

Celebrate Spring in Seagrove, NC

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Work by Frank Neef

Celebration of Spring will continue their popular promotion with the opportunity to win a gift certificate for \$150 that



Work by Chad Brown

can be used at one of the participating Celebration of Spring shops. And new this year, the winner will also receive a complimentary two night stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Asheboro, NC, just a short drive from Seagrove. Pick up a card at one of the shops (or download it from our website) and get it stamped in 6 different shops and mail it back to us by May 5, 2016. Qualifying cards will be entered into the drawing, which will take place the weekend of May 15, 2016.

The Spring Guide can be downloaded from their website at (www.discoverseagrove.com) and includes a map, shop hours and listing of the participating shops. You can also go to Facebook to see who is participating at (www.Facebook.com/CelebrationofSeagrovePotters) and link to the individual artists for more information.

Sponsored by Capel Rugs in Troy, NC with additional support from WLHC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (www.discoverseagrove.com).

STARworks Announces Guest Artists for FireFest - Apr. 1-2, 2016

FireFest, a two-day festival celebrating the role of fire in the creation of art, will be held at STARworks in Star, NC, Apr. 1 and 2, 2016. Guest artists will create art, hold slide shows and participate in finale events involving fire.

Ceramic artist Sergei Isupov will create a large ceramic sculpture that will be fired during the festival and revealed when it has reached peak firing temperature and is still aflame during the Saturday night finale.



Work by Nancy Callan

Isupov is originally from Stavropol, Russia and currently resides in Massachusetts. He holds an MFA in Ceramics from the Art Institute of Tallinn in Estonia. His work explores human encounters and comments on the relationships between men and women.

Glass artist Nancy Callan will perform demonstrations and create art at Firefest. Callan, who currently resides in Seattle, WA, received her BFA from Massachusetts College of Art. Her work explores the notion of play as an important component of art. *Continued above on next column to the right*



Liberty Arts of Durham, NC, ironpour

nent in creativity.

Liberty Arts Sculpture Studio and Foundry, based out of Durham, NC, will lead the iron pour during the Saturday evening finale events. Artists will create molds that will be filled with molten iron. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase scratch molds to create their own designs and have them filled during this time. A workshop is available for those who would like pointers. Liberty Arts serves as an incubator in which artists work together to teach, learn and inspire.

FireFest attendees can try working with hot glass, metal or clay at STARworks Open Studios, Friday evening. More in-depth workshops in each medium will be offered Saturday.

Other activities include an art sale, a hot glass magic show, live music by Eck and the New Manics, locally-brewed beer and food vendors. Finale events, slide shows, demonstrations, live entertainment and observing artists at work is included in the price of admission.

Daily admission is \$5. Children 12 and younger are admitted free. Open Studios and workshops will be additional costs. More information and a complete schedule of events can be found at


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Museum Hours:
 Tues-Sat 10am-4pm
Business Hours:
 Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

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(www.STARworksNC.org).

STARworks is seeking volunteers for FireFest. Volunteers are needed to help with check-in, gallery sales, answering questions, monitoring the entrance and directing attendees.

Volunteers who work three hours will receive free admission for the day and a coupon that can be used at Hot Glass, Cold Beer events at STARworks. Those interested in volunteering should contact Mary Holmes by e-mailing to (mary@centralparknc.org) or calling 910/428-9001.

STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economy of the region by focusing on the sustainable use of our natural and cultural resources. STARworks is located at 100 Russell Drive in Star, just off I-73/74 in northern Montgomery County.

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North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, Offers Exhibit Focused on the Power of the Flower

The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, will present *Flower Power: Pottery & Plants*, on view in the Center's Gallery I, II & III, from Mar. 12 through July 2, 2016. A reception will be held on Mar. 12, from noon-2pm.

Within the context of this show, the term Flower Power is not a reference to the movement or ideology of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Here, Flower Power is a visual appreciation of the visceral and aesthetic power of pottery and plants. Individually, pottery, flowers, and plants have the power to affect our thoughts and feelings. When combined, that power sometimes seems intensified, perhaps because of the symbiotic relationship between earth and nature.

Featured artists with works in the exhibit



The Fire Tree sculpture was designed by ceramic artist Carol Gentithes, fired during 2015 FireFest and unveiled during Saturday's finale event. Sergei Isupov will create the 2016 fire sculpture.

include: Garry Childs, Donna Craven, Onay Cruz, Judith Duff, Mary Farrell, Shanna Fliegel, Steven Forbes-deSoule, Michael Hamlin-Smith, Delores Hayes, Daniel Johnston, Matt Jones, Michael & Levi Mahan, Rob & Beth Mangum, Zeke McCannless, Jim McDowell, Allison McGowan, Bob Meier, Jim & Shirl Parmentier, Hal & Eleanor Pugh, Rob Pulleyn, Charlie and Linda Riggs, Joseph Sand, Akira Satake, Tom Whitaker, and Julie Wiggins.

All of the outstanding pieces by the extraordinary artists featured in this exhibition will be available for purchase with a portion of each purchase going to benefit the center and its mission.

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