

NC Institutional Galleries

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Miller Archives, the Gregg Museum of Art & Design along with works from private collectors. **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).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 1517 Camden Road, South End, Charlotte. **July 1 - 29** - "Beyond Skin and Street". A reception will be held on July 8, from 6-10pm. This show is a cultural experience created to showcase the work of talented local tattoo and graffiti artists. **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: Tue.-Thur., 11am-3pm; Fri., 5-9pm; Sat., noon-4pm; Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlot-teartleague.org).

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **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: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at (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).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Through Sept. 3** - "Repetitions," featuring an exhibit of works by Santiago Quesnel. Quesnel's intention to create mutations and variations of the same mental image, resulting in an examination of non-traditional landscapes generated from the intersection of record, experience, and memory. While the ethereal scenes might initially appear conventional, a discovery occurs—a burst of color in an otherwise subdued palette, an object that seems out of place, or subtle traces of human inhabitation, or perhaps, interference. The landscapes confront the viewer, resulting in a mixed sensation of a melancholic absence of something unknown against a vibrant and beautiful scene. Quesnel's process is slow and multi-layered, and plays upon his desires to realize his own universe through repetition. Ultimately reaching numerous outcomes of work with a play on the same theme, he takes pure and simple spaces where perspective is neither clear or logical, and creates a fascinating reality. **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) or call 704/609-8487.

Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street

Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (www.museumofthenewsouth.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **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 continent is remarkable in its geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **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. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. 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).

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through July 31** - "Pumped: The Art & Craft of Shoemaking". Whether you prefer simple sneakers or sexy stilettos, every visitor will find something to enjoy in this fashionable new exhibition. "Shoes are the finishing touch to your outfit, but they are also much more than that," said Rebecca Elliot, Assistant Curator for Craft, Design, & Fashion at the Mint, who curated the exhibition. "Well-made shoes are a testament to the talents of many



Oliver Wasow (American, 1960--). "Dana and Fortune", 2013, pigment print. Gift of Dana Martin Davis. 2014.71. Collection of The Mint Museum, Charlotte, North Carolina. © Oliver Wasow, 2013

people, whether it's the craftsman who shaped the leather by hand to create a unique design or the inventor who developed a machine that made shoes more widely affordable." **Through Sept. 18** - "Here & Now: 80 Years of Photography at the Mint." The exhibition marks the first survey exhibition of photography drawn solely from the Mint's permanent collection and comprises approximately 100 of the Mint's most stunning and provocative photographs. Including recent acquisitions and many never-before-seen treasures alongside signature works, "Here & Now" offers a fresh perspective on an exciting, diverse, and burgeoning area of strength within the Mint's collection. While relatively modest in scale, the Mint's collection boasts exceptional photographs taken at the turn of the 20th century by such noted masters as Berenice Abbott, Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, and W. Eugene Smith as well as those taken in the last few years by dynamic contemporary photographers. Global in scope, the Mint's collection as well as the "Here & Now" exhibition also feature works by artists with local and regional roots as well, including William Eggleston, Sonia Handelman Meyer, and Kristina Rogers. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown will house the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. 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).

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Light Factory, 1817 Central Avenue, Charlotte. **Through July 21** - "Total Immersion," featuring an exhibit of works by Sam Wang. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-6pm or by request. Contact: 704/333-9755 or at (www.lightfactory.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.ftcc.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine

painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at about 300. Hours: open daily, year round, with seasonal hours. Contact: 828/497-3103 or at (www.cherokee-nc.com).

Concord

The Galleries, of the Cabarrus Arts Council in Concord's Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street South, Concord. **Through July 29** - "Unresolved," includes paintings, photographs, ceramics and mixed media artworks by 10 artists: Tami Bone of Austin, TX; Pattie Chalmers of Carbondale, IL; Robert Crum of Salisbury, NC; Denise Duong of Oklahoma City, OK; Andy Farkas of Asheville, NC; Harriet Marshall Goode of Rock Hill, SC; Erik Haagensen of Greenville, TN; Kat Moser of Snowmass, CO; Beth Tarkington of Marietta, GA; and Yuko Nogami Taylor of Raleigh, NC. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Closed Sat, in July and Friday July 3. Contact: 704/920-2787 or at (www.cabarrusartscouncil.org).

Crossnore

The Crossnore Fine Arts Gallery, a North Carolina Fine Art Gallery, is located at The Historic Weaving Room on the Campus of Crossnore School, 205 Johnson Lane, Crossnore. **Ongoing** - The gallery represents regional painters, sculptors and fine craft persons who want to take part in benefiting the children of The Crossnore School. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/733-3144 and 828/387-1695 or at (<http://www.crossnoregallery.org/>).

Cullowhee

Fine Art Museum, Fine & Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. **Drawing Gallery, Through June 30** - "Vision & Vistas: Great Smoky Mountains," is an exhibition of sixty original photographs and drawings made by photographers and artists inspired by the grand vistas of the Great Smoky Mountains. Professional photographers include such notables as Jim Thompson, George Masa, and George Grant, as well as amateurs who hiked with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. Herbert Pelton and Nace Brock created images used by Asheville promoters to advocate for a national park in the Appalachians. Working for the National Park Service, Hiram Wilburn and Charles Grossman documented mountain culture within park boundaries and the road construction projects that forever altered it. Irving Fromer, J.D. Chaffin, and Alan Youngblood, men enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps, made pencil sketches of a wilderness previously unknown to them. Together, these artists focused on the grandeur of the landscape to lobby for a national park and promote conservation in the southern US. Without their vision, perhaps the Great Smoky Mountains National Park would not have come into being. Since its inception, the park has been a popular destination, setting visitation records topping 10 million annually. **Contemporary Gallery, Through Aug. 26** - "Handmade Landscape". Camp Little Hope is a team of artists. With a combined background in fine arts, education, design, economics, engineering, anthropology, and community engagement, they imagine new worlds through public artworks, curatorial interventions, designed artifacts, published information, and catalyzed epiphanies. Camp Little Hope presents "Handmade Landscapes." an arts and research exhibition exploring the geography, botany and the impact of recent human land use on Gribble Gap. **Ongoing** - "Worldviews," featuring selections from the Permanent Collection and new acquisitions featuring regional, national and international artists' works in all media. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm & Sat., 1-4pm. Contact: 828/227-3591 or at (<http://www.wcu.edu/museum/>).

Dillsboro

Jackson County Green Energy Park, 100 Green Energy Park Rd., Dillsboro. **Ongoing** - Featuring art created with renewable energy featuring blown glass, forge-hammered metals, ceramics. The Jackson County Green Energy Park (JCGEP) utilizes clean, renewable energy resources to encourage economic development, provide environmental protection, and offer educational opportunities that together will help lead towards a more sustainable future for Western North Carolina. Hours: Tue.-Thur., 1-4pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/631-0271 or at (www.jcgep.org).

Durham

Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, 1317 West Pettigrew Street, Durham. **Juanita Kreps Gallery, Through Sept. 10** - "Useful Work: Photographs of Hickory Nut Gap Farm by Ken Abbott". A reception and artist talk will be held on Aug. 18, from 6-9pm.

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