fabric. The exhibition leads visitors through a series of rowhouse block installations, sharing collectively curated songs, recipes, images and videos. Drawings, photographs, and objects offered by participants are displayed in totems fabricated by local fabrication partner, Tiny WPA, and its community building program. In the fall of 2019, project participants attended an exhibition opening event at Philadelphia's Cherry Street Pier as guest artists, and visitors contributed to the project through their own self-directed participation in the exhibition's large- scale sticker wall and workbooks. Original support for Rowhouse Workshop was provided by The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage, Philadelphia. The exhibition was conceived and curated by Brian Phillips and his firm, ISA, based in Philadelphia. Main Gallery, Through June 5 - "Fictive Strategies: Suzanne Sbarge & Holly Roberts". Sbarge and Roberts share a similar sensibility; they both use collage, weaving textures and images into surrealistically enigmatic artworks that open subconscious doorways into the ambiguous space of the night: haunting dreams brim with narrative probability remaining stubbornly resistant to a literal interpretation. Both artists live in and are intimately familiar with the New Mexico landscape where a deep stillness is part of the character of both the land and the people who inhabit it. - Excerpt from Mary Anne Redding. Gallery A, June 4 - Nov. 6 - "Every Olive Tree in the Garden of Gethsemane: Wendy Babcox," is a suite of photogravure images of each of the twenty-three olive trees in the garden. Situated at the foot of the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane is known to many as the site where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion. The oldest tree has been carbon-dated to 1092, a date almost coincidental with the first of the Crusades. The perseverance of the olive trees in Gethsemane traces a line through the centuries in concert with the history of persistent efforts by geopolitical powers to exert influence in the Middle East, particularly in Jerusalem. The oldest trees are a living and symbolic link to this distant past, while the younger saplings bridge the present moment with an unknowable future. Gallery B, June 4 - Nov. 6 - "Where are the birds? Retracing Audubon: Artwork by Krista Elrick," is an exhibition and book project reexamining John James Audubon's epic life journey and the production of his beloved tome, The Birds of America. While the name of Audubon is familiar and the drawings he created are still wildly popular, his eloquent writings are less well known. Where are the birds? Retracing Audubon features contemporary photographs made by Krista Elrick of the American landscapes in which Audubon traveled 200 years ago. Also included are quotes from Audubon's journals and entries Elrick made in her own travel notebooks two centuries later. Hours: Thur., Fri. & Sat., from noon-4pm using a timed appointment/ticketing entry system. Registration is required and reservations can be made by visiting (https://tcva.org/visit/). Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www. turchincenter.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone **Throughout Appalachian State University** campus, Boone. Through May 31, 2022 -"34th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition". Made possible by the continued generosity of the Rosen Family: The Martin & Doris Rosen Giving Fund/Debbie Rosen Davidson and David Rosen/Charles & Nancy Rosenblatt Foundation. The "Rosen Sculpture Competition and Exhibition" is an annual national juried competition presented by An Appalachian Summer Festival and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. Since its establishment by Martin and Doris Rosen in 1987, the Rosen competition continues a tradition of showcasing contemporary American sculpture in outdoor settings across the campus of Appalachian State University. This year, ten sculptures have been selected by juror Rachel Stevens. Cash prizes are awarded to three artists whose work is chosen by the juror and will be announced at the annual sculpture walk - a highlight of every summer festival season. Participating artists include: Wayne Vaughn (Graham, NC); Matt Amante (Winterville, NC); Charles Pilkey (Mint Hill, NC); Glenn Zweygardt (Alfred Station, NY); Rudy Rudisill (Gastonia, NC); Hanna Jubran (Grimesland, NC); Joan Benefiel (Brooklyn, NY); Tom Scicluna (Miami, FL); David Boyajian (New Fairfield, CT); and Gretchen Lotz (Orlando, FL). Hours: daylight hours. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

#### Brasstown

Folk School Craft Shop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Olive D. Campbell Building, Brasstown. Ongoing - The shop represents more than 300 juried craftspeople and features an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary Appalachian craft, including jewelry, pottery, wood, fiber, ironwork, basketry and other disciplines. You'll find marquetry earrings, clay serving platters, turned-wood bowls, functional fireplace poker sets and many more unique items. The shop is also proud to be the home of the world-renowned Brasstown Carvers. A book room houses hundreds of instructional and celebratory books on everything from basketry to writing. Buy a few art supplies or a CD from our collection of traditional Appalachian music. You can take home a Folk School t-shirt, hat or bag as a souvenir. Find the perfect scenic postcard to tell everyone back home about your visit to the Folk School. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8am-5pm; Thur. til 6pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 800/365-5724 or at (www. folkschool.org).

Brevard



Work by Maureen Chapman

Throughout Brevard. June 25 - 27 - "Art is in the Air: A Weekend of Plein Air," presented by Transylvania Community Arts Council (TC Arts), together with Heart of Brevard (HoB). Over the course of the weekend, 25 regional artists will be stationed at socially distanced locations throughout the downtown area and its surroundings as they draw and paint en plein air. The community is invited to watch the artists in action on Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday. On Sunday afternoon, the public will have the opportunity to purchase the artists' creations at the Wet Paint Show and Sale. The public is invited to attend the Wet Paint Show and Sale both to view and purchase the artists' unique works featuring the incredible beauty of Brevard. Advance tickets may be purchased which will allow ticket holders early access to the Wet Paint Show and Sale. For more information about how to participate as an artist or to purchase advance tickets for the Wet Paint Show and Sale, visit the event page at (https://m.facebook.com/heartofbrevard?\_rdr).

# **Blowing Rock**



View of "TRANSFORMATION" exhibit

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. Fort Gallery, Through Aug. 21 - "TRANS-FORMATION". Guest Curated by Larry Wheeler, Carlos Garcia-Velez, and Allen Thomas. The photographer is an artist who applies a lens to the world and the contemporary social order. Southern Highland Craft Guild at Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock. Ongoing - Featuring the work of members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild members in various media. Demonstrations offered each month. Hours: daily 9am - 5pm. Contact: 828/295-7938 or e-mail at (parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net).

Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrock-

museum.org).

# Boone

Appalachian Cultural Museum, University Hall Drive, off Hwy. 321 (Blowing Rock Road), Boone. Ongoing - The permanent exhibit area includes, TIME AND CHANGE, featuring thousands of objects ranging from fossils to Winston Cup race cars to the Yellow Brick Road, a section of the now closed theme park, "The Land of Oz". Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/262-3117.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. Mezzanine Gallery, Through June 5

- "18th Annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition". Appalachian State University Outdoor Programs, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, and Virtual Blue Ridge present the Number 7 Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 2 West Main Street, historic McMinn building, Brevard. Ongoing - A Fine Arts and Fine Crafts cooperative featuring the juried works of 22 of Transylvania County's finest artists and craftspeople. New works on display daily. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/883-2294 or at (www. number7arts.com). *continued on Page 48* 

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