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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA



Fight Hunger & Support the Arts

POTTERS' THROWDOWN & SOUPER BOWL III

Craven Arts Council and Religious Community Services are proud to present the 11th Annual Potters' Throwdown on January 10th, from 5pm to 8pm at the Bank of the Arts and Harrison Center in downtown New Bern. This annual event features potters racing to complete as many bowls as possible in one hour, educational demonstrations, and a culinary competition, all in support of Empty Bowls New Bern.

Admission to all Throwdown events is free and open to the public and made possible through the generosity of our Title Sponsor, New Bern Family Eye Care. Officially kicking off at 5:15pm, this year's five potters will attempt to throw as many bowls as possible in one hour at the Harrison Center located at 311 Middle Street. Each potter will be assisted by Suzanne Richey and a team of volunteers from local business sponsors. The potters for 2020 are Rich Daniels, Scott Haines, Melanie Waters, Lanny Pelletier, and Brent Wheelwright. All bowls created will later be glazed and fired to be donated to the Empty Bowls New Bern event on February 20th. After the speed competition, potters will demonstrate various throwing techniques and potter Rebecca Shelby will be showing various glazing methods to educate the public on the process of creating pottery. In addition to the Throwdown, Craven County school students will engage in Souper Bowl III, a culinary competition. The competition will be judged by local chefs and community leaders and samples will be available to the public.

Join us next door at Bank of the Arts for demonstrations by Shop Class in wood turning, Twin Rivers Quilters Guild in quilting, and the Accidental Artist in painting ceramics, all of whom contributed kitchen accessories for Empty Bowls. Tickets to attend Empty Bowls and raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made by Carol Lally and donated by Claudia Moran will also be sold. All proceeds from the event benefit Religious Community Services and Craven Arts Council.



EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON

After the bowls created at the Potters' Throwdown are glazed and fired, they will be available at the Empty Bowls luncheon, which will take place at Temple Church on February 20th from 11AM-1:30 PM. Guests will savor a selection of approximately 30 different kinds of soups. These soups are generously provided by numerous restaurants, schools, churches, businesses and civic groups for the public to enjoy.

Empty Bowls is a nationwide program to help those in need. In New Bern, it's a joint effort of Religious Community Services and the Craven Arts Council & Gallery. Proceeds support the arts and fight hunger in Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties. Attendees enjoy two bowls of hot soup and choose a handcrafted, ceramic bowl or kitchen accessory to take home.

Order Your Tickets Now!

Tickets are \$25 each or \$30 the day of the event. Purchase in person at the Bank of the Arts, 317 Middle St; by phone at 252.638.2577; or online at emptybowlsnewbern.org

Tickets ordered online or by phone may be picked up at will call at Temple Church the day of the event, or beforehand at Bank of the Arts.

NEW THIS YEAR - SECOND SERVING

We are thrilled to add an evening event to our Empty Bowls lineup this year. Second Serving will be held March 20th at the Pavilion at Carolina Colours and will feature a selection of tapas prepared by area celebrity chefs along with beer and wine. A live auction will be held, giving you the chance to win the opportunity to have a chef of your choice cook in your home. Additionally, a silent auction will be held offering wonderful items from area businesses. Tickets are \$75 and a limited number will be available at the Empty Bowls Luncheon and Bank of the Arts. You may purchase tickets in person at the Bank of the Arts, 317 Middle St; by phone at 252.638.2577; or online at emptybowlsnewbern.org until sold out.



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EXHIBITS

JANUARY

Main Gallery - Craven County Schools Valentine Cards



Craven Arts Council and the Twin Rivers Artists Association are proud to present the 2020 Craven County Valentine's Day Card Sale. Not just for Valentines, these versatile cards were created by students in all grades in Craven County Schools during their art classes and include a wide range of skill levels and techniques. Priced at \$3.50 each, these affordable cards help fund arts education in Craven County as all proceeds are donated to Craven County Art Teachers to purchase classroom supplies. Craven Arts Council will host a reception for students, teachers, and parents during New Bern ArtWalk on January 10th, from 5-8pm.



CC SCHOOLS VALENTINE CARDS



DWAYNE WHITING

Director's Gallery-Dwayne Whiting

Craven Arts Council and Gallery is proud to present artist Dwayne Whiting in the Director's Gallery for the month of January. This exhibit will feature his drawings, watercolors, and paintings. Speaking of his inspiration, Whiting states, "Living in beautiful North Carolina has provided for me a muse that can only lead me to other wonderful places. I have chosen travel as my home. Serving in the United States Marine Corps and in the Army National Guard, it can't be missed, the variety that can be found and the many choices of avenues that can be taken." Craven Arts Council will host a reception featuring the artist during New Bern ArtWalk, January 10th, from 5pm-8pm.



DWAYNE WHITING

FEBRUARY

Main Gallery-Coastal Photo Club

This exhibition will feature works by local photographers on a wide array of subjects. It will showcase work of the Coastal Photo Club's nearly one hundred members, with images taken from eastern North Carolina and around the world. Each photographer has been invited to submit images to be displayed.

The show presents a variety of styles and materials available to the modern photographer, including framed photos, canvas prints, and metal laminate pieces. Differences in production are also highlighted, from classic darkroom techniques to advanced digital photo manipulation. Craven Arts Council will host an artist's reception during New Bern ArtWalk, February 14th, from 5pm-8pm.

Director's Gallery-Craven County Schools Valentine Cards

The 2020 Craven County Valentine's Day Card Sale will move from our Main Gallery to the Director's Gallery for the month of February. Cards were created by students in all grades in Craven County Schools during their art classes and include a wide range of skill levels and techniques. Not just for Valentines, these affordable cards help fund arts education in Craven County as all proceeds are donated to Craven County Art Teachers to purchase classroom supplies. Craven Arts Council & Gallery will host a reception for students, teachers, and parents on February 14th, from 5pm-8pm.

Empty Bowls Raffle 2020

Grand Prize: "Trinkets"
6'x6' Quilt by Carol Lally
Donated by Claudia Moran



Drawing at Noon, February 20th
(Empty Bowls)

Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20
Tickets Available at Bank of the Arts
317 Middle St

Empty Bowls New Bern Benefits:

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CAROL KROM, COASTAL PHOTO CLUB



SUE WILLIAMS, COASTAL PHOTO CLUB



EVIE CHANG HENDERSON, COASTAL PHOTO CLUB

AT THE GALLERY CONCERT SERIES

HAROLD ARLEN Performed by CRYSTAL BRIGHT & THE SILVER HANDS JANUARY 25TH

Harold Arlen wrote more than 500 songs in the course of his career, including composing the songs of the 1939 "Wizard of Oz" and 1954 "A Star Is Born" films. Starting as an accompanist for live performances and early recordings, Arlen achieved his first big success with "Get Happy," with Ted Koehler. Many of Arlen's hits were written for musicals, movies, or the Harlem based nightclub the Cotton Club. Hits include "Over the Rainbow", "The Man That Got Away", "It's Only a Paper Moon", "Stormy Weather", and "That Old Black Magic."

Award winning singer/songwriter, ethnomusicologist, composer, multi-instrumentalist, Crystal Bright, has played over 1000 shows from Canada to Austin, New Orleans to Seattle and internationally over the past 8 years, sharing the stage with the likes of Beats Antique, Abney Park, Aurelio Voltaire, The Love Language, Rising Appalachia, Larkin Grimm, Pearl and the Beard, and many more. Bright performed with the North Carolina Symphony in 2011 on an arrangement of her song "Toy Hammer" and has performed at various festivals around the country (SXSW, Savannah Stopover, FloydFest, DragonCon, LEAF, Midpoint Music Fest, The Steampunk World's Fair, The International Steampunk Symposium, Shakori Hills, and many others.) She took Runner Up for On the Rise at Floydfest 2013, 2014 and 2015. Greensboro's Yes Weekly named her Best Singer in 2012, Best Songwriter in 2014, and Best Musician in the Triad in 2015.

RAY CHARLES Performed by THE HEATHER PIERSON TRIO FEBRUARY 29TH

A pioneer of soul, Ray Charles combined blues, gospel, R&B, rock, country music and jazz to create a new genre of American music. Referred to as "Brother Ray" and "the Genius," Charles had shown an early interest in mechanical objects before starting to lose his sight at age 4 and going completely blind by the age of seven. As a result he was enrolled in the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, where he learned to read music by braille, and styles of classical, country, folk, and jazz. After graduation Charles initially met with much hardship in finding work, until his recording contract was bought by Atlantic Recording, for whom he would record a number of hits in a variety of genres. Hits include "Georgia" "Baby Let me Hold Your Hand", "I Can Make it Through the Days", and "Unchain My Heart".

The Heather Pierson Trio burst onto the national folk scene in 2015 with their debut EP, "Still She Will Fly." It features multi-genre songwriting, instrumental arrangements and stirring three-part vocal harmonies. The title track was the #2 single on Folk radio in 2015. Heather Pierson (lead vocals, piano) is an award-winning singer/songwriter and performer. With eight previous solo recordings, Heather's wise-beyond-her-years songwriting, angelic voice and world-class chops have catapulted her into the spotlight. Davy Sturtevant (cornet, dobro, fiddle, mandolin, harmony vocals) is a veteran touring artist, songwriter, and performer. Armed with a gorgeous tenor voice, Davy is at once a witty, thoughtful and engaging musical presence. Shawn Nadeau (bass, harmony vocals) brings a rock solid thump and nearly two decades of performing experience to the trio, informed by a wide spectrum of unique rhythmic and melodic sensibilities ranging from rockabilly to reggae to jazz.

TICKETS
\$20/\$25
members/nonmembers

Arlen's Beloved Hits:
Stormy Weather
It's Only a Paper Moon
Come Rain or Come Shine
Get Happy
Blues in the Night
Sweet & Hot
and the songs from
"The Wizard of Oz" and
"A Star Is Born"

7PM
DOORS OPEN 6PM
PRECONCERT TALK 6:30PM

Sponsored by Barbara & Greg Brown

EVENT TICKETS AT BANK OF THE ARTS
317 MARY E ST. (910) 638-2577 www.cravenarts.org

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Ray Charles
performed by
Heather Pierson
Acoustic Trio

Reception Sponsored by Virginia Mattson



Plein Air New Bern is an inaugural event that will take place May 11th-17th to showcase the beauty, history, and unique qualities of New Bern, NC through the timeless and elegant tradition of painting outdoors during daylight hours. Plein Air New Bern will offer artists numerous breathtaking locations to complete original paintings and their daily completed works will be displayed in the Main Gallery at Bank of the Arts. Twenty-five artists will be invited to join Kippy Hammond, a New Bern resident and international artist for this event. The artists will stay in New Bern for a six day painting competition that offers juried awards up to \$4000 and sales opportunities, culminating in a Collector's Sale and Gala. If you are interested in sponsoring, being a prospective artist, host, or volunteer for Plein Air New Bern please stop by Bank of the Arts, email info@cravenarts.com, or call 638-2577. To learn more about this amazing event please visit PleinAirNewBern.com.

Banner Project 2020

Get ready, it's that time of year again to show your true colors by ordering vibrant banners to adorn Broad Street and artfully represent New Bern's numerous cultural offerings. The Unity Through the Arts Banner project helps connect uptown and downtown and encourages people to value and experience New Bern's numerous offerings while also helping support Craven Arts Council's programs.

What's on the Banner?

- Image of an original work of art by an area artist (artists submit a high-quality jpg of a painting, pottery, performance or other cultural work or event.)
- Name of the artist
- Sponsor's choice of text (no logos), which could include:
 - a business or organization name
 - an event or program
 - an individual's name

CAC&G will assist in finding the artist/image which best represents the sponsor's organization or business.

What Are the Benefits?

- Creative and positive visibility appear along high-traffic areas.
- Artful way for promotion 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Downtown businesses that purchase a banner can be included on the ArtWalk card and receive ArtWalk cards each month.
- NewBernBanners.org website will link viewers with all Banner Project participants' websites.

Whom Would I Honor/Promote?

If you have a favorite local nonprofit, event or artist you would like to honor or promote, provide that information on the application.



**To purchase a banner visit the Bank of the Arts;
or call 252-638-2577; or email programs@cravenarts.org**

THE ARTS BEYOND OUR DOORS: CAC&G MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

ART

Carolina Creations

317A Pollock Street, 252-633-4369, carolinacreationsnewbern.com
Monday-Thursday 10-6; Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 11-4
Featured Artist: Sally Sutton

Sally Sutton enjoys the challenge of capturing light and experimenting with rich and bright color combinations and contrasting them with deep shadows using brushstrokes that create movement and energy in her work.



SALLY SUTTON

Community Artists Gallery & Studios

309 Middle Street, 252-633-3715
Tuesday - Saturday 10-5 communityartistsgallery.org
January Featured Artists: Chris Provard & Becky Preece
February Featured Artists: Sue Callahan, Betty Knapp, Nancy Dernier, & Julia McDonald

At every ArtWalk the Gallery offers live music and refreshments and visitors will be invited to tour the upstairs Studio annex where several artists will show their works in progress.



CHRIS PROVARD

The Crystal Lady

217 Middle Street, 252-626-0120, michaelerosewatson@gmail.com
Michaelé Rose Watson Artist Studio is moving back to 217 Middle St., January 2020. Michaelé made Custom Stained Glass creations for over 18 years. Much of her work graces Middle St., Mike's Jewelers store front is one example of her talents. She will be specializing in Architectural Restoration along with new and original custom stained glass panels for residential and commercial structures. Michaelé will also be teaching and continue her sculptural works with clay and other mixed media.



BECKY PREECE

New Bern-Craven County Library

400 Johnson Street, 252-638-7800
Monday-Thursday 9-9; Friday-Saturday 9-6; Sunday 2-6

January Artist of the Month:

Maria Sendor, watercolorist & Janusz Sendor, photographer
A reception will be held on January 9th at 7pm in the Library Auditorium.
February Artist of the Month: Artist sponsored by New Bern Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for Black History Month. A reception will be held on February 6th at 7pm in the Library Auditorium.

Shop Class: DIY Community Woodshop

406 Guion St, 252-617-8980
Shop Class operates much like a gym, but instead of paying to lift heavy weights, you pay to operate great tools in a comfortable environment. For a list of all new class offerings and events please visit shopclass-nb.com



SUE CALLAHAN

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Craven Concerts Inc.

cravenconcertsinc.com

The Carolina Brass

January 27, 7:30 pm at Orringer Auditorium.
Tickets \$30. Sold at Bank of the Arts, Fullers Music, online at cravenconcertsinc.org, and at the door.

As a national touring ensemble and Summit Recording Artist, Carolina Brass has quickly become the premiere brass ensemble of the southeast, raising the bar for music performance and education in America. From the elegance and grace of beautiful classical music to the hard driving sound of a big band, Carolina Brass will sweep you off your feet and leave a smile on your face. Their winning combination of virtuosity and humor brings a fresh approach to great music of all types, engaging audiences in a vibrant and energetic musical experience.

Down East Folk Arts Society

downeastfolkarts.org, 252-412-1703

folkartsenc@gmail.com

Singer-Songwriter Hannah Kaminer- January 15, 7pm at City Stage (901B Pollock St.)

Folk/Americana style blending Appalachia and Americana, Hannah has been a finalist at Merlefest's Chris Austin Song writing competition and has won the Grand prize and crowd favorite at Asheville's Brown Bag competition.

Singer -Songwriter Aaron Burdett- February 12, 7pm at City Stage (901B Pollock St.)

Blue Collar folk winner of Our State Magazine's Carolina song competition, Hank Williams song writing contest and placed in the Merlefest Chris Austin song writing contest. WNC magazine has listed him as one of western North Carolina's most important musicians.

Craven Community Chorus

Seeking Talent!

January 14, 6:30pm at Orringer Hall

Registration fee is \$30. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30. Dates for our concerts will be on Thursday April 30, Saturday May 2 and Sunday May 3. The chorus' major piece will be "Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forrest. For more information contact Marilyn Davis 252-670-0230.

CULTURAL EDUCATION

English Speaking Union - Colonial NC Branch

www.esus.org/colonialnc

An Unexpected Journey: 29 Years at the Central Intelligence Agency presented by Elinor Kelly Wilson

February 15, 12pm at the New Bern Golf & Country Club

Elinor will discuss her exciting 29-year career with the CIA, a federal agency whose primary mission is to collect, analyze and disseminate foreign intelligence to assist the President and senior U.S. government officials in making important national security decisions. Elinor, who retired as a member of the CIA's Senior Intelligence Service, will talk about recruiting foreign spies and managing spy operations as an operations officer, as well as her work in building and running a CIA innovation center which developed and implemented cutting edge methods to identify foreign targets for recruitment by operations officers. The cost of the luncheon program, open to the public, is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Reservations and payment must be received by February 12. Please send menu choices and checks to Colonial NC Branch, P.O. Box 645, New Bern, NC 28563.



New Bern Historical Society

511 Broad St. 252-638-8558

NewBernHistorical.org

Annual Civil War Lecture

January 19, 2pm at NC History Center

The Fight for the Old North State-The Civil War in NC, January-May 1864 featuring author Hampton Newsome.

Honour, The Musical

January 23, 24, 25, 31, & February 1 @ 7:30pm



January 26 & February 2 @ 2pm at Orringer Auditorium

The Stanly-Spaight Duel. One of New Bern's most compelling stories. A younger man goads an older statesman. The older man insults the younger. All in public. In newsprint. Add the story of Sarah Rice, a favored slave of the Spaights, who had a son by John Stanly. Mix it all together with the knowledge and wit of Bill Hand and the music of Simon Spalding and you have Honour, The Musical. Tickets available at HonourTheMusical.com, by visiting the New Bern Historical Society at 511 Broad St. or by calling 638-8558.

NBHS Lunch & Learn at The Chelsea

February 12th-Black History Month Program presented by Leesa Jones of the Washington Underground Railroad Museum. Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 a.m. at The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle Street, New Bern. The cost is \$17 for Historical Society members and \$22 for non-members. Lunch is included. Contact the Historical Society to make your reservation.

The History of the Downtown New Bern Renaissance presented by Susan Moffat-Thomas

February 23, 2pm at NC History Center

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THEATRE

New Bern Civic Theatre

414 Pollock St., newberncivictheatre.org 252-633-0567

Walk In Bathtub Improv

January 3 @ 7:30pm (All Seats \$7 for Improv)



Baskerville-A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

January 10, 11, 17, 18 @ 7:30pm; January 12, 19 @ 2pm;



For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide

When The Rainbow is Considered Enuf

February 7, 8, 14, 15 @ 7:30pm; February 9, 16 @ 2pm;

Ticket Prices (NOT including Sales Tax or Online Service Fee)

Orchestra - Advance: \$18, Door: \$20, Students & Active Duty

Military: \$12

Balcony-Advance \$17, Door \$19, Students & Active Duty

Military: \$10

RiverTowne Players at Masonic Theater

514 Hancock St.; rivertowneplayers.org

Frozen, Jr.

February 21, 22, 28, 29 & March 6, 7 @ 7:30pm

February 23 & March 1, 8 @ 3:00pm

Tickets: \$18 Adults \$10 Students

Purchase online or at Nautical Wheelers



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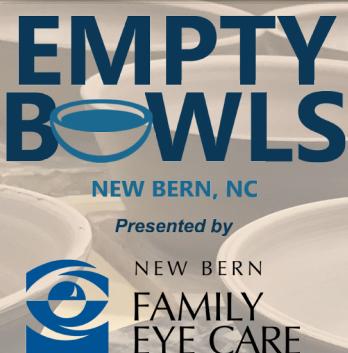
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Do you have 20/20 vision as we embark upon a new decade? What an exciting time for us all to reflect upon our lives and accomplishments and what our goals are for the new year and beyond. Here at CAC&G, we do the same. Although many things we do are popular and successful, we still contemplate what refinements or improvements can be made while continuing to explore additional opportunities to expand the arts into our diverse and growing community.

Numerous projects are in the pipeline for 2020. The pace picks up starting in January with the Potters Throwdown and Souper Bowl during ArtWalk; Empty Bowls in February, Second Serving in March, the Pottery Festival in April and a week-long Plein Air New Bern event in May! Other pursuits include working with community partners to work with at-risk youth and to utilize art as a diversion activity. Additionally, Jon is working with Workforce Development at the VOLT Center to have participants recognize art as a possible career choice.

CAC&G recently formed a public art committee and is collaborating with the city and other entities to pursue the installation of artwork within our county, which benefits its citizens as well as attracts visitors to the plentitude of talented artists that reside here. One of the first sites is the sculpture park located at the corner of Broad and Middle streets, where we look to increase the three sculptures currently there to five. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the pieces, which are leased annually from various artists, please contact us at the Arts Council. You will be recognized with a personalized plaque displayed with the sculpture and also on our website and social media page.

So, as you can see, we have plenty on our plate for 2020 and we thank you for being part of our extended CAC&G family. Look forward to your continued involvement to help us to accomplish all of the above and more to ensure 2020 is a great start to the new decade! —Eileen

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