

NC Institutional Galleries

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about art: "...Art must make you laugh a little and make you a little afraid. Anything as long as it doesn't bore." And I intend to do just that," says Shen. **Through Dec. 9** - "School Lunch," featuring works by Lisa Weinblatt. "The School Lunch series is a visual essay of contemporary student life in real educational settings. Contemporary, cross-cultural issues and their emotional attitudes are explored in the shared lunch experience. School Lunch is generated from direct observation, drawing on location in the lunchrooms of high schools, universities and colleges of Queens, New York. Visual images have the power to transform and enlarge our perceptions, as well as, confirm identity and validate experience," says Weinblatt. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Merancas Campus, Merancas IV, 1930 Verhoeff Dr., Huntersville. **Through Dec. 9** - "Samuel Spees: Perceptions". Spees' pursuit of perfection is the foundation of his inspiration as an artist and why he is drawn to glass as a process. "Each of us renders the world through a distinctive lens. This observation is biased in many ways pertaining to memories and experiences, in addition to our own emotional construct. This body of work is evidence of how I decipher the beautifully perfect world around me. It is shaped with pieces of glass both found and purposely made that have been previously pulled, pinched, and cut. When melted together, they seamlessly flow throughout the body creating a colorful vignette of time and memory. These landscapes of pigment yield a much deeper understanding of my perception, helping to explore distortion in pattern together with my emotional connection to color in our natural world," said Spees. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bliss Gallery, established by Holy Angels, 25 N. Main Street, Belmont. **Ongoing** - Holy Angels established Bliss Gallery to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists during special exhibitions. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Harmony Heslop at 704/280-9475, e-mail at (blissgallery@holyangelsnc.org) or visit (www.holyangelsnc.org).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 4237 Raleigh Street, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - CAL houses one of the area's largest collections of local professional and emerging artists, offering affordable fine art in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture, and fiber art. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Cornelius Arts Center Gallery, 19725 Oak Street, Cornelius. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center Gallery is under the direction of the future Cain Center for the Arts. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/896-8823, 980/689-3101 or visit (https://cainarts.org/).



Susan Harbage Page, Red Blanket and Plaid Shirt in the Rio Grande near San Ignacio, Texas (Cobija roja y camisa a cuadros dentro del río Bravo, cerca de San Ignacio, Texas), from the portfolio "Borders and Belonging," 2011, color inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 17 x 22 inches, Davidson College Art Galleries, Gallery Purchase with funds from LUBO Foundation

Davidson College, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every Gallery, Through Dec. 7** - "Susan Harbage Page: Embodied Cartographies in Territorial Disputes". Susan Harbage Page has spent her life crossing borders, both literally

and figuratively. Born in Ohio, she moved to North Carolina and thus experienced both sides of the Mason-Dixon line at an early age. In 1969, when Harbage Page was 10 years old, her mother took her and her three sisters on a three-month European camping trip in a red VW bus. The five women crossed 23 borders, including the Iron Curtain countries of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Bulgaria. At Romania's border, agents detained the family for a day. Being trapped between two borders and belonging to neither influenced Harbage Page's work which explores militarized spaces, borderlands, nation, gender, race, archives, representation, and belonging. **Smith Gallery, Through Dec. 7** - "Lorena Mal: Witness Trees". Mexico City-based artist Lorena Mal joined us on campus for two weeks to create her exhibition, Witness Trees, her first solo show in North Carolina. Working in photography, drawing, and sculptural installation, Mal creates a dialogue between territories, specifically her native country of Mexico and the Southeastern United States, where the exhibition takes place. Seeking to connect rather than to divide, Mal explores the two landscapes through tree-drawings, botanical archives, as well as flowers and soil to approach a deeper past intersecting cultural, political and ecological traces. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at (www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont's, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through Dec. 8** - "Signal," featuring works by Lee Malerich. An Artist Lecture will be offered on Nov. 16, at 1pm, in the Overcash Center, 2nd Floor, Tate Hall. A Meet and Greet to follow in the Ross Gallery immediately after the lecture. As an artist and art teacher, Malerich's goal is to foster an environment where the art maker and the viewer can think outside of the box. Using reclaimed objects such as bookcases, instruments, and discarded furniture, Malerich finds numerous methods and compositions in each of her sculptures. 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/).



Patrick Earl Hammie, [Romare Bearden] Romare Bearden, 2018. Courtesy of the artist - Gantt

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Mar. 12, 2023** - "Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth." The Harvey B. Gantt Center and Levine Museum of the New South are proud to collaborate and bring the dynamic exhibition "Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth." to our Charlotte community. This exhibition profiles the revolutionary men—including Muhammad Ali, James Baldwin, Ta-Nehisi Coates, W.E.B DuBois, and Kendrick Lamar—whose journeys have altered the history and culture of the country. The achievements of the men are woven within the legacy and traditions of the African American journey—achievements of excellence in spite of society's barriers. Twenty-five contemporary artists were invited to reflect and celebrate the significance of these ground-breaking individuals through their own creative vision. These works of art serve as counterpoint to the sumptuously backlit photographs and inspiring quotes, and together honor the truth of the African American experience in history and today. **Through Jan. 16, 2023** - "Painter's Refuge: A Way of Life," a solo exhibition of recent work by Reginald Sylvester II. "We are excited to showcase Painter's Refuge: A Way of Life, an exhibition that will stir minds and souls and invite viewers to take a journey through Reginald's creative process and genius," said President & CEO David R. Taylor. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian

Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Thur. - Sat., noon-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Extended hours from noon-8pm on Fridays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at (www.ganttcenter.org).

Lake Norman Art League Gallery, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at (www.LKNart.org).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development, and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. The gallery, which has expertise in a number of different art media with a significant focus on paintings, will also be part of a larger planned expansion that includes open artist studios and a dining concept. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm or by appt. Contact: Neely Verano at (neely@lacaprojects.com) or call 704/609-8487.

New Location

Levine Museum of the New South, 401 South Tryon Street, (former Wells Fargo Museum) Charlotte. **Through Mar. 12, 2023** - "Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth". The Harvey B. Gantt Center and Levine Museum of the New South are proud to collaborate and bring the dynamic exhibition "Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth." to our Charlotte community. This exhibition profiles the revolutionary men—including Muhammad Ali, James Baldwin, Ta-Nehisi Coates, W.E.B DuBois, and Kendrick Lamar—whose journeys have altered the history and culture of the country. The achievements of the men are woven within the legacy and traditions of the African American journey—achievements of excellence in spite of society's barriers. Twenty-five contemporary artists were invited to reflect and celebrate the significance of these ground-breaking individuals through their own creative vision. These works of art serve as counterpoint to the sumptuously backlit photographs and inspiring quotes, and together honor the truth of the African American experience in history and today. **Ongoing** - Building a stronger, more equitable community by connecting people to Charlotte and to each other through history, culture, and celebration. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11am-5pm; Wed. till 9pm; Sat., 10am-5pm; & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (museumofthenewsouth.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". From crocks, jars, and jugs to pitchers, candleholders, and vases, "turning pots" is one of the oldest and richest craft traditions in North Carolina. For more than 200 years, members of the Cole family have been potting in central North Carolina—Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Montgomery counties. Six generations of Coles, and no fewer than 18 individuals, are represented in The Mint Museum's permanent collection. More than 60 highlights of their wares are included in the installation "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". One reason for its long-term success is that making pottery has so often been a family tradition in the state. Fathers taught the art of forming, glazing, and firing clay objects to their sons, and in later generations also to daughters, who in turn taught their children, and so on through the decades. These family dynasties not only helped to keep the potting craft alive, but ensured continuity in techniques and craftsmanship, as well as introduced artistic innovations in succeeding generations. "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters" presents a visual history of "turned pots" and the family that helped turn North Carolina into one of America's centers for handmade, traditional pottery. **Through Dec. 11** - "Diedrick Brackens: ark of bulrushes". This exhibition presents a new series by Los Angeles-based artist Diedrick Brackens including large-scale (8-foot) weavings and premiering the artist's first woven sculptures. Known for making colorful textiles about African American and queer histories, Brackens has developed a process of combining the tactility of yarn with the ethos of storytelling. For this exhibition, the artworks tell timeless narratives about emancipation and remediation through pattern, body, and the power of craft. **Bridges and Levine Galleries, Ongoing** - "Contemporary British Studio Ceramics: The Grainer Collection". Focused on the collection of Diane and Marc Grainer, this installation is a survey of contem-

porary British studio ceramics. Comprising functional and sculptural objects made between the 1980s and today, the show features work by artists either born or residing in Great Britain, including established "contemporary classics" like Gordon Baldwin and Rupert Spira, and cutting-edge ceramicists such as Julian Stair and Kate Malone. Several recently-gifted works from the Grainers are included. **Alexander, Spangler, and Harris Galleries, Ongoing** - "Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675 - 1825". The Mint Museum's collection of eighteenth-century British pottery and porcelain is widely respected for its scope and quality. The collection numbers over 2,000 objects and includes important examples of both salt-glazed and dry-bodied stoneware from Staffordshire; tin-glazed earthenware from Bristol, Liverpool, and London; and cream-colored earthenware from Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire. Notable eighteenth-century porcelain factories represented include Chelsea, Bow, and Vauxhall in London, Longton Hall in Staffordshire, Worcester, Bristol, and others. Individual works in the collection are exceptional because of their rarity, craftsmanship, provenance, or as representative examples of particular types or methods of production or decoration. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardens. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Dec. 24** - "American Made: Paintings and Sculpture from the DeMell Jacobsen Collection," which features more than 100 works of art by renowned American artists, such as Benjamin West, Sarah Miriam Peale, Thomas Cole, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, Robert Henri, and Charles Alston. Drawn entirely from the DeMell Jacobsen Collection, the exhibition beautifully illustrates distinctive styles and thought-provoking art explored by American artists over the past two centuries. **Through Mar. 2023** - "Rendezvous With Rothko". For the first time in its 85-year history, The Mint Museum has not one, but two, Mark Rothko paintings on view. Through a long-term loan with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, two paintings by the Abstract Expressionist painter Mark Rothko are on view in the Modern Contemporary galleries at Mint Museum Uptown. The two works — "No. 17 [or] No. 15" and "Untitled 1951" — are the only paintings by Rothko currently on view in North Carolina. **Craft + Design Galleries, Ongoing** - "Craft in the Laboratory: The Science of Making

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