

LUMINARY

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317 MIDDLE STREET

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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA 28563

NANCY L. ROGERS

The Craven Arts Council & Gallery is thrilled to close out the year with works from Nancy L. Rogers. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. at the November 11 ArtWalk and runs through December 24.

Nancy Rogers was born in Salisbury, NC. Studying art at a very young age, she graduated from Duke University and then continued her art studies at the Art Students League in New York, as well as graduate studies at Columbia University and New York University. Rogers is a life member of the Arts Students League, a Charter Member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, member of Washington, DC, Watercolor Society, North Carolina Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society Associate, American Watercolor Society Associate and Associate of National Watercolor Society.

Over a decade ago, the Craven Arts Council was privileged to exhibit Rogers' work in the gallery. At the time, the artist stated, "It is my hope that those individuals interested in art will see the process one goes through in an attempt to become an artist who will satisfy one's inner self as well as those who may see the result.

"It is my belief, and one strongly felt, that if one wishes to produce an acceptable painting, one must first have a good grounding in drawing. An artist who cannot draw, cannot produce a beautiful painting, whether it be realism or abstract." She honed her skills at the Art Students League, where a great deal of emphasis was on sketching before ever touching a brush.

"Switching from portrait paintings in oils to watercolors was challenging as well as rewarding. Watercolors are wonderful; you never know what will occur when you put the brush to the paper...I am entranced with this experience. Watercolors give life to my portraits and landscapes.

"Being a realist, I find it is fascinating to use the fluidity and transparency of watercolors to record something that I have found beautiful – whether it be a portrait, landscape or activity. It is exciting to see what happens when water-based colors are applied to a surface, whether it be paper, canvas



"TRENT RIVER WATERFRONT"



"POLLOCK STREET, NEW BERN, N.C."

boards or what have you. To me, representative art can be applied as expressionistic as well as impressionistic."

Although Rogers is no longer painting, we were fortunate to be able to select this exhibit from the more than 160 pieces of art she has produced in her lifetime. We are also excited about making her work available for our community to enjoy. ◀



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E V E N T S

DAYTON VESPER IN CONCERT AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6-7 P.M.

Pianist Dayton Vesper will present a benefit concert for the Craven Arts Council & Gallery on Thursday, November 3, from 6 to 7 p.m. It will feature works by Mozart, Ravel, Debussy and Chopin, with some not-so-classical interludes and encores.

Mr. Vesper has been an active solo performer in the Coastal Carolinas for many years. He also has extensive experience as an accompanist, having worked for 11 years as a faculty pianist in the East Carolina University School of Theatre and Dance, accompanying dance classes and musical theatre productions for the ECU/Loessin Playhouse and Summer Theatre. Mr. Vesper moved to New Bern a year ago in hopes of starting a piano teaching studio and carving out more time for his solo recital career.



DAYTON VESPER

In addition to his upcoming appearance at the Bank of the Arts, Mr. Vesper can be heard on Friday evenings at Le Bistro Fine Dining and Art Gallery, 3402 Trent Road.

Admission for the November 3 concert is a \$5 donation at the door. For additional information, call 252-638-2577 or e-mail cravenarts@cravenarts.org. ◀

“LIGHT UP THE SEASON” CELEBRATION IN BEAR PLAZA

Downtown New Bern Business Council invites everyone to a “Light Up the Season” celebration in Bear Plaza from 4 – 6 p.m. Friday, November 26. Rick Stix and V103.3 will be on hand to welcome Santa, and the “Help Tiny Tim Contest” winner. Santa and his helper arrives by horse and carriage accompanied by costumed characters! Bell ringing, choral groups and other performers welcome Santa, and at 5:30 p.m.

Santa and his helper flip the switch to “Light up the Season” in Bear Plaza and throughout Downtown New Bern with thousands of lights! There will be crafts for kids too. Open houses at many downtown shops will serve refreshments. This is the kickoff to a month of celebration with a parade, flotilla, tours, music, decorations and theatre in downtown New Bern, November 25-December 24.

Come and join the celebration! For more information visit www.DowntownNewBern.blogspot.com or call the Chamber of Commerce at 252-637-3111. ◀

THE 2011 “IT’S A WONDERFUL WREATH” CONTEST IN DOWNTOWN NEW BERN

Last year’s contest was so successful, that businesses will again have an opportunity to entice residents and visitors to come downtown during the holidays!

Merchants will decorate a wreath that ties in with the Dickens’ Christmas theme or that depicts their business. The public will have the opportunity to choose the best wreath by logging on to www.newbernsj.com and clicking on “Wonderful Wreath Contest.” Look through the photos of all the wreaths on display in Downtown New Bern; or better yet, before you vote, walk around downtown and see them up close. Choose your favorite wreath and automatically be entered to win a prize. The business with the most votes will receive a certificate for \$100 in Sun Journal advertising. Voting will take place from November 20 through December 18, and the winner will be announced in the Sun Journal on December 21. ◀

E X H I B I T S

NEW BERN ARTWORKS & COMPANY FEATURES ARTISTS GEEVEE MEYER AND TOM TRIMMER

Ms. Meyer's creative side sees people and things as experiences that could be frozen in time on pieces of canvas or wood. Coming from a large [military] family in the Philippines, a self-taught artist, she has always drawn figures and faces. Ms. Meyer's exhibit addresses the Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo.



"LIBICA, LIBYAN SIBYL" (AFTER MICHELANGELO) BY GEEVEE MEYER

Mr. Timmer's sculptural pieces are designed to feature the inherent characteristics of each species and individual piece of wood that he works with. His sculptural pieces are created from domestic and exotic hardwoods that are worked with both hand and power tools including planes, saws, lathes, chisels, grinders, files, riffles and sanders.

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. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 252-634-9002 or visit www.newbernartworks.com. ◀

MAGGIE PEACOCK 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." November will feature Maggie Peacock. The exhibit opens Thursday, November 3, 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. ◀



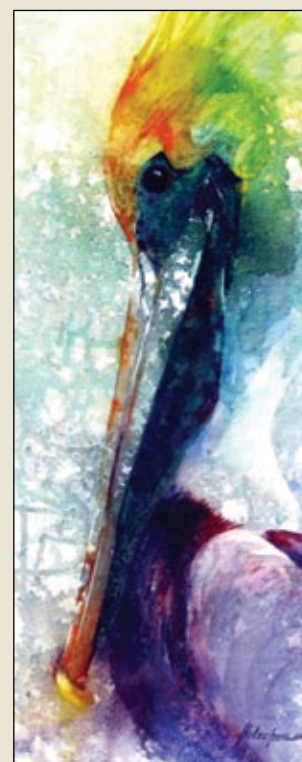
"DANCING CRANES" BY TOM TRIMMER

CAROLINA CREATIONS FINE ART AND CONTEMPORARY CRAFT GALLERY ANNOUNCES PAT HOLSCHER AS FEATURED ARTIST

Pat Holscher, of Washington, NC, will be the featured artist for November and December. Ms. Holscher received a BA and MA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with additional study at Meredith College, ECU and has trained under many nationally recognized artists.

In addition to Ms. Holscher's show, Carolina Creations kicks off the holiday season with their annual Holiday Open House on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26. Enjoy tasty treats and drinks, door prizes and a gift for the first 100 customers during the Open House! Always free gift-wrapping. Shipping is available.

Carolina Creations is located at 317-A Pollock Street, New Bern. Carolina Creations is open seven days a week and also offers shopping online at www.carolinacreations.com. For more information, call 252-633-4369 or e-mail info@carolinacreations.com. ◀



ARTWORK BY PAT HOLSCHER

THIS MONTH AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE WORKS OF NANCY ROGERS

November 11 through December 24

OPENING RECEPTION AND ARTWALK

November 11, 5 to 8 p.m.

PERFORMANCE AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS

Dayton Vesper –

November 3 at 6 p.m. Admission \$5



PLANNING AN EVENT?

Consider having it at the Bank of the Arts
Call 252-638-2577 or visit
www.cravenarts.org

LOCAL PERFORMANCES

NEW BERN CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS THE WIZARD OF OZ

Tickets are now on sale for New Bern Civic Theatre's charismatic performance of everybody's favorite – The Wizard of Oz. Don't miss this timeless story that reminds us "there is no place like home."

Performance dates:
November 4, 5, 11, 12,
17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.
November 6, 13 and 20
at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$17
advance; \$19 at the door;
students and active-duty
military \$10.

Call New Bern Civic Theatre at 252-633-0567 for tickets. For more information, visit www.NewBernCivicTheatre.org or search Facebook for Wizard of Oz New Bern Civic Theatre. ◀

CRAVEN CONCERTS FEATURES DAVID POMERANZ

Craven Concerts' second concert of the 2011-2012 season will feature David Pomeranz presenting piano music surrounding 25 colorful characters in Charlie Chaplin's life. It is part concert and part musical. Come and enjoy Chaplin: A Life in Concert on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. All concerts are at Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center located at 2000 Martin Luther King Boulevard, New Bern. Season ticket prices for all four concerts are \$60 for open seating and \$72 for reserved seating. For more information, call 252-637-1119 or visit www.cravenconcertsinc.org. ◀

"HOT DAMES, HOT LEAD"

The Oriental Theater Corp. is happy to present a radio play that will take you back to the Golden Age of Radio, when studio audiences joined millions of listeners for nightly broadcasts of radio drama. Set in the 1930s, "Hot Dames, Hot Lead" re-enacts the fun of live radio with a cast of lively characters, singing commercial breaks and sound effects created on stage. Tickets can be purchased at Nautical Wheelers and Village Hardware in Oriental and the Bank of the Arts at 317 Middle Street, New Bern. Performance dates are November 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and November 6 at 3 p.m. Special-needs seating can be accommodated with advance notice. Call 252-249-0477. Tickets are \$14 ~ Member Discount Available. ◀



DOROTHY PLAYED BY GEORGIE BLACKERBY. PHOTOS BY: GRETCHEN MCFARLAND

LOCAL PERFORMANCES

CHUCK PYLE, "THE ZEN COWBOY"

Sometimes referred to as "The Zen Cowboy," Chuck Pyle mixes infectiously hummable melodies with straight-from-the-saddle poetry, quoting bumper stickers, proverbs, world leaders and old cowboys. An accomplished songwriter, Chuck's songs have been recorded by John Denver, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Suzy Bogguss. Admired as a sly humorist and an innovative guitarist, Chuck's finger-style guitar has earned him a reputation as a true original. This long and lanky tunester brings the land of cactus and sage to the east coast of North Carolina - part cowboy, part new-age, totally unforgettable.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 members, \$8 students and are available from the venues and the Bank of the Arts in New Bern. For more information, visit www.downtownfolkarts.org or call 252-633-6444. ◀

Friday, November 11 at Trent River Coffee Company
Saturday, November 12 at Clawson's Restaurant



CHUCK PYLE

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Conductor James Ogle will return to New Bern on Monday, December 12, for the 29th performance of George Friderick Handel's Messiah at Centenary United Methodist Church. An open rehearsal will be held at 3 p.m. and a performance at 7:30 p.m. Beginning on November 15, tickets may be purchased at Fuller's Music, 2310 Trent Road, and the Craven Arts Council & Gallery, 317 Middle Street, New Bern.

The production is sponsored by the Craven Messiah Chorus, an organization originally 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. Centenary UMC is located at the corner of Middle and New Streets, in New Bern. For more information, call 866-292-4192 or visit www.CravenMessiahChorus.org. ◀

KINGSFRIEND PERFORMS AT TRENT RIVER COFFEE COMPANY

On November 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., Kingsfriend, the Christian Eclecto-Celtic band from Richlands, NC, will be performing at the Trent River Coffee House. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Kingsfriend consists primarily of a husband and wife team, Sean & Lara Capparuccia; but they also incorporate the talents of their five children. Kingsfriend is committed to providing music that can be enjoyed by all and recognizes the need for music and lyrics that encourage the family. Their music draws upon widely varied influences of 80's Rock, Classical, Jazz, and Celtic. You won't want to miss it - and bring the kids. Trent River Coffee Company is located at 208 Craven Street, New Bern. For more information, call 252-514-2030. ◀

BANK OF THE ARTS BOX OFFICE

DOWN EAST FOLKARTS SOCIETY

Chuck Pyle

Trent River Coffee Company in New Bern

Friday, November 11

Clawson's Restaurant in Beaufort

Saturday, November 12

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 members, \$8 students

CRAVEN CONCERTS SEASON TICKETS

All performances are held at Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center

Chaplin - A Life in Concert

- November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

ORIENTAL THEATER CORP.

Hot Dames, Hot Lead

Old Theater, Oriental

November 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m.

November 6 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door

RATIO THEATRE COMPANY

Scottish Rite Auditorium

The Sunset Limited - November 18-27, 2011

Tickets: \$18 in advance \$20 at the door

Talk About The Passion - January 13-22, 2012

Tickets: \$18 in advance \$20 at the door

Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and

Living in Paris - March 9-18, 2012

Tickets: \$20 in advance \$22 at the door

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SUNDAY JAZZ SHOWCASE

New Bern Hilton Hotel

February 19, 2012

1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Featured artists:

Dave Bennett - leader and clarinet

John Brown - bass

John Hanks - drums

Lynn Roberts - vocals

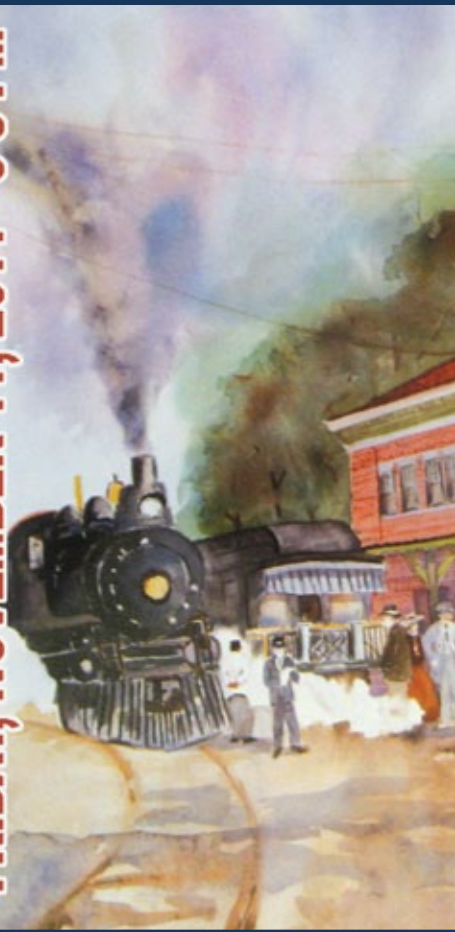
John Salmon - piano

\$30 Arts Council members \$35 nonmembers

Downtown New Bern

ARTWALK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 5-8 PM



- 1 Craven Arts Council & Gallery
Bank of the Arts
317 Middle St., 638-2577
The Works of Nancy Rogers
Opening reception**
- 2 The Chelsea
335 Middle St., 637-5469
Fine dining, American cuisine**
- 3 New Bern Sculpture Park
Corner of Middle & Broad Sts.
Juried Sculpture Park Show**
- 4 New Bern Civic Theatre
414 Pollock St., 634-9057
Performance – *The Wizard of Oz*
Call for tickets**
- 5 Art Materials & Ballantyne Framing
219 Middle St., 514-2787
Featuring the works of several local artists.**
- 6 The Four C's
250 Middle St., 636-3285
Clothing, shoes, gifts and more**
- 7 New Bern ArtWorks & Company
323 Pollock St., 634-9002
Featuring the works of GeeVee Meyer and Tom Trimmer. Opening reception.**
- 8 Carolina Creations
317A Pollock St., 633-4369
Featuring the work of watercolorist Pat Holscher. Opening reception**
- 9 Morgan's Tavern & Grill
235 Craven St., 636-2430
Fine dining**
- 10 The Accidental Artist
219A Craven St., 634-3411
Customer Appreciation Night.
Free studio time from 5-9 p.m.
No experience necessary! Great fun for the whole family!**
- 11 Mitchell Hardware
215 Craven St., 638-4261
Featuring a complete line of hardware, gifts and more**
- 12 Beads-N-Bowls
220 Craven St., 910-330-5032
Pottery demo with Carolyn R. Sleeper as guest host. Opening reception**
- 13 The Next Chapter Bookstore
320 South Front St., 633-5774
Hosting well-known artist, Nell Maha, and local author, Skip Crayton, with his new book LIFE AFTER DEATH**
- 14 New Bern Farmer's Market
412 South Front St.
Artist Carl Hultman, author Karen Dodd, music by "Jen & Tonic Band."
Hot chocolate and S'mores from Grandma's Goodies**
- 15 New Bern Riverfront Convention Center
203 South Front St., 637-9400
Holiday Home and Gift Show from noon to 7 p.m.**

Future ArtWalks:

January 13, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9, 2012

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