

# NC Institutional Galleries

## Aberdeen

**The Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art**, 129 Exchange Street, in the old Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad storage terminal, Aberdeen. **Ongoing** - The Artist's League of the Sandhills currently houses 35 artists-in-residence studios and offers classes by local professional artists and workshops by nationally known artists. Hours: Mon.-Sat., noon-3pm. Contact: 910/944-3979, or at ([www.artistleague.org](http://www.artistleague.org)).

## Alamance County

**BAL Gallery**, Holly Hill Mall and Business Center, 309 Huffman Mill Rd., Exit 141 off of I85/I40, Burlington. **Ongoing** - Since the beginning of Burlington Artists League in 1972, we have grown to represent many local artists in our immediate area. BAL's express purpose is to promote and elevate the area artists and their fine art spirit in Burlington, NC, and surrounding areas, thereby creating outlets for the artists and encouraging their continuing efforts to improve and create more art work. Along with wall art and bin reproductions, the BAL Artists Gallery also includes 3-D art such as sculptures and pottery. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-8pm; Sat., 10am-9pm, & Sun. for special events. Contact: 336-584-3005 or at (<https://burlingtonartistsleague.com/>).



Work by Ava Bock

**1873 Capt. James & Emma Holt White House**, 213 South Main Street, 2 1/2 blocks off I85/I40, exit#147, Graham. Home of the Alamance County Arts Council. **Sisters Gallery, Through Sept. 13** - "Finding My Voice," featuring works by Ava Bock. There is a term in the art world called an artistic voice. Developed and strengthened over time, an artist's voice is a unique, personal artistic style that connects all their artworks from their first to their last. The stronger and more developed an artist's "voice," the easier for another person to recognize any artwork they create. The Finding My Voice exhibit is the reflection stage of Ava Bock's journey as an artist. The exhibit shows the larger story of Ava Bock's artwork. No matter the finish or perfection stage, the pieces in this exhibit stood out to Ava and bring a resolution and finality to her previous stages of creation. They refine, inform, and eventually inspire what comes next. **Ongoing** - We are committed to shaping the cultural identity of Alamance County by making art a tangible presence in the lives of its citizens. We strive to enhance the quality of life by engaging people in a diverse array of art through the delivery of programming and education, and through the provision of facilities, advocacy, promotion, and funding. **Ongoing** - Picasso's Gift Shop, located in the Captain White House, promises unique finds of local, regional, and international art. The beautiful arts and craft items sold in the store help support the artist in the community. Featuring a wide variety of art, pottery and glass. Admission: free. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 336/226-4495 or at ([www.alamancearts.org](http://www.alamancearts.org)).

**Mebane Arts and Community Center**, 622 Corregidor Street, Mebane. **Through Sept. 7** - "Thread Art by Asja Begić Milak". Milak is a self-taught artist that specializes in string art. She was born in Tomislavgrad, Bosnia and moved to Burlington, NC, in 2000 due to the Bosnian war. She taught herself how to design and make string art. Over the last few years, she has put all her love into creating string artwork. Each peace goes through a rigorous process of finding the right wood, drawing and measuring out the design, hammering the nails, choosing the colors, creating a geometric pattern to produce the final product. Milak gets a lot of her inspiration from the repetitions of nature and everyday life. The beauty in each of her pieces is that they are unique and they are left to be interpreted by the individuals looking at them. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm. Contact: call the Center at 919/563-3629, ext. 2 or 919/304-3378 or contact the Alamance County Arts Council at 336-226-4495 or at ([www.alamancearts.org](http://www.alamancearts.org)).

[alamancearts.org](http://alamancearts.org)).

## Albemarle

**Falling Rivers Gallery**, 330-N Second Street, Albemarle. **Sept. 6 - 30** - "Nature At Its Best, 15th Annual Ellen Cook Gaskin Memorial". **Ongoing** - The gallery is a cooperative venue of the Stanly Arts Guild. Member staffed, this gallery offers the very best in local art and crafts including oil and watercolor, photography, pottery and ceramic art, jewelry, native American art, gourd sculpture and much more. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-5pm; Thur. till 6:30pm & Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/983-4278 or at ([www.fallingriversgallery.com](http://www.fallingriversgallery.com)).

## Apex



Work by Monica Linards

**Halle Cultural Arts Center**, 237 N. Salem Street, Apex. **Through Sept. 1** - "Triangle Visual Artists & Magdalena Scholle". This is a group of ten Triangle artists who came together as a "pop up" gallery. Each artist brings a different style to the group but together the works form a cohesive presentation. The works include metal cutting, acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, weaving, photography, scratch art and glass work. Scholle was born and educated in Poland, she earned her PhD in religious studies at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw where she later became a professor. After emigrating to the United States, the exchange of her academic career in Poland for an unwritten American journey led to Magdalena becoming an artist. **Sept. 8 - Nov. 17** - "Daily Painting Exhibition." A reception will be held on Sept. 8, from 6-8pm. The annual Daily Painting Exhibition started 5 years ago for the artists participating in the class The Happy Habit taught by artist Mónica Linares. Students in this ever-growing class work together in forming the habit of painting every day (or most days!). The participants find this show to be not only a motivation to form the habit of going to their easels, but a reward and a celebration for their effort of painting often...the only way to become better at painting. Unique to this year is that each participant will be exploring the theme LIGHT throughout their series. The size of the pieces is again 8x8" instead of the usual 6x6". This year, a couple of well-known guest artists join the show; inspiring all members to keep painting. **On view in display cases, Sept. 8 - Nov. 17** - Featuring works by Michael Schmitz, who lives in North Raleigh with his wife and two young girls. He received his BA in the Fine Arts with a focus in drawing from the University of Dayton in 2005. Additionally, he studied abroad in Florence, Italy for 6 weeks in college. His work is inspired by a wide-range of moments and scenes, each time and place have a unique, outward appearance but also a corresponding, inexpressible, inner essence (yes, even the pile of trash). In the model of Robert Henri, he is not interested in depicting the surface of things — instead, he strives to capture the spirit within each moment and scene. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm & Sat., 9am-1pm. Contact: 919/249-1120 or at (<http://thehalle.org/1442/Halle-Cultural-Arts-Center>).

## Asheville Area

**Asheville Art Museum**, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville. **The Van Winkle Law Firm Gallery, Level 1, Through Jan. 22, 2024** - "Romare Bearden: Ways of Working". Romare Bearden (Charlotte, NC 1911–1988 New York, NY), African American writer and artist, is renowned for his collages. He constantly experimented with various techniques to achieve his artistic goals throughout his career. This exhibition highlights works on paper and explores his most frequently used mediums, including screen-printing, lithography, hand-colored etching, collagraph, monotype, relief print, photomontage, and collage. **Explore Asheville Exhibition Hall • Level 3, Through Oct. 23** - "The Art of Food: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and



Romare Bearden, Lullaby at Birdland, circa 1980, monotype, 29 1/2 x 41 1/2. Jerald Melberg Gallery © The Romare Bearden Foundation / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

"His Family Foundation". Food is culture. Whether farm-raised or factory-made, traveling from kitchen to mouth, what one eats is often a means of understanding time, place, and people. "The Art of Food: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation" brings together works from some of the most preeminent postwar and contemporary artists who used food as their subject matter. This exhibition explores the many identities of food in daily life: whether a source of pleasure, a reason for gathering, a mass-produced commodity, or a reflection of social ideologies and divisions. "The Art of Food" features works from important postwar artists including Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein, David Hockney, John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, and Jasper Johns, alongside the work of contemporary artists, like Alison Saar, Lorna Simpson, Enrique Chagoya, Rachel Whiteread, and Jenny Holzer, among others. **Judith S. Moore Gallery, Through Apr. 15, 2024** - "Western North Carolina Glass," selections from the collection. Western North Carolina is important in the history of American glass art. Several artists of the Studio Glass Movement came to the region, including its founder Harvey K. Littleton. Begun in 1962 in Wisconsin, it was a student of Littleton's that first came to the area in 1965 and set up a glass studio at the Penland School of Craft in Penland, North Carolina. By 1967, Mark Peiser was the first glass artist resident at the school and taught many notable artists, like Jak Brewer in 1968 and Richard Ritter who came to study in 1971. By 1977, Littleton retired from teaching and moved to nearby Spruce Pine, North Carolina and set up a glass studio at his home. Since that time, glass artists like Ken Carder, Rick and Valerie Beck, Shane Fero, and Yaffa Sikorsky and Jeff Todd—to name only a few—have flocked to the area to reside, collaborate, and teach, making it a significant place for experimentation and education in glass. The next generation of artists like Hayden Wilson and Alex Bernstein continue to create here. **Ongoing** - The Asheville Art Museum, the hub for 20th- and 21st-century American art in Western North Carolina, has re-opened to the public. The \$24+ million, state-of-the-art facility encompasses 54,000 square feet and adds 70 percent more Collection gallery space. For the first time in the Museum's history, it has the capacity to host major traveling exhibitions from nationally recognized museums. The expansion increases its physical space and dramatically increases its role as a community center, educational resource, economic engine for WNC, and cultural concierge for the region's residents and visitors. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Fri. till 8pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 828/253-3227 or at ([www.ashevilleart.org](http://www.ashevilleart.org)).

**Asheville Gallery of Art, Ltd.**, 82 Patton Avenue, across from Pritchard Park opposite the old location, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring original works of art by 31 local artists in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and prints. Hours: Mon., 11am-6pm & Fri.-Sat., noon-5pm or by appt. Contact: 828/251-5796 or at ([www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com](http://www.ashevillegallery-of-art.com)).



Fabric woven by student Mimi French at BMC, photo by Fritz Horstman

**Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center**, 120 College Street, Asheville. **Through Sept. 9** - "Black Mountain College and Mexico". Black Mountain College (1933–1957), a small but remarkably influential liberal arts school in rural North Carolina, had important links to Mexico that until now have been little investigated. A crucible of twentieth-century creativity, BMC galvanized and inspired artists and intellectuals from around the world, while Mexico's innovations and age-old traditions—in fine and applied arts, architecture, poetry, music, performance, and more—dovetailed with, and

indeed drove, global impulses toward modernism and beyond. Among the many key BMC figures whose lives were importantly touched by experiences in Mexico were Anni and Josef Albers, Ruth Asawa, John Cage, Jean Charlot, Elaine de Kooning, Buckminster Fuller, Carlos Mérida, Robert Motherwell, Charles Olson, Clara Porset, M.C. Richards, and Aaron Siskind. **Sept. 29 - Jan. 6, 2024** - "Weaving at Black Mountain College: Anni Albers, Trude Guermonprez, and Their Students," is the first exhibition devoted to textile practices at Black Mountain College (BMC). Celebrating 90 years since the college's founding, the exhibition reveals how weaving was a more significant part of the College's legendary art and design curriculum than previously assumed. The weaving program was started in 1934 by Anni Albers and lasted until Black Mountain College closed in 1956. Despite Albers's elevated reputation, the persistent treatment of textile practices as women's work or handicraft has often led to the discipline being ignored or underrepresented in previous scholarship and exhibitions about the College; this exhibition brings that work into the spotlight at last. **Ongoing** - An exhibition space dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm or by appt. Contact: 828/350-8484 or at ([www.blackmountaincollege.org](http://www.blackmountaincollege.org)).

**NC Hometown Museum**, next to Grovewood Gallery, at Grove Park Inn, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville. **Ongoing** - This museum presents a historical overview of Biltmore Industries, an Arts and Crafts enterprise once renowned for its hand-loomed fabrics. The museum showcases memorabilia including photographs, letters, artifacts, woven samples and tailored suits from the active years of the industry. Located on the historic Grovewood grounds, adjacent to The Omni Grove Park Inn. Admission is free (donations appreciated). Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, & Sun., 11am-5pm. Contact: 828/253-7651.

**NC Glass Center**, 140 Roberts Street, Suite C, Asheville. **Ongoing** - The North Carolina Glass Center is a non-profit, public access glass studio providing daily educational offerings & demonstrations. We are proud to represent the work of our artists and instructors in the NCGC glass gallery. Hours: Mon., Wed., Thur. & Sun., 10am-5pm and Fri. & Sat., 10am-6pm. Contact: 828/505-3552 or at ([www.ncglasscenter.org](http://www.ncglasscenter.org)).

**Odyssey Co-Op Gallery**, 238 Clingman Avenue, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Our Gallery features works by 25 local clay artists, working in a variety of styles to create functional and non-functional pottery and works of figurative and abstract sculpture. Winter Hours: Fri.-Mon., 11am-5pm & closed Tue.-Thur. Contact: 828/505-8707 or at (<https://www.odysseycoop-gallery.com/about/>).

**Southern Highland Craft Guild, Biltmore Village**, 26 Lodge Street, former Biltmore Oteen Bank Building in Biltmore Village, Asheville. **Ongoing** - Featuring a wide range of work by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, including: pottery, glass, wood, jewelry, fiber, metal, paper, mixed media and natural materials. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-7pm and Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 828-277-6222 or at ([www.craftguild.org](http://www.craftguild.org)).

**Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Folk Art Center**, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382, Asheville **Folk Art Center auditorium, Sept. 16, from 10am-4pm** - "43rd Annual Heritage Day". This free celebration of mountain heritage is held by the Southern Highland Craft Guild featuring demonstrations of traditional crafts accompanied by music. A highlight of the event is the Annual World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle competition held at 2pm. A Whimmy Diddle is an Appalachian mountain toy traditionally made from two sticks of rhododendron. Notches are carved into one stick and a propeller is attached to the end. Rubbing the notches with the second stick makes the proper spin. Can you get it to "gee" (spin to the right) and "haw" (spin to the left)? **Main Gallery, Through Sept. 6** - "Graduating Class of Haywood Community College," showcases professional crafts at the Folk Art Center. The Southern Highland Craft Guild opens its Main Gallery exhibition at the Folk Art Center showcasing the Graduating Class of 2023 of Haywood Community College's Professional Crafts Program. This new generation of craft is led by instructors Amy Putansu in fiber, Brian Wurst in wood, Emily Reason in clay, and Robert Blanton in metals & jewelry. Students of the Haywood program come from all over, with or without prior experience of craft, and sometimes pursuing it as a second or third career. **Sept. 16 - Jan. 17, 2024** - "Embellishments: Members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild". **Permanent Collection Gallery, Ongoing** - "Craft Traditions: The Southern Highland Craft Guild Collection". The Guild's Permanent Collection is comprised of approximately 2400 craft objects and dates

*continued on Page 53*