

## THE CRAVEN ARTS COUNCIL & GALLERY AND THE TWIN RIVERS ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION 11TH ANNUAL BANK OF THE ARTS JURIED SHOW

*M*ay is a big month at the Bank of the Arts. Artists throughout the region will submit works such as paintings, pastels, drawings, pottery, photography, fiber, fine prints, weaving basketry, graphics, wood, glass and mixed media to the Bank of the Arts 11th Annual Juried Art Show. More than 120 artists are expected to enter, competing for \$5,000 in awards.



ENTRIES FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL BANK OF THE ARTS JURIED SHOW EXHIBIT WILL BE SUBMITTED ON MAY 4 AND 5



TRAA MEMBERS MOLLY KNAZEK AND DEE MAYER ASSIST ARTIST NORM ROBINS

The first event of the show is the Purchase Preview Party on Saturday, May 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Bank of the Arts will be open that evening exclusively for Purchase Award and Merit Award Sponsors. While enjoying refreshments, sponsors will be able to choose their favorite piece(s) from the myriad of works submitted.

On Tuesday, May 8, our doors will open at 10 a.m. to a gallery filled with the fruits of our talented artists' labor, just ripe for the picking. The ONE-DAY ONLY Art Market presents an opportunity for you to view and choose from the entire collection of pieces entered in the show. The Bank of the Arts will be open until 7 p.m. that evening, so make the Art Market a stop on your way into or out of town. Don't miss this chance to see such a wonderful, wide array of art under one roof. The works not juried into the show will be returned to the entrants the following day.

Our juror for this year's show is Lia Newman. Ms. Newman has held the position of Director of Programs and Exhibitions at Artspace since 2002. She received a BA in Art History and a BFA in General Studio, with concentrations in sculpture and photography, from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Duke University, Durham, NC. Newman is responsible for organizing more than 30 exhibitions per year as well as maintaining and initiating all of Artspace's educational programs for both youth and adults. Newman's own artwork has been exhibited in North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Massachusetts.

The exhibit opens with an Artists' Reception on Friday, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m., and runs through June 28. Funding is provided in part by the North Carolina Arts Council. For more information, call 252-638-2577 or visit [www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org). ◀



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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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# P E R F O R M A N C E S

## TWENTY SONGS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!

*Voci Allegre* is New Bern's longest-running and continuously performing vocal ensemble, and it is celebrating a quarter century of music at Craven Arts Council and Gallery at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 25.

The anniversary concert will feature favorites spanning a broad range of musical genres and periods, from Renaissance madrigals to art songs to folk and patriotic tunes to Broadway and movie themes to barbershop numbers to popular selections. The program truly has "something for everyone." Songs in German, Italian, French and English will include George Frederick Handel's "Verdi Prati" and songs by and about women. The audience will "meet" a very bad cook, a North Carolina housekeeper who cleans unendingly, Susannah with that banjo on her knee and the composer Fannie Mendelssohn Hensel in her exquisite art song "Abendlich schon rauscht der Wald." Joining founding members Lorraine Hale and Brenda Parker Hardee are contralto member Yvonne Templeton and frequent accompanist Barry Templeton.

Come out and enjoy a spring musical bouquet in *Voci Allegre's* "Twenty for Twenty-Five." The May 25 concert is handicapped-accessible, free and open to the public; but contributions at the door will go to Craven Arts Council and Gallery, which has provided a spiritual and performance home for the group. For further information, please call 252-638-2577. ◀



## ENCORE! PRESENTS ITS SPRING CONCERT

The Bank of the Arts will be filled with the joyous sounds of *Encore!*, Craven Community College's singing ambassadors, as they present their Spring program at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Join us for a delightful evening of entertainment. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door, and proceeds benefit the Craven Arts Council & Gallery.

*Encore!* is led by Philip Evancho, artistic director at the college. ◀





## PERFORMANCES

### NEW BERN CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Shield your wallets! Hide your wives! *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is coming to New Bern Civic Theatre! Based on the 1988 Steve Martin/Michael Caine film, this Tony-nominated musical comedy centers on two con men in the French Riviera. Lawrence Jameson is a suave, cosmopolitan playboy. Freddy Benson is a fly-by-night fratboy. After an unsuccessful attempt at being partners, the two decide that the Riviera is not big enough for the two of them. So they compete to see who can elicit \$50,000 from heiress Christine Colgate. The loser must leave town.

Featuring such memorable songs as “Give Them What They Want,” “Great Big Stuff,” and “Love Is My Legs,” *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is one experience you’ll want to get suckered into!

A New Bern Civic Theatre production, in collaboration with Rivertowne Ballroom, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* performances are on May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and May 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$19 at the door and \$10 with student or active military ID. All performances are at 414 Pollock Street, New Bern. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 252-633-0567 or by ordering online at [www.newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.newberncivictheatre.org). Visit us at [www.facebook.com/newberncivictheatre.org](http://www.facebook.com/newberncivictheatre.org) ◀



Left to right: Lawrence Jameson (played by J.P. Andrews), Heiress Christine Colgate (played by Katy Rouse-Cowles) and Freddy Benson (played by Von Lewis).

## BLITHE SPIRIT

Paranormal activity is expected at the Masonic Theatre as the RiverTowne Players bring Noel Coward’s *Blithe Spirit* to the stage. Written as an escape for the people of a war-ravaged Great Britain, *Blithe Spirit* conjures up laughs at the expense of novelist and socialite Charles Condomine. Charles invites a medium and clairvoyant, Madame Arcati, into his home to conduct a séance. He hopes to gather material for his next book, but a hair-raising experience is the result. Elvira, his first wife, is roused from the dead; and he soon finds himself caught in the middle of a battle between her and his living wife, Ruth.

Performances will be at the Masonic Theatre, 514 Hancock Street, May 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and May 20 and 27 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door and are available at the Bank of the Arts. Call 252-638-2577 for additional information. ◀



## THIS MONTH AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

### GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### BANK OF THE ARTS JURIED SHOW

May 11 through June 28

### ART MARKET

May 8, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### OPENING RECEPTION AND ARTWALK

May 11, 5 to 8 p.m.

Pianist Dayton Vesper

### PERFORMANCES

#### ENCORE!

May 2, 6 p.m.

#### VOCI ALLEGRE

May 25, 6 p.m.

## 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:

- Show your membership card at *The Accidental Artist* for one free studio fee (up to \$8 value).
- Show your membership card at *Carolina Creations* and receive a free greeting card with any purchase over \$25.
- Show your membership card at *Fraser’s Wine and Cheese* and receive a 10% discount on purchases over \$25.



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PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY

## PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

### Craven Community College to Conduct Summer Art Camp

Travel around the world through an exciting week of learning and art-related fun! Craven Community College will be hosting a global art camp for rising middle school students who are entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Participants will work with paint, clay and plaster to design two-dimensional and three-dimensional art projects.

*Dates: July 16 through July 20*

*Time: 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.*

*Tuition: \$ 140.00*

For additional information, registration forms or to be added to our mailing list, visit the Educational Partnership page on the Craven Community College Web site at <http://www.cravencc.edu/outreach/index.cfm>; contact the Office of Educational Partnerships at 252-638-7382 or [forrests@cravencc.edu](mailto:forrests@cravencc.edu); or visit the Educational Partnerships Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EducPartnerships.CCC>. ◀

### WITH OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to Fraser's Wine and Cheese Gourmet Shoppe for the generous donation of wine served at our opening receptions on ArtWalk nights. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the many visitors who attend these events.

Thank you to Gail McLamb, of the Trent Woods Garden Club, for her exquisite floral arrangement created for the opening of the Craven Community College Student Art Exhibit.

Thank you to Pianist Dayton Vesper for sharing his musical talents with us during the April 20 ArtWalk. ◀

### JOEL MABUS

Joel Mabus is a maverick in the folk world. He defies any easy pigeonhole. By turns, he picks a mountain banjo to accompany an ancient ballad, sings a witty tune about modern life, plays a sweet Irish melody on guitar, swings a hot jazz number, then reaches deep for a soulful expression of values in a troubled world. One fan has said, "It's music from the heart that hits you right between the eyes!" A mainstay on the folk circuit for the past 30 years, Joel has 20 albums to his credit and keeps fans coming back for more. Shows begin at 8 p.m.; and tickets are \$15 general, \$12 member and \$8 student. See [www.downeastfolkarts.org](http://www.downeastfolkarts.org) or call 252-633-6444 for more information. ◀



JOEL MABUS

*Friday, May 18 at Trent River Coffee Company  
Saturday, May 19 at Clawson's Restaurant*

### IRISH MUSIC SESSION AT TRENT RIVER COFFEE COMPANY

There will be an informal session of Irish traditional music at Trent River Coffee Company, Tuesday evening, May 8. The session is a vital part of the Irish musical tradition. You never know exactly who will be there, or which tunes will be played, on a given evening. The New Bern session, which has been held monthly since 1998, usually includes such instruments as button accordion, fiddle, guitar and flute. The repertoire includes Irish jigs, reels, hornpipes and songs. Audience members are welcome to sing along and sit in.

Trent River Coffee Company is at 208 Craven Street in New Bern. The music usually starts around 7 p.m., and the venue will close at 9 p.m. There is no charge, though donations for the musicians are always welcome. Call 252-514-2030 for more information. ◀



*10:00AM until 2:30PM  
Live and Silent Auction  
BBQ Chicken Lunches  
NEW! Artist Alley*

### ANNUAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

Keep your eye out for hand-painted furnishings on display in the downtown galleries and storefronts. Each year, Habitat for Humanity raises funds through its annual "Chair-ity" auction. Local artists and students paint themes to give each piece of furniture a unique flavor. The creations will be auctioned on Saturday, May 19 at the Restore, 930 Pollock Street.

For more information on the full schedule of events or to preview the designs of hand-painted chairs, please visit <http://newbernhabitat.org/chair-fair> ◀



### PLANNING AN EVENT?

Consider having it at the Bank of the Arts  
Call 252-638-2577 or visit  
[www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org)



## EXHIBITS

### IN THE GARDEN AT CAROLINA CREATIONS

Carolina Creations Fine Art and Contemporary Craft Gallery, 317 Pollock Street, in Downtown New Bern, features its annual Garden Show for the months of May and June. The show will be mixed-media art depicting the garden and art for the garden. Among the artists participating are:



- Phyllis Vaughn - art for the wall created with re-purposed materials.
- Paul Anthony - stoneware bird houses, bird feeders and toad houses.
- Steven Cooper - metal flower garden stakes, bright colors from 4' to 6' tall!
- Catherine Murphy - copper garden stakes of birds, dragonflies, butterflies and flowers.
- Lisa Regan - garden totems and figures from metal
- Rich Kolb - welded steel sculpture made from scrap metal. Ideal for inside or outside.
- Janet Francoeur - paintings

The show runs from May 1 through June 30. The opening reception will be during ArtWalk, May 11, 5-8 pm. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served. For more information contact the gallery at [info@carolinacreations.com](mailto:info@carolinacreations.com), on the Web at [www.carolinacreations.com](http://www.carolinacreations.com) or by calling 252-633-4369. ◀

### NEW BERN ARTWORKS & COMPANY FEATURES ARTIST BRUCE NELLSMITH

Reception: Friday, May 11  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Picasso once stated that he did not trust pure abstraction to shoulder the burden of meaning. Bruce Nellsmith does not necessarily agree, yet, even when his paintings ebb towards pure abstraction, elements such as the hull of cargo ships, the water, the sky, buildings, containers, bridges, or scaffolding are never wholly sacrificed; abstracted, but still very intelligible. When painting, Nellsmith finds that he cannot accept a movement in the composition that does not contain a certain raw or edgy quality about it. This gives the work a furtive or shifty quality that keeps him engaged. The working and re-working process gives the paintings an inner life and their own independent histories.

Bruce Nellsmith received his MFA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his BFA from the University of Georgia in Athens. He is currently the Art Department Chairman and a Professor of Art at Newberry College where he has taught for nineteen years.

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](http://www.newbernartworks.com) ◀



“RED SINS” BY BRUCE NELLSMITH

## BANK OF THE ARTS BOX OFFICE

### DOWN EAST FOLKARTS SOCIETY

#### Joel Mabus

Trent River Coffee Company

May 18 at 8 p.m.

Clawson's Restaurant (Beaufort)

May 19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 DEF member, \$8 student

### RIVERTOWNE PLAYERS

#### Blithe Spirit

Masonic Theatre

May 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m.

May 20 and 27 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

## CRAVEN ARTS FESTIVAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

Early Bird Entries: June 1, 2012

Last Day to Enter: July 31, 2012

Festival Dates: September 29 and 30, 2012



Preparations are underway to build the successful Craven Arts Festival. Participants should download an application or download the pdf from their Web site at [www.cravenarts.org](http://www.cravenarts.org) ◀

## BONES, BONES, BONES

Spring of 2013, one million bones - made by artists, activists and students - will flood our nation's capital to raise awareness and funds providing relief for the victims and survivors of genocide worldwide. *One Million Bones* is a collaborative art installation by concerned citizens to end genocide. Thank you to Mitch Lewis and the hundreds of people from New Bern and surrounding region who supported the "bone-making parties" with supplies, studio space and creativity to produce over 1,000 bones. ◀

Downtown New Bern

# ARTWALK

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 5-8 PM



- 1 Craven Arts Council & Gallery**  
Bank of the Arts  
317 Middle St., 638-2577  
Bank of the Arts Juried Art Show  
Opening reception
- 2 The Chelsea**  
335 Middle St., 637-5469  
Fine dining, American cuisine
- 3 Michaelé Rose Artist Studio**  
413B Broad St., 626-0120  
*Bohemian Night*
- 4 New Bern Sculpture Park**  
Corner of Middle & Broad Sts.  
*Invitational Sculpture Park Show*
- 5 New Bern Civic Theatre**  
414 Pollock St., 633-0567  
Performance: *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*  
Call for tickets
- 6 Bear Hands Art Factory & Framing**  
219 Middle St., 514-2787  
Local artists displaying their work
- 7 MJs Raw Bar & Grille**  
216 Middle St., 635-6890  
Conceptual art by Michaelé Rose Watson
- 8 The Four C's**  
250 Middle St., 636-3285  
Clothing, shoes, gifts and more
- 9 New Bern ArtWorks & Company**  
323 Pollock St., 634-9002  
Featuring painter Bruce Nellsmith
- 10 Carolina Creations**  
317A Pollock St., 633-4369  
Annual garden art show - handcrafted sculpture, garden stakes, paintings, wind chimes, bird houses, hanging bird baths and toad houses.
- 11 Morgan's Tavern & Grill**  
235 Craven St., 636-2430  
Fine dining
- 12 The Accidental Artist**  
219A Craven St., 634-3411  
Customer Appreciation Night.  
Free studio time during Artwalk  
Reservations encouraged.
- 13 Mitchell Hardware**  
215 Craven St., 638-4261  
Featuring a complete line of hardware, gifts and more
- 14 Taking Art to the Streets – V103.3**  
Craven St.  
Live broadcast by V103.3, with kids chalk drawing
- 15 Beads-N-Bowls**  
220 Craven St., 910-330-5032  
Jewelry supplies and pottery.
- 16 The Next Chapter Bookstore**  
320 South Front St., 633-5774  
Artwork by local artist  
Tessie Ann Adams
- 17 New Bern Farmer's Market**  
412 South Front St.  
Vendors, live music and a featured artist and author

Future ArtWalks: July 13, September 14 and November 9, 2012

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