

Your Art at the Craven Arts Council & Gallery

We invite you to exhibit and sell through Craven Arts Council & Gallery, located in historic Downtown New Bern. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to the arts and serving an ever-increasing tourist community. Our mission includes showcasing the best Eastern North Carolina artists as well as bringing to the Gallery the works of artists across the nation.

Exhibits. Our Gallery is an ornate and majestic space encompassing 1,500 square feet for exhibits that rotate bi-monthly. The first of two juried competitions each year includes an Art Market, during which all works entered, whether selected for exhibition or not, are available for sale. The second juried competition, limited to sculpture, has become an event that draws international artists to New Bern.

All exhibits are scheduled a year in advance, and some themes remain unchanged while others may vary. In addition to our juried competitions are exhibits of works by local and regional artists, totaling about six exhibits per year. Artists are selected based on their medium and how it complements the work of other artists in the exhibit. One-person exhibits are seldom considered.

Each exhibit opens with a well-publicized reception, and lead artists are the focus of that month's issue of Luminary, our newsletter, which has a distribution list of close to 1,000. Information on all upcoming exhibits is disseminated to the public. Mailing lists of artists are maintained for both juried shows, and a prospectus is sent to everyone on the list; write to cravenarts@esisnet.com to be included in this mailing.

Pottery Vault and Gift Shop. Visitors enter our Pottery Vault through an antique vault door, and our Gift Shop expands into the back of the building, offering another 550 square feet for an ongoing display of fine arts and crafts.

Virtually all of the art in our Gift Shop is by local artists and artisans. Artists may make an appointment with the Executive Director, Carol Tokarski (252-638-2577, cravenarts@esisnet.com), at any time to see if their work can be accepted for sale in the Pottery Vault or Gift Shop.

Items for exhibit or sale must be



Mary Dementev, "Mr. Potato Head," Acrylic
2008 Bank of the Arts Juried Show



Nancy Pollock, "My Mother, My Self," Mixed Media Mosaic; and Jesse Morrissey, "New Growth," Bronze.
Craven Arts Council's 2008 Juried Sculpture Show



All items submitted to the Bank of the Arts Juried Show are made available for sale during an Art Market. These items were part of Art Market in 2008.

original art or fine art crafts. We retain a low 30% commission on signments. We manage the inventory and displays, manage sales and tax, and send payment to artists on a monthly basis. Items considered for sale in the Gift Shop include pottery, jewelry, textiles, ornaments, glass, wood carvings, and sculpture, as well as original paintings or other fine art. Each year, we also have a winter Holiday Showcase, for which we seek holiday-related arts and crafts.

Exhibit Schedule 2009

The Color of Soul

Works of the Weusi Artist Collective
January 9 - February 28

National Youth Art Month

Craven County Schools Student Show
March 10-27

Coastal Pastel Society

April 3-22

2009 Juried Art Show

April 8 - June 30

Three-Woman Show

Jill Eberle, Sue Luddeke, Michaele Rose Waton
July 8 - August 29

Twin Rivers Artist's Association Members-Only Exhibit

September 8-30

Coastal Photo Club

October 6-31

Holiday Showcase:

Made in North Carolina

November 13 - December 24