

American Craft Week Takes Place Throughout the US and Carolinas



This year's American Craft Week celebration, to be held Oct. 5-14, 2012, will bring together individuals, small businesses and organizations from all fifty states in recognition of the countless ways handmade objects enrich our daily lives and contribute to our national aesthetic and economy.

American Craft Week is an opportunity to celebrate the wonders of American craft. Every day thousands of American artists share their vision and talent by producing amazing hand-made decorative and functional objects. And every day thousands of craft retailers share their love of these items by displaying, promoting and selling them. As one craft artist put it, "this is the creative economy!"

While other industry associations have long touted their products, the craft industry has lacked a single way to be highly visible. So we ask you to join us in publicizing, educating and displaying American Craft for ten days each October. Join the national celebration of American Craft!

American Craft enriches our homes, wardrobes, offices and public spaces. It contributes to our nation's economy, our balance of trade, and the fabric of our national history. It is original, beautiful and enduring, so let's tell the world!

American Craft Week is a project of Craft Retailers and Artists for Tomorrow (CRAFT) (<http://craftonline.org/>) in partnership with Craft in America.

For more information on American Craft Week go to (www.americancraftweek.com).

The following is a list of galleries, art organizations, and art institutions which will be celebrating American Craft Week in the Carolinas. This list includes places to see and buy crafts, places offering events to learn about craft and see demonstrations, and places offering exhibits of American craft works.

In South Carolina



Work by LuAnn Rosenzweig

Charleston Crafts Cooperative Gallery, 161 Church Street, Charleston, SC (<http://www.charlestoncrafts.org/>)

We plan to have in store demonstrations including fiber, origami and polymer. A member show is also scheduled the night of the fifth. Our gallery is coordinating with Cone 10 studios in Charleston for them to hold an open house with clay demonstrations during the week.

With These Hands Gallery, 1444 Highway 174, Edisto Island, SC (<http://www.with-thesehandsgallery.com/>)

With These Hands Gallery is a gallery of hand made American crafts, on Edisto Island, SC.

Nash Gallery, Shelter Cove Harbour, 13 Harbourside Lane, 2H, Hilton Head Island, SC (<http://www.nashgallery.com/>)

We feature the handcrafted works of over 400 North American craftsman. Each and every artist's distinctive style ensures that your experience at Nash Gallery will be unforgettable. The best way to experience what we offer would be live in person, but we understand. That's why we have created this web site, hoping to give you a taste of American craft.



Work by Judith Neugebaum

Smith Galleries, 1000 William Hilton Parkway J11, The Village at Wexford, Hilton Head Island, SC

(<http://www.smithgalleries.com/>)

Smith Galleries is Hilton Head Island's finest gallery of contemporary American fine craft, art, jewelry, framing and creative toys for children of all ages. Smith Galleries will feature a different media each day of American Craft Week.

In North Carolina

Celebrate ACW in Western North Carolina, Western NC (<http://americancraftweek.com/wnc>)

Western NC is proud to host many special events for American Craft Week 2012. Individually, participants all over the region have events planned and they are listed under the links above. Kick-off American Craft Week in WNC 2012: Friday, Oct. 5, at 6pm in downtown Asheville at the Haywood Park Hotel Atrium. Join us and hear Jan Davidson, Executive Director of the John C. Campbell Folk School, begin our celebration with thoughts on the role of craft in Western NC and the significance of celebrating American Craft Week in WNC. The event coincides with the first Friday Downtown Gallery Stroll in Asheville.

Ruthie- Timeless Jewelry Designs in Precious Metals, 197 Locust Court, Arden, NC (<http://www.jewelryadventureclub.com/>)

Timeless jewelry designs handcrafted in sterling silver, 14k and 18k gold, brass and copper by Ruthie Cohen either by fabrication or cast via the lost wax vacuum process. All designs are one of a kind or a limited production.

Allanstand Craft Shop at the Folk Art Center, Milepost 382 Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC (<http://www.craftguild.org/>)

Allanstand is the oldest continuously operating craft shop in the United States. It was started by Presbyterian missionary Frances Goodrich in 1897 in Madison County, NC. The shop eventually moved to downtown Asheville in 1908, and to its current home at the Folk Art Center in 1980.

Appalachian Craft Center, 10 North Spruce Street, Suite 120, Asheville, NC (<http://www.appalachiancraftcenter.com/>)

We have been in business for 34 years. We

specialize in traditional NC crafts. These include, but not limited to, pottery, rugs, furniture, jams and jellies, woodcarving, jewelry, children's wooden toys.

Bellagio Art to Wear, 5 Biltmore Plaza, Asheville, NC (<http://www.bellagioart-towear.com/>)

Creating an Art to Wear ambiance since 1991, Bellagio showcases many exquisite collections of distinctive clothing, jewelry, accessories as well as event wear.

Bellagio Everyday, 40 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC (<http://www.bellagioeveryday.com/>)

Bellagio Everyday offers versatile and innovative clothing for the modern woman at work and on the go. A broad range of prices and sizes are available.

Blue Spiral 1, 38 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC (<http://www.bluespiral1.com/>)

Blue Spiral 1 presents fine art and studio craft by 80+ southeastern US artists with over 20 exhibitions annually, regularly showing 4-5 concurrently.

In October - ceramics by Ben Owen III, Gary Schlappal and Vicki Grant, wood pendulums by Michael Costello, baskets by Carole Hetzel, And much more!

Grove Arcade, One Page Avenue, Asheville, NC (<http://www.grovearcade.com/>)

Boutique shopping & exciting dining in a downtown architectural wonder - home to Alexander & Lehnert Jewelry - Mountain Made and Asheville North Carolina Home Crafts - Portico Market

Groveswood Gallery, 111 Groveswood Road, Asheville, NC (<http://www.groveswood.com/>)

In conjunction with American Craft Week, we are hosting a solo exhibition featuring the work of internationally known paper sculptor Leo Monahan. "Cut, Bend, Fold, Color: Paper Sculpture & Collage in Dimension" opens on Oct. 6 and will feature Monahan's unique style of intricate reliefs that blend impressionism and surrealism. On Sunday, Oct. 7, visiting artist Jerry Kermode will be at Groveswood demonstrating wood turning on a lathe. Kermode is a Groveswood artist from CA who will be teaching in the area and timed his trip perfectly for an American Craft Week demonstration! Several resident Groveswood Studio Artists will be open for a studio tour on Saturday, Oct. 13. Visit us and enjoy a chance to see behind the scenes in these professional working studios.

Guild Crafts, 930 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC (<http://www.craftguild.org/>)

A neighborhood tradition, built in 1955 by Ralph Morris Sr. for Stuart Nye and the Southern Highland Craft Guild, a pair of stone houses stand as a monument where time-honored traditions continue. Guild Crafts continues as a craft shop offering the finest handmade crafts including jewelry, pottery, baskets, ironwork, glass, fiber and much more. Visit Guild Crafts and experience where the past meets the present and take home a piece of Southern Mountain tradition.

HandMade in America, 125 S. Lexington Avenue, Suite 101, Asheville, NC (<http://www.handmadeinamerica.org/>)

HandMade in America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that grows economies through craft. We do this through entrepreneurship, economic development, and education. We will have an exhibit, lectures, and other programs throughout Western North Carolina. For more info on these events visit (<http://www.handmadeinamerica.org/new>).

KMR Handwoven, 64 Houston Street, Asheville, NC (<http://kmrhandwoven.com/home.html>)

Kathie Roig/studio artist/handweaver creating functional and decorative items for home and family.

M H Libman Woodturning, 165 Lyman Street, Asheville, NC (<http://www.wood-bowls.net/>)

Artist and gallery in Asheville's River Arts District. Demonstrations and studio tours all week!

Mountain Made, 1 Page Ave., Suite 123, Asheville, NC (<http://www.mtnmade.com/>) Pottery demonstrations will be offered throughout the month of October. Charlie Brown of Brown's Pottery in Arden, NC, and Sondra Hastings local potter from Asheville, NC.

New Morning Gallery, 7 Boston Way, Asheville, NC (<http://www.newmorning-gallerync.com/>)

For over thirty five years New Morning Gallery has displayed ceramics, art glass, garden art, fountains, wall hangings, jewelry, wood, furniture, and much more!

Portfolio Metalwork, 11 Groveswood Road, Asheville, NC (<http://trkd.com/>)

Featuring the work of master gold and silversmiths Thomas Reardon and Kathleen Doyle encompasses jewelry and sculpture in both precious and mixed metals.

Southern Highland Craft Guild, P. O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC (<http://www.craftguild.org/>)

During American Craft Week we invite visitors to Western North Carolina to the Folk Art Center Main Gallery exhibition, "Black & White 3," showcasing work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Each craft media represented by the Guild appears in the show and nearly one hundred artists are participating. All Guild members have been juried into the organization, proving they are masters of their craft. Celebrate excellence during American Craft Week at the Folk Art Center.

The Village Potters, 191 Lyman Street, #180, Asheville, NC (<http://thevillagepotters.com/>)

Join us for our one year celebration on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 6:30pm.

Asheville Art in the Park, Pack Square Park, Asheville, NC (<http://www.ashevilleart-inthepark.com/>)

Asheville Art in the Park will once again be providing access to some of the finest artists in the region with it's market series now in its fourth year (Oct. 6, 13, & 20, 10am-6pm). The event takes place on three consecutive Saturdays each June and October. Nationally known artists exhibit at this event and the best part is- they are local.



Work by Jenny Mendez

Crimson Laurel Gallery, 23 Crimson Laurel Way, Bakersville, NC (<http://crimsonlaurel-gallery.com/>)

We currently feature one of the largest collections of studio ceramics in the country including more than 175 unique artists and crafts persons. Offering the exhibit, "Veil by Matt Kelleher" and "Stories by Hand, Ceramics by Jenny Mendes and Shoko Teruyama", on view from Oct. 1 - 31, 2012.

Mica, 27 North Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC (<http://www.micagallerync.com/>)

Mica showcases the work of 14 local artists who work and live in the surrounding mountains. On display and available for sale are a stunning variety of functional and sculptural ceramics, glass, wood, prints, and paintings each touched by the unique mark of its maker.

Handscapes Gallery, 410 Front Street, Beaufort, NC (<http://www.handscapesgallery.com/>)

The gallery promotes American traditions in pottery, jewelry and glasswork with an emphasis on North Carolina artists. Over 200 artists are represented in a full range of work from the traditional to the contempo-

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