

NC Institutional Galleries

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to seventeenth-century Dutch artist Jacob Duck of a slumbering youth as inspiration, this Focus on the Peck Collection installation explores the ways in which artists have assigned moral judgments to people who have fallen asleep unintentionally. Ranging in date from the fifteenth to the nineteenth century, these works warn against sleep obtained through idleness and laziness, illustrating how slumbering without earning it can have detrimental effects. **Through July 3** - "Ghost of a Dream: Aligned by the Sun (through the revolution)". In a time of travel bans, immigration debates, climate change, and a global pandemic, the artist team Ghost of a Dream has created their multi-faceted project Aligned by the Sun in an effort to bring hope to our collective experience and unify our fractured planet. To assemble the footage necessary for this endeavor, Ghost of a Dream has collaborated with artists in over 220 nations by asking them to capture a short video of the sunset. All but seven of the 195 countries recognized by the United Nations, as well as many non-UN nations and territories, are represented by these videos. These videos provide the source material for many iterations of the project, including large installations, video collages, and still-image composites. **Through July 25** - "Ancestral Altar Ram Heads from the Collection of Rhonda Morgan Wilkerson, PhD". This fifth installment of the Ackland's ongoing series of presentations featuring important works of art from the distinguished collection of Rhonda Morgan Wilkerson, PhD, showcases three ram heads carved for ancestral altars in the cultures of what is now south-central Nigeria. Formally inventive and stylistically diverse, these powerful heads would have been the focus of honoring and commemorating paternal ancestors within a chief's shrine. **Museum Store Gallery** (Franklin and Columbia Street), Store hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5:30pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Museum Hours: Wed.-Sat., 1-5pm. Contact: 919/966-5736 or at (www.ackland.org).

FRANK, University Place, Chapel Hill. **Ongoing** - Featuring work from over 70 artists, Frank offers more than you'd expect from an art gallery. Frank is a collective, founded by the area's finest artists working together to open the door for creative innovation in the arts. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm or by appt. Contact: Contact: 919/636-4135 or at (www.frankisart.com).

The ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main Street, Carrboro. **Ongoing** - Nurturing the arts in the triangle since 1974 through performance, education and exhibition. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-9pm and Sat. 10am-5pm. Contact: 919/929-2787 or at (<http://artscenterlive.org>).

Charlotte Area

Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, Levine Center for the Arts, 420 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Fourth-Floor Gallery, Apr. 2 - June 19** - "Annemarie Schwarzenbach: Departure Without Destination". The exhibition is presented in collaboration with Zentrum Paul Klee in Bern, Switzerland, is the first major retrospective dedicated to the photography of this Swiss writer, photographer, and journalist Annemarie Schwarzenbach (1908-1942). **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection comprises artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; and open until 9pm the 1st. and 3rd. Fri. of each month. Contact: 704/353-9200 or at (www.bechtler.org).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Cato Campus, Cato III, 8120 Grier Road, Charlotte. **Through June 30** - "Perceptions," featuring works by Samuel Spees. Perfect: (adj) having all the required or desirable elements, qualities, or characteristics; as good as it is possible to be. Absolute. (v) make (something) completely free from faults or defects, or as close to such a condition as possible. 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," says Spees. **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. "The School Lunch paintings seek to promote discussion and understanding of one another, while encouraging tolerance and acceptance. Each individual in my paintings, drawn in the moment, is an actual person. School Lunch underlines perceptions which affirm cultural identity, brings together ideas espousing contemporary social justice, gender and political concerns while encouraging a belief in the quality of human spirit. My objectives include continuing to forge a bridge connecting a multi-cultural society with achievement; through cooperation and tolerance," says Weinblatt. 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).



Work by Paul Hastings

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Central Campus, North Classroom, 1320 Sam Ryburn Walk, Charlotte. **Through June 16** - "The Escape Artist," featuring works by Paul Hastings. Hastings is an artist who easily segues from landscapes to still life to surrealism in his chosen medium, oil painting. Blatantly versatile, his landscapes feature bright, intense color bordering on the surreal with an emphasis on amplified perspective. His paintings offer a brief escape from reality — a magical, if only momentary visual journey into the mystic, thus his self-proclaimed title, "The Escape Artist." His artistic quest is to capture a specific moment in time on each canvas. Enhancing the subtleties of light and shadows in cloud formations against an artfully blended sky has become a trademark of Hastings's work. Accompanying his hyper-realistic works is a body of surrealistic paintings that combine his mastery of realism and his unbounded creativity to couple seemingly disparate elements of the natural world into cohesive and plausible flights of fancy. Fish fly, animals change their spots and earn their stripes, and landscapes are transformed into intensely colorful showcases for these adventures on canvas. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help 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 Harper Campus, Harper IV, 315 W. Hebron St., Charlotte. **Through Dec. 9** - "Everyday Poems," featuring works by Tim Bowman. Photographer Tim Bowman "collects" urban landscapes and arranges the city's architectural shapes and textures to create formal compositions while simultaneously recording the histories of use and reuse evident on the building exteriors. "We assume that cities are hard and immutable, but this is not true. They adapt to meet new requirements as the needs of their inhabitants change. The Winston-Salem Project is a record of that change, watching as our city continues its transformation from manufacturing and tobacco town into the City of Arts and Innovation," says Bowman. **Through Dec. 9** - "The Sculptures of Kevin O'Toole". "Over the

past 35 years I have developed an increasingly spare vocabulary of forms. At one time more organic, my pieces have gradually become more geometric through the influence of both process and choice of material. Wood was initially a choice of convenience, a permanent material, readily available and easily worked with common tools. Although I have never considered myself a "woodworker," I now rarely think in terms of another material. Although formal and abstract in design, my pieces are intended to be appreciated on a more intimate level as objects we encounter on a very human scale, said O'Toole. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help 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).



Work by Ellen Lee Klein, photo by Darnell Vennie

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Harris Campus, Harris II, 3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 9** - "Unpacked, The Works of Ellen Lee Klein". "Stretching the formal elements, I structure my own dynamic philosophical microcosm. My works reflect the marriage of my internal and external worlds and their influence upon each other as they and my life evolve through time and experience. The works reflect my tongue-in-cheek responses to contemporary life. The merging of my training and the processes involved in the making of each and every work combined express and inspire their structure and form. I remain faithful to the essence of what has continued to fascinate and drive me through the years — the searching yet delusive lines, color resonance, spatial ambiguity, and layers of delicious pigment along with the unmistakable clutter and vestiges of contemporary life. The works reflect the profound noise and ambiguity, as well as the transitioning and turbulence of the human condition," said Klein. Klein was born, raised, and educated in New York City, earning a BA from City College of New York and an MFA from Pratt Institute. Her long career in visual arts has included work as a teacher, arts administrator, art critic and writer, as well as numerous group and solo exhibitions in New York galleries and campuses. **Through Dec. 9** - "Glasscapes, Nature-Inspired Blown Glass," featuring works by Thomas Spake. "This exhibition is a tribute to the places that I hold dear, from my travels in the past and from the adventures yet to come. Our planet is changing, the seas are rising, the ice caps are melting, wildfires are ravaging our forests. My hope is that there is still time. I work with hot glass. I strive to create patterns and textures that mimic the natural world, stone, water, earth. I create these patterns by layering and fusing glass chips and powders to the surface of the glass. Heavily influenced by impressionistic painters Monet, Klimt, and Van Gogh and their mixture of color and patterns, this style of work aims to express the idea of a landscape as opposed to creating a representation. The simple flattened forms create a canvas, a front and a back, where I can fully express my intentions. In the final phase of creation, I carve into the sandblasted, opaque exterior to reveal the translucent glass just beneath the surface. All of these techniques come together to give the pieces a raw complexity, conjuring explorations of our memories," said Spake. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help 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 Levine Campus, Levine II, 2800 Campus Ridge Road, Matthews. **Through Dec. 9** - "Ceramic Art," featuring works by Ju-lan Shen. A native

of Taiwan, Shen came to North Carolina for graduate study in landscape architecture at NC State's College of Design. She took up pottery as a hobby in the early 2000's after attending the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual conference and exhibitions in Charlotte. After 30-plus years as a landscape architect, Ju-lan, now retired, continues to learn and make art. "Sculpting, drawing, and painting on clay pots is my way of journaling; I jot down what I hear, what I see, what I think, or what my brain was doing at that moment. I enjoy the contemplation of the experiences in my environment and I like this form of visual reflection. The late artist, Jean Dubuffet, said it best 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 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 June 16** - "Nature Reimagined," featuring works by Ann Prock. Prock fell in love with clay in 2003, beginning with the wheel and evolving to hand-built sculptural forms. Inspired by the beauty she finds in nature, she hand-builds the forms, creating each piece with the shape and gentle movement she has envisioned. Prock focuses on colors, shapes, and textures found in the living sea, the woodlands, and rock formations. She combines her imagination of those natural forms with multiple glazes, underglazes, stains, and textures. Many of her works are brushed with at least 10 glazes or underglazes in order to give them unique colors and textures that capture the viewer's eye and invite them to touch the piece. **Through June 16** - "Frieze," featuring works by Tom Stanley. Stanley's series are often hung as a frieze even as he works on groups of paintings. Size, imagery, color, and format for each series is distinct and help to create a visual theme within the group of related works. His series include six to eight works of acrylic on canvas. Drawing with paint, Stanley uses common graphic strategies, such as mechanical drawing, silhouette, and sgraffito to make something he has never seen before. His works are a conversation between hands and eyes. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help 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@holysnc.org) or visit (www.holysnc.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. **Apr. 8 - June 11** - "Irvin Law Group & Friends Show". A reception will be held on Apr. 8, from 6-8pm. Originally designed in 2019 as a fundraiser for the future Cain Center for the Arts, the expanded 2022 exhibition of Irvin Law Group & Friends will feature work from local and regional artists across a fascinating selection of mediums. **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,

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