

# NC Institutional Galleries

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by Elizabeth Bradford. The exhibition highlights the talent of an artist who has spent fifty years diligently working within our own community, capturing the evolving landscapes she holds dear. She draws inspiration from a profound connection to nature through direct observations while hiking or kayaking primarily in the Southeastern United States where she resides. While her works are predominantly representational, they also maintain a relationship with abstraction. The exhibition's accompanying catalogue includes essays by Dr. Emily Stamey, Curator of Academic Programming & Head of Exhibitions at Weatherspoon Art Museum; Dr. Leo Mazow, Louise B. and J. Harwood Cochrane Curator of American Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and an interview between Bradford and Tyler Green, award-winning historian and critic who has produced and hosted "The Modern Art Notes Podcast" since 2011. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at ([www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org](http://www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org)).

**Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture**, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Aug. 17** - "Cherry, Khalif Tahir Thompson," is the first institutional solo exhibition in the United States, features eight large-scale paintings that explore themes related to identity, memory, and emotion. Imbued with a sense of nostalgia yet charged with a contemporary energy that bridges the tangible and the imagined, Thompson creates layered compositions that invite viewers into intimate spaces, drawing from the artist's personal experiences, family archives, and broader cultural narratives. "Cherry" invites viewers to explore how identity is remembered, shared, and reimagined, celebrating the complex layers of human experience. **Through May 11** - "YoYo Lander: Between the Quiet, Selected Works from 2019-2024". Known for her portraits of solitary African diasporic subjects, contemporary artist YoYo Lander captures visual form via a psychological and empathetic drive to understand her subjects, not only through the features of their physical bodies but also through moments in which introspection prompts them to most fully reveal themselves. As a self-taught painter and collagist, Lander highlights the multifacetedness of Black identity while also exploring the expressive aspects of the human figure through which gesture, line, posture, and color convey meaning. **Through Apr. 13** - "American Gurl," co-curated by Zehra Zehra and Kilo Kish. The exhibition is an ongoing curatorial project featuring work that explores all shades of American dreaming. This project's installment takes shape as a film exhibition that presents eight films by intergenerational artists with curiosity around the perspectives and nuances within the Black feminine experience and our relationships with beauty, success, freedom, and power in America. "American Gurl" is presented in collaboration with Womxn in Windows, a platform whose mission is to share the perspectives of women of color through video, art, film, and performance. **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. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at ([www.ganttcenter.org](http://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](http://www.LKNart.org)).

**Lamba Gallery**, Storrs Building, 100, 9201 University City Blvd. UNC Charlotte Main Campus, Charlotte. **Through Mar. 28** - "Erin Fostel: To See Ourselves Seeing". Erin Fostel is a visual artist who creates representational drawings with charcoal. Her work often depicts the everyday moments of life, from images of intimate home interiors to the shared public space. She holds a BFA in Drawing and Art History from the Maryland Institute College of Art and has exhibited in venues throughout the United States and Europe, including the C. Grimaldis Gallery (Baltimore, MD); Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (Virginia Beach, VA); Utah Museum of Contemporary Art (Salt Lake City, UT); Neon Gallery (Wroclaw, Poland); Moving Poets Novilla (Berlin, Germany); and the Academy Art Museum (Easton, MD). Fostel is a 2019 recipient of the Municipal Art Society of Baltimore City Artist Travel Prize and a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award. Her drawings are in the collections of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Maryland Center for History and Culture, CFG Bank, and

the Robert W. Deutsch Foundation. Her studio is based in Baltimore. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704/687-2397.

**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](mailto:neely@lacaprojects.com)) or call 704/609-8487.

**Levine Museum of the New South**, 401 South Tryon Street, (former Wells Fargo Museum) Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Charlotte: Moving Forward, Looking Back". To move forward and make the city a better place for everyone, we must look back and learn from choices made in the past. The exhibit tells the story of Charlotte from Native and early European settlement to today. The exhibition combines stories of people, places, and events in a foundational narrative of Charlotte history that answers thought-provoking questions about how we got here and where we are headed. Experience Charlotte stories through objects from the Levine Museum's collections, interactive media displays, and art by local creatives. **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](http://museumofthenewsouth.org)).



Work by Ellen Lee Klein

**Matthews Town Hall**, 232 Matthews Station Street, Matthews. **Through Mar. 26** - "Transformed - New Works by Ellen Lee Klein". This exhibition of bold and inventive nature inspired works includes oil and acrylic paintings on canvas and on paper. The artist interprets, while transforming, the mundane contemporary natural world in her North Carolina back yard, daily vistas and environs. Skillfully and generously employing the formal elements to evoke physical and emotional responses in the viewer, she reflects her tongue in cheek responses to contemporary life around her. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: 704/847-4411.

**McColl Center for Art + Innovation**, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Through Jan. 18** - "The Audacity". McColl Center is pleased to present The Audacity, a group exhibition curated by Doris Kapner, featuring Studio Artists Maddie Foss, Melanee Hamilton, Bethany Salisbury, Melissa Stutts, Karina Walter and Betsy Rosen in collaboration with Héctor Vaca Cruz and Kass Small. The Audacity examines the conflicting and arbitrary expectations placed on women, often referred to as the "Goldilocks Dilemma." Women are criticized for being too much or too little: too loud, too soft, too assertive, too agreeable—rarely seen as "just right." **Through Jan. 18** - "Ties That Bind: Portraits by Mitchell Kearney of Artists at McColl Center, 1999–2008," curated by Melissa Stutts. Twenty-five years ago, the dream of creating an urban artist's colony in a fire-ravaged church in uptown Charlotte became a reality. Since 1999,

McColl Center's artist residency program has been a haven for artists—a place where they have the time, space, and resources to make their dreams a reality. Photographer Mitchell Kearney was there from the start. Founding president, Suzanne Fetscher, an artist herself, asked Kearney to capture the creative process. His charge was to offer a glimpse into how art is made by each resident artist, and to show a place that connects the community to the artist at work and not just the finished artwork. "Ties That Bind: Portraits by Mitchell Kearney of Artists at McColl Center, 1999–2008" reveals an intimate and collaborative approach. Both the artist and the photographer are at work, doing what they love. Although McColl Center is no longer a church, there is still something sacred in the act of creativity. Hours: Call about visiting. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at ([www.mccollcenter.org](http://www.mccollcenter.org)).

**Mint Hill Arts Gallery**, 11205 Lawyers Road, Ste. A, Mint Hill. **Ongoing** - We are more than just a gallery; we are a vibrant hub of creativity, passionately committed to fostering a thriving arts community. Our gallery's mission is deeply rooted in our connection to the local community. From the moment you step through our doors, you'll be enveloped by the warmth and artistic spirit that defines our town. As artists ourselves, we understand the importance of cultivating an environment that nurtures and celebrates creativity in all its forms. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-3pm. Contact: 980/226-5532 or at ([minthillarts.org](http://minthillarts.org)).

**Mint Museum Randolph**, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through Feb. 16** - "Objects of Affection: Jewelry by Robert Ebendorf From the Porter • Price Collection". This exhibition celebrates the work of artist Robert Ebendorf, one of the most influential artists in the studio jewelry movement, beginning in the 1960s to today. The exhibition features more than 180 works of jewelry, metalwork, drawings, and archival materials drawn from the Porter • Price Collection designed by Ebendorf, as well as faculty and graduates of the metal design program at East Carolina University. Ebendorf's work combines exceptional craftsmanship, acquired through traditional training in gold- and silversmithing, with the inventive use of found objects and other alternative materials such as acrylic and ColorCore. "Objects of Affection" follows the evolution of Ebendorf's designs from Scandinavian modernism of his early work to his first use of found objects, including tintype photographs in the 1960s; juxtapositions of colored acrylic and precious metals in the 1970s; use of found newspaper and other textual elements in the 1980s; his pivotal incorporation of animal parts in the 1990s; and the remixing and further development of many of these approaches in the 21st century. **Delhom Gallery, Through June 8** - "The Delhom Service League: 50 Golden Years". The Delhom Service League (DSL) provided a half-century of generous support and impactful initiatives to The Mint Museum, helping to fund the acquisition of more than 200 works of art in the Mint's collection. The exhibition celebrates the Delhom Service League's enthusiastic support for the Mint by proudly displaying significant works funded or gifted by the affiliate group, plus selected publications, photographs and other memorabilia. In 2022, the Delhom Service League made the difficult decision to dissolve as a Mint affiliate. The league nevertheless remains an indelible part of the Mint's history, and its many contributions rightly deserve the museum's never-ending recognition and gratitude. **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 potters 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. **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 contemporary 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 Art Gallery has been re-envisioned. We have some exciting updates from Mint Museum Randolph! Thanks to the collaboration with Lisa Homann, associate professor of art history at UNC Charlotte, and guest curator of the reinstallation, the African Art galleries have been refreshed with a renewed focus on provenance and a deeper exploration of the collection. The reinstallation offers fresh perspectives, examining the works through the lenses of global connections, domestic experiences, and ceremonial masquerades, while considering how Western perceptions have historically shaped African art. A standout feature of the transformation is the 2024 commission of a Kimi Masquerade Ensemble by artist David Sanou, created in Burkina Faso with fully documented provenance—an exceptional addition to the collection. This is an ongoing project, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with Homann and others to share new insights as they unfold. **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. 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](http://www.mintmuseum.org)).

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