

NC Institutional Galleries

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College," features the Museum's collection of groundbreaking designs from Black Mountain College (BMC)—including architecture, furniture, ceramics, textiles, and more—and situates them in the context for BMC's influences and surroundings. Artists featured in the two exhibitions include Anni Albers, Josef Albers, Ruth Asawa, Jorge Fick, Buckminster Fuller, Mary "Molly" Gregory, Karen Karnes, A. Lawrence Kocher, Albert Lanier, Jo Sandman, Mim Sihvonen, Robert Turner, Gerald Van de Wiele, and more. **Debra McClinton Gallery, Through Jan. 17, 2022** - "Walter B. Stephen Pottery: Cameo to Crystalline," features art pottery and functional vessels from each stage of Stephen's career, from his origins discovering the medium alongside his mother Nellie C. Randall Stephen in Shelby County, TN, from 1901 through 1910 to his multi-decade production just outside of Asheville. Artist Walter B. Stephen (Clinton, IA 1875–1961 Asheville, NC) contributed to Western North Carolina's identity as a flourishing site for pottery production and craftsmanship in the early 20th century. In 1926, Stephen founded his third and last pottery studio, Pisgah Forest, in Arden, NC, which he operated until his death in 1961. It was at this studio that the artist perfected the "cameo" decoration technique for which he became best known. His hand-painted images, achieved with layers of white translucent clay, often feature American folk imagery, from covered wagons and livestock to cabins and spinning wheels. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Art Museum, the hub for 20th- and 21st-century American art in Western North Carolina, has re-opened to the public. The \$24+ million, state-of-the-art facility encompasses 54,000 square feet and adds 70 percent more Collection gallery space. For the first time in the Museum's history, it has the capacity to host major traveling exhibitions from nationally recognized museums. The expansion increases its physical space and dramatically increases its role as a community center, educational resource, economic engine for WNC, and cultural concierge for the region's residents and visitors. Opening exhibitions include: "Appalachia Now! An Interdisciplinary Survey of Contemporary Art in Southern Appalachia," is the inaugural special exhibition of the newly renovated Museum. Curated by Jason Andrew, the juried exhibition features 50 artists of diverse backgrounds from the Southern Appalachian states of North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The exhibit provides a regional snapshot of the art of our time—a collective survey of contemporary Southern Appalachian culture. "Intersections in American Art," is the largest presentation ever drawn from the Museum's Collection of 5,000+ works and 4,000+ architectural drawings. It celebrates the unique qualities of art from Western North Carolina, placed within the context of art from across the United States. The intersections of regional and national art are highlighted throughout the galleries, as are three specific ways of understanding the works here: Time & Place; Experiments in Materials & Form; and Collaboration & Interdisciplinary Dialogue. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at (www.ashevilleart.org).



Work by Sally Lordeon

Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd., 82 Patton Avenue, across from Pritchard Park opposite the old location, Asheville. **Dec. 1 - 31** - "Joyful Light". A reception will be held on Dec. 3, from 5-8pm. Each of us would benefit by having more joy and light into our lives and our world, after the last two difficult years. The December exhibit at the Asheville Gallery of Art focuses on visual images that remind us to welcome the joy and light of the season into our hearts and homes. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 31 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: Mon., 11am-6pm & Fri.-Sat., noon-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at (www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com).

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 120 College Street, Asheville. **Through Jan. 8, 2022** - "Don't Blame it on ZEN: The Way of John Cage & Friends," curated by Jade Dellinger, Director of the Bob Rauschenberg

Gallery at FSW. Widely revered as an innovator in the non-standard use and "preparation" of musical instruments, indeterminacy, chance-based and electroacoustic music, John Cage (1912-1992) was perhaps both the most provocative and the most influential American composer of the 20th century. Cage taught at Black Mountain College in the summers of 1948 and 1952 and was in residence during the summer of 1953. While at BMC, Cage lectured on the Huang-Po Doctrine of Universal Mind and organized what has been credited as the first-ever "Happening." As the exhibition title and John Cage's own words make clear, Cage wished only "to free Zen of any responsibility for [his] actions," yet his profound influence continues to be seen, heard, and experienced through his work and the work of friends and countless followers. "Don't Blame it on ZEN: The Way of John Cage and Friends" presents works by Cage and his contemporaries including Nam June Paik, Yoko Ono, Laurie Anderson, David Byrne, Robert Rauschenberg, and M.C. Richards as well as those deeply influenced by his work and teachings such as composer Matana Roberts, artist and performer Aki Onda, interdisciplinary artist Andrew Deutsch, and abstract turntablist Maria Chavez. **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).

Center for Craft, 67 Broadway, Asheville. **John Cram Partner Gallery, Through Jan. 7, 2022** - "Black in Black on Black: Making the Invisible Visible in Western North Carolina". This is an exhibition about the lives and contributions of Black/African American communities in Western North Carolina (WNC). Presenting works of art alongside oral histories and research data, Black in Black on Black is a visual conversation about an often invisible history of our region. This exhibition features three WNC-based artists: Ann Miller Woodford, Viola Spells, and Ronda Birtha, as well as data from the Heart of Health: Race, Place, and Faith in Western North Carolina project, a three-year community-participatory research study that seeks to better understand the role and impact of race and racism on health. **Bresler Family Gallery, Dec. 13 - Apr. 22, 2022** - "Weaving Across Time". A reception will be held on Dec. 11, from 5-7pm. The exhibition features nine contemporary Eastern Band Cherokee artists who are creatively building on a centuries-old practice of basket making. Learning from mothers, grandmothers, and mentors, they sustainably harvest, process, and dye materials found throughout Western North Carolina, and weave them into exquisite baskets. The works on view are more than beautiful objects - they are vessels that preserve, store, and celebrate indigenous wisdom, identity, and creativity. **Ongoing** - Encompassing an additional 7,000 square feet of program space, including expanded galleries, event and meeting spaces, and coworking space serving the creative sector, this one-of-a-kind National Craft Innovation Hub will engage both the national craft community and western North Carolina residents, further establishing the Center for Craft as a thought-leader in what craft means today, as well as how to support emerging voices and makers. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 10am-6pm. Contact: call 828/785-1357 or at (www.centerforcraft.org).

NC Glass Center, 140 Roberts Street, Suite C, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Glass Center is a non-profit, public access glass studio providing daily educational offerings & demonstrations. We are proud to represent the work of our artists and instructors in the NCGC glass gallery. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/505-3552 or at (www.ncglasscenter.org).

Odyssey Co-Op Gallery, 238 Clingman Avenue, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Our Gallery features works by 25 local clay artists, working in a variety of styles to create functional and non-functional pottery and works of figurative and abstract sculpture. Hours: Wed.-Mon., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828/505-8707 or at (<https://www.odysseycoopgallery.com/about/>).

Southern Highland Craft Guild, Biltmore Village, 26 Lodge Street, former Biltmore Oteen Bank Building in Biltmore Village, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring a wide range of work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild including: pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, fiber, metal, paper, mixed media and natural materials. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at (www.craftguild.org).

Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville. **Main Gallery, Through Jan. 16** -



Work by Jim & Shirl Parmetier

"Black & White 4". This is the fourth edition of the popular members show "Black and White". "This show is the most popular theme for members and visitors alike. It happens roughly every ten years and each edition has been unique and beautiful," states Nikki Josheff, Curator of Collections for the Guild. There are 77 objects by 75 members and some pieces have already sold. Disciplines represented include quilting, chair caning, hand-built and wheel-thrown ceramics, felt work, batik, glass work, stone carving, jewelry, wooden flutes, woodcarving, tapestry, wood-turning, and more. **Permanent Collection 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: 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. Hours: daily from 9am-6pm. 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. **Baker Exhibit Center Gallery, Through Jan. 9, 2022** - "Arbor Huescapes: Paintings by Michael Fowler." Artist Michael Fowler creates evocative abstract landscape paintings by incorporating vibrant colors with subtle, complex details. His semi-large-scale approach invites viewers to step into his work and build a sense of wonder and contemplation surrounding the natural world. Fowler's artistic response in contemplating nature is to capture something of a landscape's pleasantness, which is often unexpected harmonies of color and shape. In his latest exhibit, "Arbor Huescapes", Fowler highlights the distinctive vegetation – primarily trees – and topography of North and South Carolina's midlands and piedmont regions. Fowler received his Bachelor of Arts from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas with a focus in Advertising Design. He then attended the University of Nebraska where he received a Master's degree in Fine Arts in Painting and Drawing with a minor in Art History. From there, he attended the University of Memphis where he earned a Doctorate in Higher Education. Based in North Augusta, SC, Fowler is currently an associate professor of design and computer graphics and serves as the Mary Durban Toole Chair of Art at the University of South Carolina in Aiken. His paintings are in a number of public and private collections nationally, and he actively exhibits in regional and national shows. **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).

Beaufort

Mattie King Davis Art Gallery, historic Rustell House of the Beaufort Historical Association, 100 Block 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., 10am-4pm. Contact: 252/728-5225 or at (<https://beauforthistoricsite.org/gallery/>).

Black Mountain - Swannanoa

Red House Studios & Gallery, of the Swannanoa Valley Fine Art League, 310 W State Street, next to the Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain. **Through Jan. 3, 2022** - "Holiday Show: Degrees of Abstraction". This show will feature non-representational art; even in realism. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 11am-4pm. Contact: 828/669-0351 or visit (<http://svfalarts.org/>).

Blowing Rock



A view of the display for "Where's Spot?" book.

Blowing Rock Art and History Museum, corner of Chestnut and Main streets, downtown Blowing Rock. **Rankin West Gallery, Through Jan. 1, 2022** - "Emergent Landscapes: Mountains, Music, & Improvisation in the Paintings of Abie Harris". Abie Harris paints the mountains—he also paints the equally dynamic landscape of Bluegrass music. He is often doing both of these things at the same time. Rooted in Harris's iterative approach to painting, the pictures in Emergent Landscapes arise from repetitive close study—of the vistas surrounding his family's 19th-century home in the town of Blowing Rock and of the vernacular music traditions that aurally describe the region. **Fort Gallery, Through Apr. 16, 2022** - "Potters & Patrons: The Gorelick Collection at BRAHM". Carol Gorelick (1939-2019) began building her collection of pottery in 1970. Along with her husband Shelton (1929-2014), the Gorelicks were drawn to the medium's texture and tactility and built a substantial collection of predominantly North Carolina pottery and ceramic objects over the preceding decades. The Gorelicks purchased what they liked, with Carol once saying, "I collect by the seat of my pants." As the couple collected, they formed long-lasting friendships with the artists from whom they purchased work. Amassing a collection representing many of the state's most prominent ceramic artists, the pair left an indelible mark on the tight knit pottery community as tireless and compassionate patrons. With works by Steve Abee, Michel Bayne, Herb Cohen, Josh Copus, Christina Córdova, Burlon Craig, Kim Ellington, Mark Hewitt, Daniel Johnston, Matt Jones, Stacy Lambert, Charles Lisk, Alex Matisse, The Owens family, A.V. Smith, and many others, the Gorelick collection serves as a testament to their fidelity to and love for the medium and to the individual makers who enliven it. **Atwell Gallery, Through Jan. 22, 2022** - "Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites". "Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites" is an immersive adventure through three beloved children's picture books: The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats, and Where's Spot? by Eric Hill. From idyllic country gardens to urban snowscapes, this exhibit engages children and adults alike in the joy of literacy. With text presented in English and Spanish, Storyland provides practical tools for cultivating literacy through everyday activities and argues that it is never too early to cultivate a love of reading. Picture book illustrations are transformed into three-dimensional play and learning environments highlighting the six major literacy development areas: print motivation, print awareness, letter knowledge, sound awareness, vocabulary, and narrative skills and comprehension. Children will explore these foundational literacy skills through imaginative, interactive experiences and dramatic play inspired by classic stories. **Schaefer Gallery, Rotated Annually** - "The Carol and Shelton Gorelick Collection". The late Carol and Shelton Gorelick were prominent art collectors. Together,

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