

# Anastasia & Friends Gallery

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complex array of past and present thoughts, emotions, and character inspiration.”

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Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 803/665 6902 or e-mail to (anastasiachernoff@gmail.com).

## NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh Offers Works Ben Owen III

Seagrove potter Ben Owen III brings Old Roots, New Branches to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences' Nature Art Gallery, from May 1 - 31, 2015. A reception will be held on May 1, from 6-8:30pm.

The exhibition features a collection of beautiful pieces made from North Carolina clay and fired in the North Carolina pottery tradition. The collection also provides an opportunity to purchase a thing of beauty and lasting value made by the hands of a preeminent North Carolina artisan.

Owen was born into a traditional Seagrove, NC, pottery family, and was first introduced to clay by his grandfather when he was eight years old. Since the age of 13, he has been selling pots from Ben Owen Pottery, a business established by his father and grandfather. Throughout high school he produced works using the traditions and glazes of his grandfather, who was influenced by the Asian pottery traditions he admired in museum collections.

Like his grandfather, Owen's work displays both traditional and Asian influences. He has exhibited his work continually since 1993 in both group and solo shows in North Carolina, Dallas and New York, as well as China and Japan. He has also been featured on "Good Morning America," PBS, Japan-TV, Korean-TV and several TV shows in China.

Though most North Carolinians are familiar with Ben Owen III, few are aware that his reputation has spread so far beyond the state and country. His work has been commissioned by Ronald Reagan, Elizabeth Taylor, Perry Como, Bob Hope, Tom Selleck and Arnold Palmer. Most recently, the University of North Carolina commissioned him to create a piece for musician James Taylor as a lifetime achievement award. Other public collections include the North Carolina Governor's Mansion, Raleigh; the Umstead Hotel, Cary; plus Ritz-Carlton Hotels of Boston, Tokyo and White Plains, NY; Boston Commons and the Federal Reserve,



Work by Ben Owen III  
Charlotte.

To celebrate the opening of the Museum's newest special exhibition, *Dig it! The Secrets of Soil*, Owen will give two live pottery demonstrations and a presentation in the WRAL-3D Theater (1st floor, main building) on Friday, May 15. A sneak preview of the exhibition will be held from 5 to 7pm. The pottery demonstrations are from 6 to 6:45pm and 8 to 8:45pm with a lecture entitled, "Roots in Clay" at 7pm. Tickets for the evening are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for members. For tickets, call the Museum box office at 919/707-9950 or reserve tickets online at (naturalsciences.org). Space is limited.

The Nature Art Gallery is located on the top floor of the Museum Store, (1st floor, main building).

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, or call the Gallery at 919/707-9854.

## Adam Cave Fine Art in Raleigh, NC, Features Works by Byron Gin

Adam Cave Fine Art in Raleigh, NC, is presenting *BYRON GIN / emergence*, on view through May 26, 2015. A reception will be held on May 1, from 6-9pm.

Combining abstract color-field painting with realist still-life and nature elements has been the focus of Chicago artist Byron Gin for many years now. In his newest body of work, Gin creates backgrounds full of color and texture.

The history of the paint, layer upon layer, is visible in each piece, and reminiscent of the peeling paint, plaster, and paper one finds on the walls of old buildings. The birds and objects that populate these paintings are sometimes not fully painted, and seem to appear out of the paint like old stickers, signs, or graffiti. However, Gin has painted these elements with even more detail than ever before, creating striking contrasts that bring each piece to life.



Work by Byron Gin

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 919/272-5958 or visit (www.adamcave-fineart.com).

## Craven Allen Gallery in Durham, NC, Offers Work by Sue & Nance Lee Sneddon

Craven Allen Gallery in Durham, NC, is presenting *Blue Dream of Sky*, featuring paintings by Sue Sneddon and tapestries by Nance Lee Sneddon, on view through June 13, 2015.

Sue and Nance Sneddon learned by example from their mother (artist and painter, Lil Sneddon) to "paint when the spirit moves you". After Lil died in November 2013, the sisters found a folder in Page 18 - Carolina Arts, May 2015

Lil's dresser drawer that included poems, cartoons, articles from newspapers and magazines...with notations she had written, like "my favorite" and "wish I had written this". One item was excerpted from an e.e. cummings poem, printed as -- "I thank God for this most amazing day...and for the blue dream of sky and for everything which is natural, which is infinite."

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