

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

The exhibit of works by Nancy L. Rogers continues in the gallery until December 24. In addition, we will be celebrating a Dickens of a Christmas throughout the Bank of the Arts.

Special events include story time with Mrs. Santa and crafts for the children on December 3 and 10. Bring your child into the Bank of the Arts at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2 p.m., where they can enjoy a special story and create a dancing elf or candy cane mouse.

And what would Christmas be without music! Two performances are planned in the gallery. Admission is a \$5 contribution at the door, and proceeds benefit the Craven Arts Council & Gallery.

The highly talented *Encore!*, Craven Community College's singing ambassadors, will present a holiday program at at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. The program ranges from familiar classics to humorous arrangements of traditional seasonal favorites. *Encore!* is led by Philip Evancho, artistic director at the college.

Philip Evancho received a degree in music education from Baldwin-Wallace College. He spent five years as a music teacher in Ohio public schools, and at the age of 27, added a master of music in vocal performance from the University of Akron. He continued his studies for two years at the prestigious Boston Conservatory. Evancho



has performed with the Boston Concert Opera, Boston Lyric Opera and the Opera Company of Boston.

In 1981, Evancho moved to North Carolina to join the National Opera Company Raleigh as a bass-baritone. The company toured the country, performing and putting on school workshops. He came to New Bern and Craven Community College as part of the Visiting Artist Program in the mid-1980's, at which time the college music program was established. Since then, he has been a steady force behind the Craven Community Chorus and *Encore!* performances.

On December 16, The Carolina Violin Ensemble, under the direction of Chris Gawlik, will be performing a Christmas concert at the Bank of the Arts from 6 to 7 p.m.

Chris Gawlik studied violin performance at the Krakow Conservatory and subsequently became a member of the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra. He performed throughout Europe prior to immigrating to the United States, where he then established Gawlik Violin Co. in Greenville in 1993. As a violin maker, he has a complete understanding of the workings of the violin itself. As a teacher, he strives to use the best aspects of the Suzuki Method in combination with some traditional techniques to produce highly competent and proficient musicians with technical and musical mastery.

For this year's performance, Mr. Gawlik has chosen a select group of violin students to perform your favorite Christmas carols. Chris will perform Baroque violin duets with his wife, Mei Gawlik. Mrs. Gawlik teaches violin at Gawlik Violin Co. and performs with professional orchestras throughout the South.

There will be something to delight everyone this month at the Craven Arts Council & Gallery, so make us a stop on your holiday tour. ◀



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The *Luminary* is a monthly publication prepared by the Craven Arts Council & Gallery, Inc. Its purpose is to disseminate news of art-related activities in the community.

Submissions to the *Luminary* must arrive by the 5th of the preceding month. Word documents and jpg images at 300 dpi are preferred. E-mail submissions and inquiries to cravenarts@cravenarts.org. To speak with the editors, call Carol Tokarski or Michele Cole at 252-638-2577.

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WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE THIS YEAR?

Why not give a gift that also helps the Craven Arts Council? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Tickets to the Empty Bowls Fundraiser.** This event, benefitting the Craven Arts Council and Religious Community Services, takes place on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at Temple Baptist Church. Attendees choose a one-of-a-kind pottery bowl to keep and then enjoy two bowls of soup, bread and a beverage prepared by local restaurants and church groups. Tickets are \$20.
- **Tickets to the 23rd Annual Sunday Jazz Showcase.** Performances take place on Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. at the New Bern Hilton. The lineup includes Dave Bennett (leader and clarinet), John Brown (bass), John Hanks (drums), Lynn Roberts (vocals) and John Salmon (piano). Tickets are \$30 CAC&G members and \$35 non-members for the afternoon show and \$25 CAC&G members and \$30 nonmembers for the evening show.
- **A beautiful piece of art from our pottery vault.**
- **Baubles from our gallery shop.**
- **A watercolor by Nancy L. Rogers.** Choose a framed or unframed piece from the special selection of works in our gallery.



POPPIES BY N. ROGERS POPPIES

This year, do your holiday shopping at the Bank of the Arts. Browse the current exhibit in the gallery and then make your way to the gallery shop, where a variety of goodies await. ◀

SUPPORT OUR CORPORATE ART PARTNERS

- **The Accidental Artist – 219A Craven Street**
- **Carolina Creations – 317A Pollock Street**
- **Fraser's Wine and Cheese Gourmet Shoppe – 210 Middle Street**

Special offers for our Investor, Shareholder and Equity Members:

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- Show your membership card at Carolina Creations and receive a free greeting card with any purchase over \$25.
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EXHIBITS

NEW BERN ARTWORKS & COMPANY FEATURES ROXANE LESSA, FIBER TAPESTRY ARTIST

Roxane Lessa began her professional life as a ballet dancer and has danced and taught all over the country. After her dance career ended, she decided to pursue her other passions: fabric and design. Her first design teacher was her mother, who brought her to many art museums and the decorators' building in Boston, to choose fabric samples for her clients. Later on, Roxane pursued a degree in Costume Design and Textiles and has made one-of-a-kind art wear for clients.

Roxane went to Italy in the summer of 2005, which inspired a new series of landscapes and cityscapes. One of those works, "Vineyard Bell Tower", was chosen to be in the Tactile Architecture show, which has travelled to Lyons, France, and other venues around the world. Recently, Roxane received an Untied Artist Project Grant, which she used to learn how to dye her own one-of-a-kind fabric.

New Bern ArtWorks & Company is located in Studio 323 "Home of Working Artisans" at 323 Pollock Street, downtown New Bern. Open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 252-634-9002 or go to the Web site at www.newbernartworks.com. ◀



"SUNSET POINT" BY ROXANE LESSA

CAROLINA CREATIONS ANNOUNCES ORNAMENTS, ORNAMENTS, ORNAMENTS

Carolina Creations announces Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments for the month of December. Handcrafted ornaments from North Carolina artists and artists from across the country will be featured.

Ornaments include the 17th annual New Bern ornament by Janet Francoeur, porcelain snowflakes by Tracy Isley, blown-glass balls by Rick and Val Beck and Virgil Jones and pewter ornaments by Tom Morgan. There are 24kt and sterling leaves, shell ornaments, fused glass, stained glass, pottery and more. From stars to snowmen, to seed ornaments to plant in the spring – these are just a few of the creative ways artists celebrate the season.

A show of new watercolors by Pat Holscher continues through December 31.

The gallery is located at 317A Pollock Street and is open 7 days a week. For more information contact the gallery at 252-633-4369, e-mail info@carolinacreations.com or visit the Web site at www.carolinacreations.com. ◀



CAROL GACHEL EXHIBIT AT THE NEW BERN/CRAVEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Every month, the New Bern/Craven County Public Library hosts a different "Artist of the Month." December will feature Carol Gatchel. The exhibit opens Thursday, December 1, at 7 p.m.

Each "Artist of the Month" exhibit opens the first Thursday of the month, and all works are initially displayed in the Hayden Jones auditorium. The artist chosen is asked to give a short speech about how art became a part of his/her life, their training and technique and an explanation of the paintings hanging. A question-and-answer opportunity follows. After the opening, all artwork is hung in the main section of the library for display during the entire month.

Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to attend, and most of the paintings are for sale. To apply to be an exhibiting artist, call Cindy Ridlon at 252-638-6485. Bookings for 2013 are now taking place, so there is plenty of time for a prospective exhibitor to prepare. The New Bern/Craven County Public Library is located at 400 Johnson Street, New Bern. ◀



"FALL" BY N. ROGERS

NANCY L. ROGERS EXHIBIT CONTINUES AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

The current exhibit of Nancy L. Rogers' art continues in our gallery through December 24. Don't miss the opportunity to see (and purchase) some amazing works by this brilliant watercolorist. ◀



"SHELLERS" BY N. ROGERS

THIS MONTH AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE WORKS OF NANCY ROGERS

Through December 24

The Works of Nancy Rogers

PERFORMANCES AT

THE BANK OF THE ARTS

Encore! – December 14 at 6 p.m.

\$5 donation

Carolina Violin Ensemble – December 16
at 6 p.m. \$5 donation

**THE BANK OF THE ARTS WILL BE
CLOSED FROM 1 P.M. DECEMBER 24
THROUGH 10 A.M. JANUARY 3.**



LOCAL PERFORMANCES

Craven Community Band Christmas Concert

The Craven Community Concert Band will play its first concert of the 2011-2012 season at Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 6. Under the direction of Joe Olivieri, the program will feature marches, hymns, a bit of Broadway, and even a touch of Dixieland. A number of Christmas carols will help us get into the spirit of the season.

The 80-member band has presented three concerts each year since 2000. Membership includes high school students, working adults and retirees. Several are current or former band directors or professional musicians. Others played in high school or college bands and simply enjoy the opportunity to play in an organized group.

If you are interested in joining the band or want more information about this concert, a complete program and directions to the auditorium can be found at the Band's Web site www.cravencommunityconcertband.org.

The Band has worked hard to make this an enjoyable event. It starts at 7 p.m. and will last an hour and 15 minutes. Admission is FREE!! There are no tickets. ◀

29th Presentation of Handel's Messiah

James Ogle, conductor, will return to New Bern for the 29th performance of George Friderick Handel's *Messiah* on Monday, December 12, at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Begun in 1981, the performances feature a 130-member chorus from the surrounding area, including Beaufort, Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Jones and Wayne counties. Accompanying the singers will be an orchestra composed of members of the North Carolina Symphony, many of whom have returned to New Bern each year for this occasion. This production is sponsored by the Craven Messiah Chorus, a non-profit organization founded by Centenary United Methodist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church. Co-directors of the Craven Messiah Chorus are B.J. Oglesby and Pat K. Rowlett.

Handel's *Messiah* will be performed on Monday, December 12. Tickets are \$15 for the open rehearsal at 3 p.m. and \$20 for the performance at 7:30 p.m. and are available at the Bank of the Arts, 317 Middle Street, and at Fuller Music House, 2310 Trent Road. For information, call 866-292-4192. ◀

New Bern Ballet Presents The Nutcracker

The young and the young-at-heart are invited to enjoy and be entertained by the timeless, magical dream-world of the enchanting Nutcracker. This annual production is becoming a tradition for New Bern and the surrounding area, and a Saturday evening performance has been added this year! New Bern Ballet Company's Artistic Director, Laura Karmi, has created a unique, narrated, children's version performed by New Bern Ballet students ages 4 and up. NBBCo's production is performed with Tchaikovsky's perennially popular music and draws on the original choreography created by Marius Petipa with influences from The Ballet Russe, the Royal Danish Ballet, Ballet Canadian and, of course, George Balanchine's New York City Ballet. Come and sit back, let your imagination take you back in time and enjoy a wondrous story performed by our youthful ballet company.

Performances will take place Saturday, December 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at Grover C Fields Auditorium; 2000 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; New Bern.

Admission is \$7.50 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are available from any cast member (<http://newbernballet.com/company/NutcrackerCast.html>), from the Bank of the Arts or on-line at TicketLeap (<http://newbernballet.ticketleap.com/nutcracker/>). ◀

LOCAL PERFORMANCES

VOCI ALLEGRE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Fröhliche Weihnachten! Merry Christmas from Germany and German-speaking countries! Voci Allegre's annual holiday program will be presented at 6 p.m. at the Bank of the Arts on Old Christmas, January 6, 2012.

This special festive season-closer will feature Christmas songs from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other German-speaking areas of Europe.

Some of the selections to be presented derive from folk tradition, while others are written or arranged by well-known composers. Coastal regions give us songs that compare the Virgin Mary to a treasure ship arriving accompanied by angels in the mast, and the animals native to other regions appear in songs from different places. The program will be sung in German and English, and there will be representative macaronic works that incorporate Latin as well as German carols that have been traditionally sung only in Latin.

Director Lorraine Hale comments that this program is in response to many requests for a holiday program that celebrates New Bern's special connection to Switzerland. She will be joined by soprano Brenda Hardee, contralto Yvonne Templeton and accompanist and singer Barry Templeton.

For an evening that will bring your holiday season to a festive close, join Voci Allegre at Bank of the Arts at 6 p.m. on January 6. For further information, please call 252-638-2577. ◀

SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET

Craven County Schools, in association with West Craven High School's Theatre Arts Society, is proud to present William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. This modernized and adapted version of Shakespeare's most famous play features high school and college students from all over Craven County.

Join us as we bring the beauty of Shakespeare's language and place it in today's society and tell this tragic and beautiful love story. This production will be presented at West Craven High School's L. Michael Averette Performing Arts Center. Show dates and times are December 1-3 and 8-10 at 7 p.m. and December 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students with an ID) and are available at the Bank of the Arts and at the door. ◀

HOLIDAY MYSTERY DINNER

A Victorian-style Father Christmas has been kidnapped by ne'er-do-wells, and Mother Christmas has hauled out a crew of fictional misfit Christmas characters to help her solve the mystery and save the day. This is the setup for Athens of the South's second mystery dinner play, "The Miscreants' Christmas," slated for December 2 and 9 at the BridgePointe Hotel and Marina in New Bern. Performances begin at 7 p.m. A second round of performances will be held at The History Place in Morehead City on December 10 (7 p.m.) and 11 (2 p.m.).

Mother Christmas calls the characters together for a council to read the ransom letter and try to figure out who took Father Christmas and why. Audience interaction is a major part of the show, with diners being selected to do small parts on stage, and with characters talking with them and answering questions between scenes. Before the last act, everyone gets to take a guess as to who took Father Christmas and why. The closest guess wins a prize.

Dinner is provided by Flounders, and the dinner is BYOB. Tickets for New Bern shows are \$30 general admission (for dinner and show); \$25 for children under 16, active military and groups of ten or more. They can be purchased through the Bank of the Arts, through the Athens of the South Web site (AthensMysteryDinners.yolasite.com) or by calling 252-229-4977. For ticket information regarding the Morehead City show, contact The History Place at 252-247-7533. ◀

BANK OF THE ARTS BOX OFFICE

CRAVEN COMMUNITY CHORUS

Magnificence of Christmas

Orringer Auditorium

Craven Community College

December 1 and 3 at 7 p.m.

December 4 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 advance and \$12 at door

WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE ARTS SOCIETY

Romeo and Juliet

West Craven High School Performing Arts Center

December 1-3 and 8-10 at 7 p.m.

December 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$10; \$5 with a student ID

ATHENS OF THE SOUTH

The Miscreants' Christmas

BridgePointe Hotel

December 2 and 9 at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$30; \$25 - groups of 10 or more;

children 16 years and older and active-duty military

NEW BERN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Holly and The Ivy

2011 Holiday Homes Tour

New Bern Historic District

December 2 and 9 at 7 p.m.

December 10 from noon until 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 advance; \$15 day of tour; \$10 advance purchase of blocks of 10 tickets

THE NEW BERN BALLET COMPANY

The Nutcracker

Grover C. Fields Middle School Auditorium

December 10 at 7 p.m.

December 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$7.50 advance; \$10 at door

CRAVEN MESSIAH CHORUS

Messiah

Centenary United Methodist Church

Monday, December 12.

Open Rehearsal at 3 p.m. \$15

Performance at 7:30 p.m. \$20

CRAVEN CONCERTS SEASON TICKETS

All performances are held at

Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center

The Watercoolers - January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Edgar Cruz - February 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Carolina Brass - April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: General admission - \$60/ticket; Patron Preferred - \$90/ticket; Donor - \$400/4 tickets; Benefactor \$650/6 tickets; Sponsor \$900/8 tickets

23RD ANNUAL SUNDAY JAZZ SHOWCASE

New Bern Hilton Hotel

February 19, 2012, at 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: Afternoon - \$30 Arts Council members;

\$35 non members. Evening - \$25 Arts Council

members; \$30 non members

PROMOTE THE ARTS THROUGH YEAR-END GIVING

As 2011 comes to a close, we are asking that you consider a year-end contribution, which will allow us to enhance and expand our offerings and programming in 2012.

If you would like to make an additional donation or purchase a gift membership for family or friends, simply fill out the enclosed slip and return it with your contribution in the self-addressed envelope. You may also contribute by calling us at 252-638-2577 and providing your credit card information.

We are very thankful for the support we have received throughout the year and look forward to giving the gift of art to our community for many more years to come.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, from all of us at the Craven Arts Council & Gallery. ◀



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