

# Fine Art at Baxters in New Bern

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cal Artist". McRay has received feature articles in *Fortune Small Business*, *Art Business News*, *Our State Magazine* and *Southern Living Magazine*.

Some of his collectors include the SAS Institute, American Tobacco Campus, North Carolina Central University Art Museum, Duke University Medical Center, Duke Health Raleigh Hospital, NC State University, UNC - Chapel Hill and Western Wake Hospital, as well as many private collectors locally, nationally and internationally. Also, McRay was privileged to participate in the Art in Embassies Program, which displayed his works in the US Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark.

For further information check our NC



Work by Erik McRay

Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/634-9002 or visit [www.fineartatbaxters.com](http://www.fineartatbaxters.com).

## Craven Arts Council & Gallery in New Bern, NC, Offers Two New Exhibits

The Craven Arts Council & Gallery in New Bern, NC, is presenting two new exhibits including: *Critters Christmas 2017*, on view in the Main Gallery at the Bank of the Arts, through Dec. 30, 2017, and works by local wildlife photographer, Elaine Varley, on view in the Director's Gallery at Bank of the Arts from Dec. 8 - 31, 2017. The Council will host a reception during the downtown New Bern ArtWalk, Dec. 8, from 5-8pm.

Centered around animals of all kinds, *Critters Christmas 2017* features original artwork by local artists showcases the talents of eastern North Carolina.

*Critters Christmas 2017* celebrates all creatures that swim, fly, wiggle, walk, or slither, in a variety of mediums and techniques. The exhibit showcases local talent here in eastern North Carolina and provides the community with art on an immediately relatable scale.



Work by Elaine Varley

Featured artists include: RK Ives, Daphne Thomas, Craig Gurganus, Brenda Manheim, Dawn Rozzo, Jonathan Bowling and many others. A variety of mediums are represented in the exhibition, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and more. All work in the exhibition will be for sale through Craven Arts Council and Gallery.

Craven Arts Council & Gallery is proud to present the work of Elaine Varley in the Director's Gallery for the month



Work by Chris Wagner

of December. A Craven County native, Varley's work focuses on wildlife and landscapes.

After two careers, first as a teacher and then a registered nurse, Varley began her photography journey with class at ASAP photography in Greenville, NC, as well as online coursework through National Geographic and Creative Live. These lead to a passion for learning more about photography, including numerous workshops and trips across the United States for the perfect shot. When asked what she loves to shoot the most, Varley's response is "anything with fur and feathers and grand, expansive landscapes."

Varley is a member of the Twin Rivers Artists Association, the Coastal Photography Club, and Eastern Region Carolina nature Photographers. Her work has been displayed in a number of group and solo exhibitions in the region, including at the New Bern Library and the Turnage Theater in Washington.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 252/638-2577 or visit ([www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org)).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Dec. 24th for the January 2018 issue and Jan. 24 for the February issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. E-mail to ([info@carolinaarts.com](mailto:info@carolinaarts.com)).

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