

NC Institutional Galleries

Aberdeen

The Exchange Street Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Jan. 8 - 29** - "See How It's Done: The Instructors Exhibition".

Ongoing - The Artist's League of the Sandhills currently houses 35 artists-in-residence studios and offers classes by local professional artists and workshops by nationally known artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon-3pm. Contact: 910/944-3979, or at (www.artistleague.org).

Albemarle

Falling Rivers Gallery, 119 West Main St., next to Starnes jewelers, Albemarle. **Ongoing** - The gallery is a cooperative venue of the Stanly Arts Guild. Member staffed, this gallery offers the very best in local art and crafts including oil and watercolor, photography, pottery and ceramic art, jewelry, native American art, gourd sculpture and much more. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 6:30pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/983-4278 or at (www.fallingriversgallery.com).

Alamance County

BAL Gallery, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/I40, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Since the beginning of Burlington Artists League in 1972, we have grown to represent many local artists in our immediate area. BAL's express purpose is to promote and elevate the area artists and their fine art spirit in Burlington, NC, and surrounding areas, thereby creating outlets for the artists and encouraging their continuing efforts to improve and create more art work. Along with wall art and bin reproductions, the BAL Artists Gallery also includes 3-D art such as sculptures and pottery. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-8pm; Sat., 10am-9pm, & Sun. for special events. Contact: 336-584-3005 or at (<http://balartists.com/joomla/>).

Asheboro

Sara Smith Self Gallery, W.H. Moring, Jr. Arts Center, 123 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. **Jan. 3 - 31** - "STARworks Ceramics," with a reception on Jan. 3, from 5:30-7:30pm. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm & Sat., 10am-2pm. Contact: 336/629-0399 or at (www.randolphartsguild.com).

Asheville Area

Asheville Art Museum, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **Second Floor Galleries, Ongoing** - "Looking Back: Celebrating 60 Years of Collecting at the Asheville Art Museum will explore the Museum's collection of American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with an interest in the art of the Southeast and WNC. **Appleby Foundation Gallery, Through Mar. 18** - "The New Materiality". The exhibition expands beyond the boundaries that currently exist between technology, art and craft. The artists in this exhibition use new technologies in tandem with traditional craft materials such as clay, glass, wood, metal and fiber, to forge new artistic directions. According to Fo Wilson, the curator of the exhibition, "The New Materiality" looks at a growing development in the United States towards the use of digital technologies as a new material and means of expression in the practice of craft. Artists featured in the exhibition include: Brian Boldon, Shaun Bullens, E.G. Crichton, Sonya Clark, Lia Cook, Maaiké Evers, Donald Fortescue, LawrenceLa-Bianca, Wendy Maruyama, Christy Matson, Cat Mazza, Nathalie Miebach, Mike Simonian, Tim Tate, Susan Working and Mark Zirkel. **Gallery 6, Through Mar. 4** - "Homage2 (squared)". American artist Josef Albers, best known for his series "Homage to the Square," influenced art-making of the 20th century by using the series to explore and manipulate viewers' color and spatial perception. Historically most two-dimensional work has been rectangular in format, but with Albers's series, art-making in the 20th century was dramatically changed. Albers's theories and influence extended to his many students from Black Mountain College and Yale University, and ultimately gave rise to Op ("optical") art and Minimalism. **Holden Community Gallery, Through Jan. 8** - "A Tisket A Tasket: Appalachian, Cherokee and Low Country Baskets". The exhibit examines the similarities and distinctions between these three traditions. A major influence on all three is the role of tourists and collectors. As containers manufactured from cloth, glass or tin diminished the need for baskets as functional items, tourists, collectors and shop owners stepped into the gap, preserving these traditions. This transition also offered basket makers opportuni-

ties for earning an income. Many of the basket makers see their work not only as an economic activity, but as a way of preserving and passing along cultural and family identities to the next generation. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 16 College Street, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 30 local artists in oils, watercolors, lithographs, etchings and woodcuts. Hours: M.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and first Fri. of the month till 8pm. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).



Pat Passlof, *On the Road*, 2000, Oil on linen 30 x 30 inches, courtesy of the Elizabeth Harris Gallery

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville. **Through Jan. 14** - "John Cage: A Circle of Influences," focusing on the amazing life and work of this artist, musician, composer, philosopher, poet, music theorist and amateur mycologist. Cage taught at BMC in the summers of 1948 and 1952 and was in residence the summer of 1953. **Jan. 27 - May 27** - "Pat Passlof: Selections 1948 - 2011". A reception will be held on Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30pm. The exhibition focuses on the work of painter Pat Passlof, an accomplished Black Mountain College alumna, member of the New York School and under-recognized figure in the development of Abstract Expressionism. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at (www.blackmountaincollege.org).

Flood Gallery Fine Arts Center, 109 Roberts St., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Dedicated to advancing the careers of emerging and mid career artists, as well as educating the public and furthering the understanding of contemporary art and its importance within the community and beyond. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/255-0066 or at (www.philmechanicstudios.com).

Grove Arcade Art & Heritage Gallery, One Page Ave., Suite 115, on O. Henry Ave., Asheville. **Stall Market Area, Through Jan. 2** - "National Gingerbread House Competition". **Ongoing** - The gallery is a project of the Grove Arcade Public Market Foundation and features the crafts, music and stories of the Blue Ridge. The gallery features a state-of-the-art, interactive exhibition that uses a solid terrain model animated with regional voices, video, music and lasers to bring the culture and history of Western North Carolina to life. Rotating exhibitions of regional crafts will bring emerging artists and new stories to gallery visitors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/255-0775 or at (www.grovearcade.com).

Guild Crafts of Southern Highland Craft Guild, 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.

The Fine Arts League Gallery, 25 Rankin Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Located within the Fine Arts League of Asheville, the Gallery is devoted to the development of realist artists and features figure drawings, portraits, landscapes and still lifes. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/252-5050 or at (www.fineartsleague.org).

The Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Jan. 22** - "Asheville Quilt Guild." The Folk Art Center is pleased to host this exhibition of fiber art juried and organized by the Asheville Quilt Guild. **Jan. 28 - May 13** - "The American Association of Wood Turners: An International Invitational of Turned or Sculpted Wood". **Permanent Col-**

lection Gallery, Ongoing - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates from the late 19th century to present. Beginning with a donation 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: wood-carving, 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 Jan. 10** - Featuring works in fiber by Betsy Morrill and works in fiber by Mary Nichols. **Jan. 14 - Apr. 17** - Featuring works in glass by Cheryl Hevrdeys and works in fiber and mixed media by Martine House. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. Contact: 828/298-7928 or at (www.southernhighlandguild.org).

The Odyssey Gallery, 238 Clingman Ave., Asheville. **Ongoing** - Works in ceramics by regional and national artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm and Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828/285-9700 or at (www.highwaterclays.com).

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 or at (www.ymicc.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Asheville **The North Carolina Arboretum**, Milepost 393, Blue Ridge Parkway, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville. **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 year-round, 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).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Throughout Black Mountain, Through Winter of 2012 - "3rd Annual Sculpture Stroll". Organized by the Town of Black Mountain Recreation and Parks Department, the Beautification Committee and the Black Mountain Center for the Arts. Featuring sculptures by Giullia, Dan Howachyn, Tekla, Julia Burr, and Dave Taylor. For more information contact the Black Mountain Center for the Arts at 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Old City Hall, 225 West State St., Black Mountain. **Upper Level Gallery, Jan. 2 - 31** - "Holly Jolly Clay Studio Annual Show and Sale". Hours: Mon.-Wed., 10am-5pm; Thur. 11am-3pm; Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 828/669-0930 or at (www.blackmountainarts.org).

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Through Mar. 31** - Grand Opening, "What Drew You Here?," which reflects on the various forces that have been drawing people to the mountains of western North Carolina for hundreds of years, including beauty, recreation, adventure, good health and the temperate mountain climate. Three exhibit are being presented including: "Elliott Daingerfield: His Art and Life in Blowing Rock". This main exhibit is devoted to turn-of-the-century American painter Elliott Daingerfield, who spent 46 summers in Blowing Rock; "The Blowing Rock: A Natural Draw," highlights western North Carolina's most famous rock outcropping, which gets its name because of the fierce winds that blow up the cliffs; and "The Historic Hotels of Blowing Rock," explores the grand resorts that emerged as tourism expanded. **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. The Museum will be free on Thursdays from 4-7pm. Hours: Tue., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10am-5pm; Thur.,

10am-7pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/295-9099 or at (www.blowingrockmuseum.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.



Work by Robert Goodnough

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, 423 West King Street, Boone. **Main Gallery, East Wing, Jan. 17 - June 2** - "Robert Goodnough: Abstract Expressionism & Beyond". Goodnough (1917-2010) was an American Abstract Expressionist painter. He moved among the second-generation members of the New York School but at the same time stood apart. This exhibition continues the Turchin Center's tradition of featuring historically important artists and their works. The works featured in this exhibition are from private collections and is made possible by the David Ilya Brandt and Daria Brandt Collection. **Mayer Gallery, West Wing, Through Jan. 21** - "Sanctuary: Val Lyle". Lyle's current traveling body of work "Sanctuary" continues the artist's exploration about what it means to be a human being in Appalachia. This installation will be in its eighth incarnation of the exhibition. Val will create major new work designed specifically for the environment that the work is displayed within. **Galleries A & B, West Wing, Through Jan. 21** - "John Scarlata: Living In the Light: A Retrospective & Other Works". This exhibition, organized by family, friends and colleagues will feature works by distinguished Southern photographer John Scarlata (1949 -2010). Scarlata served as the chair of the photography program in the Department of Technology, Appalachian State University from 1999-2010. **Catwalk Community Gallery, East Wing, Jan. 17 - Mar. 31** - Senegal: A Window into Francophone West Africa. This exhibit explores the art and culture of Senegal, a country in Francophone West Africa. It is a culminating project of a month-long, French-speaking study and immersion experience of twelve graduate students of French, who traveled to rural and urban regions of Senegal in July 2011. Hours: 10am-6pm, Tue., Wed., Thur. & Sat. and Fri., noon-8pm. Contact: Hank T. Foreman at 828/262-3017 or at (www.turchincenter.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Boone **Throughout Appalachian State University campus**, Boone. **Through Feb. 2012** - "25th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition & Exhibition". Sponsored by Turchin Center for the Visual Arts and An Appalachian Summer Festival. The juror for this year's competition is artist, Mel Chin from Burnsville, NC. The 8 winners are Paris Alexander (Raleigh, NC) "The Burning"; Aaron Lee Benson (Jackson, TN) "Love Hurts"; Loren Costantini (Milford, CT) "Flower"; Jennifer Hecker (Brockport, NY) "Martyr Dress #1"; Ira Hill (Tallahassee, FL) "AMUK"; IlaSahai Prouty (Bakersville, NC) "Tidal Sand"; Adam Walls (Laurinburg, NC) "Surprise"; and Glenn Zweygard (Alfred Station, NY) "Melt". 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** - Featuring the juried craftworks of over 300 regional artists offering a wide range of items including woodcarvings, ironwork, jewelry, weaving, pottery, craft instruction books, historical works, tapes, CDs, craft supplies and much more. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8am-5pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 800/365-5724 or at (www.folkschool.org).

Burnsville

Burnsville Gallery, Toe River Arts Council, 102 W. Main St., Burnsville. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by artists from Mitchell and Yancey Coun-

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