

NC Institutional Galleries

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Adding feet or stands to pottery pieces emerged over time for various reasons, including increased functionality, cultural and religious symbology, ceremonial purposes, and enhanced aesthetics. Today, footed pottery continues to be crafted by artisans worldwide, both as functional objects and works of art. Our "Something's Afoot" show will feature footed pieces by fourteen of our state's wonderful potters! For this show, "footed" means having two or more points of contact with the ground. **Back Gallery, Through Dec. 15 - "Humble Components"**. When you break it down (not literally!), pottery, the product of a craft that likely originated independently in multiple regions around the world thousands of years ago and continues to be practiced in North Carolina today, is really just composed of humble components—clay and various minerals and elements. In our "Humble Components" show, you'll see old and contemporary pieces representing various North Carolina traditions and techniques: Native American pit-fired, slip-decorated redware, salt-glazed, alkaline-glazed, wood ash-glazed, Chinese blue, crystalline, and chrome red, next to samples of the humble components from which some of those pieces were made. **Ongoing** - Featuring permanent and changing exhibits on the history of North Carolina pottery, "The North Carolina Pottery Tradition" and "Seagrove Area Pottery". The Center also offers information on activities, maps and information about the potteries located in the Seagrove area and across the state. A display of representative works from more than 90 area potteries is also offered. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact 336/873-8430 or at (www.ncpotterycenter.org).

Seagrove Area Pottery Center (Not the NC Pottery Center), 122 E. Main St., Seagrove. **Ongoing** - The former museum organization was founded twenty-five years ago in Seagrove, and is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the pottery tradition. We strive to impart to new generations the history of traditional pottery and an appreciation for its simple and elegant beauty. A display of area pottery is now offered in the old Seagrove grocery building. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-3:30pm. Contact: 336/873-7887.

STARworks Center for Creative Enterprise, 100 Russell Drive, just seven miles south of Seagrove in Star. STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a 501-(c)(3) not for profit organization based in rural central North Carolina. The mission of CPNC is to grow a new rural economy based on the sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the region. **STARworks Businesses: STARworks Glass** is a public access glass studio that offers rental space for glass artists, classes and workshops for the general public, a resident artist and internship program, and high school and college glass curriculum. In addition to fundraisers like our Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Ornament Sale, STARworks Glass also holds free demonstrations on the second Thursday of each month at Hot Glass Cold Beer. **STARworks Ceramics** uses native NC wild clays to produce clay bodies that are manufactured with a filter press on site. We also sell pottery supplies and equipment. In addition to our STARworks clays, we offer both Highwater and Standard clays, and tools and equipment from Shippo, Cone Art Kilns, Mudtools, AMACO, Kemper Tools and Orton. **STARworks Clay Studio** offers a residency program for ceramic artists. Our facilities allow for large workshop spaces placed side by side, supporting a collaborative and energetic educational environment. In addition to the residency program, STARworks Clay studio offers classes and workshops for adults. STARworks is also home to **Wet Dog Glass**, the most trusted and dependable equipment maker and consultant for glass artists and craftspeople worldwide. **School House Gallery, Through Sept. 14** - "American Idols: A John M Moran Exhibition," a thought-provoking exploration of American history and contemporary culture. **Ongoing** - The gallery is filled with a selection of works from artists and artisans alike, bringing hand crafted wares into a new light. From one of a kind tableware crafted from locally mined clay paired with handwoven placemats, to simple yet elegant glass goods designed with our utilitarian ideals in mind, our functional collections are a must have for any home. Our gallery also features a selection of sculptures that gray the lines between want and need. Whether your desire is to capture an experience with one of our artists or our team, decorate your home with memories of your travels, or to treat yourself and others to a unique handmade gift, we have something for everyone to make your time here unforgettable. Gallery Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. **STARworks Café & Taproom** - Featuring Espresso, Iced & Frozen Coffee, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Smoothies, Beer & Wine, Soda, Bottled Water,

Snapple, Snacks, and Pastries. And, live music some nights - visit (<https://www.starworksn.org/cafe-taproom>) for the schedule. Hours: Mon., 9am-3pm & Tue.-Sat., 9am-9pm. STARworks General Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: Claire Sellers, Starworks Communications Coordinator by e-mail at (claire@starworksn.org).

Siler City

North Carolina Arts Incubator Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handcrafted work of over 30 Incubator and regional artists in a variety of mediums including painting, pottery, stained and fused glass, fabric art, cards, photography, wood, jewelry, metal, baskets and more. There is a broad range of items and prices. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm; & 3rd Fri., 10am-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

PAF Gallery, 223 N Chatham Ave., Siler City. **Ongoing** - A gallery featuring works by local and regional artists. Hours: 3rd Fri. 6-9pm. Contact: 919/663-2072 or at (www.ncartsincubator.org).

Southport

Franklin Square Gallery, 130 E. West St., Southport. **Sept. 16 - 28** - "BAC Fall Art Show". Presented by the Brunswick Arts Council. **Ongoing** - Works by members of the Associated Artists of Southport. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/457-5450 or at (www.franklinsquaregallery.com).

Spruce Pine



View of the Robin Martindale Exhibition

Spruce Pine Gallery, TRAC Arts Center, Toe River Arts Council, 269 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine. **Kokol Gallery, Through Sept. 14** - "Walt Barker: Moods of the Blue Ridge". **Sept. 21 - Oct. 19** - "Juried Halloween Exhibition". **Owen Gallery, Through Sept. 7** - "Stanley Mace Andersen: 1978-2024". **Sept. 14 - Oct. 12** - "Mary Lynn Bowman and Jim Bowman, Paintings and Sculpture". **Ongoing** - Toe River Arts will feature artist demonstrations and continue to sell artist's work in the gift shop. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 828/682-7215 or at (www.toeriverarts.org).

Statesville

Louise Gilbert Art Gallery, Mitchell Community College, 420 Walnut Street, Statesville. **Ongoing** - For more than 25 years, the Louise Gilbert Art Gallery, hosted and curated by Mitchell's Department of Art, has played a vital role in the visual arts in Iredell County. The Gilbert Gallery serves as a vibrant space for students and visitors to explore ideas, techniques, forms and mediums. Our exhibits and installations feature award-winning local, national and international artists whose work includes traditional, folk, outsider and experimental styles. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. Contact: call 704/878-3271.

Sylva

Gallery One, Home of the Jackson County Visual Arts Association, 604 West Main Street, Sylva. **Ongoing** - The gallery is home to over 20 artists local to the area. Gallery 1 is a not for profit gallery operated as a club to provide a space for professional and emerging artists to share their artistic endeavors, display works sold to help support their vocation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm and Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Tim Lewis 828/337-3468 or James Smythe 828/507-4248.

Tryon

Tryon Arts and Crafts School, 373 Harmon Field Rd., Harmon Field, Tryon. **Through Oct. 18** - "Bayard Wootten Photography Exhibition". The Bayard Wootten exhibition will highlight her remarkable photography of the western Carolina mountains, with special focus on Tryon. It will feature newly printed works from her original negatives, many of which have never been displayed before. This exhibit will be



Bayard Wootten, Toll Gale, Tryon, NC

the largest-ever gathering of Wootten's work, offering a rare glimpse into her connection to our region. The exhibit also includes original photographs from local artists that capture the essence of the extended Polk County region. **Gift Shop, Ongoing** - Gift Shop features juried works by regional artisans to selected work produced by our instructors and students. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-4pm & Sat. 9am-1pm. Contact: 828/859-8323 or at (www.tryonartsandcrafts.org).

Tryon Fine Arts Center, 34 Melrose Ave., Tryon. **JP Gallery, Through Sept. 14** - "Phyllis Allen Eifert". The show will feature paintings, drawings, bronze and paper mache sculptures. Beloved Tryon artist Phyllis Allen Eifert (1932-2018) left an indelible mark that still captivates audiences. Her pieces reflect evocative and sometimes whimsical creativity that refuses to settle for a single form of expression. It is said that when you experience Eifert's work, you are reminded that art is not conceived in a moment, but is the result of decades of study, hours of practice, trial and error, and passion that pours forth in her work. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 828/859-8322 or at (www.tryonarts.org).

Upstairs Artspace, (Celebrating over 40 Years) 49 South Trade Street, Tryon. **Sept. 8 - 21** - "Salon d'Upstairs," a community engagement initiative where all artists, high school age and up, amateur to professional, are invited to participate in an open "salon" hanging. In a departure from the contemporary art gallery's typical professionally curated and installed exhibitions, Salon d'Upstairs will follow in the footsteps of the French Salons which originated in 1667 to show the artwork of recent graduates of the Paris Académie des Beaux-Arts. Hours: Tue.-Sat., noon-5pm. Contact: 828-859-2828 or at (www.upstairsartspace.org).

Valdese

Valdese Heritage Arts Center, 146 Main Street West, Valdese. **Ongoing** - The center offers a great selection of unique gifts on exhibit and for sale, including, but not limited to original paintings, pottery, needlework, wood-carvings, hand crafted furniture, ceramic sculptures, stained glass, photography, jewelry, floral arrangements greeting cards, quilts and home made soap. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm & Sat., 11am-3pm. Contact: 828/874-1849 or at (<http://vhac.webs.com>).

Washington

River Walk Gallery and Arts Center, 139 W. Main Street, Washington. **Ongoing** - All work is done by local artists and has to be juried into the gallery. The gallery includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, photography, pottery, mixed media, fiber arts, jewelry, wood work, stained glass, and books written by local authors. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10:30am-5pm. Contact: 252/974-0400.

Waynesville

Little Gallery on Church Street, 37 Church Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring monthly exhibits by regional arts. Sponsored by the Haywood County Arts Council. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 828/452-0593 or at (www.haywoodarts.org).

The Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts, 307 Shelton Street, corner of US 276 So. and Shelton Street, Waynesville. **Ongoing** - Featuring the handicrafts of North Carolina in the historic Sheldon House. Hours: Museum hours change seasonally, call 828/452-1551.

Wentworth

Dan River Art Market & Gallery, 1122 NC Hwy. 65, Wentworth. **Ongoing** - The gallery offers art and craft by local artists and 6 gallery exhibits throughout the year, workshops and lectures. Hours: Thur., 10am-4pm; Fri., 11am-2pm; and by appt. Contact: 336/349-4039.

Wilmington

ACES Gallery, Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, 221 N Front Street, Suite 101, Wilmington. **Through Sept. 23** - "Harbor Impressions," featuring works by Cayhryn Firds. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm. Contact: 910/343-0998 or at (www.ArtsCouncilofWilmington.org).

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Cultural Arts Building, ground floor, corner of Randall Parkway and Reynolds Drive, UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington. **CAB Art Gallery, Sept. 19 - Oct. 30** - "Megan Young: Charting the Course". A reception will be held on Sept. 19, from 5:30-7pm. An Artist Talk will be held on Sept. 19, at 5pm in room 2033. Charting the Course is an interactive installation that maps the complexity of inherited histories. Viewers talk with Carry, a custom AI StoryCatcher, to hear the multifaceted experiences of women impacted by migration and displacement. She invites them to contribute their own stories, too. The project explores the intersections of AI technology, digital heritage, and our dreams for the future. Hours: Mon.-Fri., noon-4pm. Contact: call art dept. at 910/962-3440 or at (www.uncw.edu/art/gallery).



Thomas Sayre, self-portrait, part of the "Four Walls" exhibition at the Cameron Art Museum.

Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum, @ intersection of Independence Blvd. & South 17th Street, Wilmington. **Through Oct. 20** - "The Work of Their Hands". The anchor work of "The Work of Their Hands" is a tulip quilt made 170 years ago by an now unknown, enslaved woman in North Carolina. Through her masterful stitchwork and time-honored design, this unknown artist sewed a story of strength and perseverance. Spinning forward from this quilt and its practice, The "Work of Their Hands" explores the continuing legacy of quilt-making and the evolution of textile art, starting with traditional quilts made for bedcoverings to contemporary fabric artworks by artists like Celeste Butler, Michael Cummings, Gee's Bend quilters, Michael James, Beverly Smith and others. **Through Feb. 16, 2025** - "Thomas Sayre: Four Walls". A reception will be held on Apr. 26, from 6-9pm. An artist talk will be held on Apr. 27, from 11am-noon. The exhibit features new and never exhibited works by American artist Thomas Sayre. Each of the four large-scale pieces in the installation questions the belief systems and symbols that underpin the ideals of church, nation and creation. Made of materials that include tar, smoke, fabric gowns, gunshots, welding material, earth and fire, these works invite visitors to draw close and experience the messiness of making, and by analogy, to bear witness to the ways that life invades, entangles, and tarnishes us. **Ongoing** - Cameron Art Museum presents the only sculpture park in the country created to honor the United States Colored Troops and their fight for freedom. The opening of PNC USCT Park marks the one-year anniversary of the unveiling of Boundless, the public sculpture by artist Stephen Hayes that commemorates the United States Colored Troops and the Battle of Forks Road. This park creates a gathering space for the more than 60,000 visitors from across the country who come to CAM each year and the 8,000 school children who visit the museum on field trips. PNC USCT Park will become a community space for gathering, field trips, classes, workshops, storytelling, live music and USCT living history events for years to come, in which the sculpture Boundless will be the centerpiece. **Pancoe Art Education Center, Exhibition Cases, Ongoing** - View some of the Seagrove and contemporary pottery from the museum's permanent collection in the cases. These include the works of resident artist Hiroshi Sueyoshi, Ben Owen III and Jugtown Pottery among other works. Admission: Yes. **Through Sept. 2** - The Cameron Art Museum is proud to announce it will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides FREE admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. The 2024 program ends on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and participating museums across America. Learn more and find the list of participating museums at (arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums). Hours: Tue.-Sun., 10am-5pm and Thur. till 9pm. Contact: 910/395-5999 or at (www.cameronart-museum.org).

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