



Join us for the 11th annual Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival at the North Carolina History Center from 9am to 5pm on April 13th, 2019! Featuring more than 30 vendors, this festival offers the public a unique opportunity to meet the artists, learn about their craft, and purchase works directly.

Originally organized by local potter and glass artist Rich Daniels, the Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival has grown to become one of the largest in our region. This year's festival will feature a demonstration and education area, raffles, food trucks, and a limited number of high quality craftspeople in addition to the ceramic artists. The festival is an excellent showcase of the quality of work and diversity of style in the field of contemporary craft. Potters include Sue Weisenberger, Christine O'Connell, Rebecca Shelby, Erika Gibson, Katherine Petke, and many more.

Admittance to the festival is free and open to the public.



Standing Tall - Katherine Petke



Pelican Water Fountain - Christine O'Connell



Apple Bakers - Melanie Waters



Cups - Erika Gibson



Basket - Rebecca Shelby



Set of Jars - Andrea Carroll



Wine Bucket - Suzanne Richey



Exhibits

Main Gallery

DownEast Home & Garden - March

DownEast Home & Garden showcases handmade crafts by local artisans including paintings, ceramics, baskets, textiles, wood working, paper craft, and more. Each item is unique and cannot be found in big box or department stores, ensuring that your love of art shines through in your home decor. The exhibition features local favorites and some new faces to Craven Arts Council & Gallery, such as Frank Miglore, Billie Ruth Sudduth, Steve Underhill, Susan Lovet, John Hanley, Cody Garner, Laura Overman, Brenda Zaytoun, Celine Meador, Susan Harris, Robert Martin, Roberta Randall and Stephen Z. Visitors will see the high caliber of work produced in our region available for sale. The opening reception will be held during ArtWalk on March 8th, from 5-8pm.

TRAA & Craven Community College - April

The Bank of the Arts' popular annual exhibit by the Twin Rivers Artists Association features both 2-D (acrylic, casein, charcoal, colored pencils, gouache, graphics, ink, oil, photography/computer enhanced art, printmaking and watercolor) and 3-D (glass, pottery, sculpture and textiles) works by local TRAA members. In addition, the 2019 Craven Community College (CCC) Student Show is being held in conjunction with the TRAA event. Scott Eagle & Heather Muise, both Professors at the ECU School of Art and Design, will serve as jurors for both exhibits. Eagle & Muise will judge submissions from the TRAA members for 10 awards offered by the TRAA.

The Artist's Reception and awards presentation will be held during ArtWalk on April 12th, from 5-8pm. Visitors to the Bank of the Arts will be the judge for the People's Choice Award. When visiting the exhibit any time between April 5th and May 3rd, be sure to enter your favorite artist or artwork to win that coveted award. TRAA meets monthly and welcomes new members. You will find more information by visiting www.traanc.org



Brenda Gear, TRAA



Joyce Anderson, TRAA



Stephen Z., DownEast Home & Garden

Director's Gallery

Steve Kotrch - March

Steve Kotrch says he is seldom happier than when he's making art. He describes this as an "affliction" that he calls "drawing on the brain" and writes about it in a blog by the same name. Since moving to New Bern in March of 2012, Steve has been involved in making art for New Bern Civic Theatre and Rivertowne Players, as well as drawing, painting (acrylics and watercolors), and making block prints on his own. He and his wife Mary are passionate about travel, and Steve endeavors to capture memories of the places they've been and things they've witnessed in his art. This exhibit is of paintings and drawings from a trip they made in 2016, when they visited eight countries in Asia. "I try to create what I call portraits of places, which is to say pictures that capture more than I could with just a camera. Sometimes this involves showing more than can fit inside the viewfinder, or capturing colors or lighting effects that the camera cannot see, but my ultimate goal is to put into these pictures how I'm affected by a particular sight or experience. Hopefully these feelings will come across to a viewer of the pictures, as well."

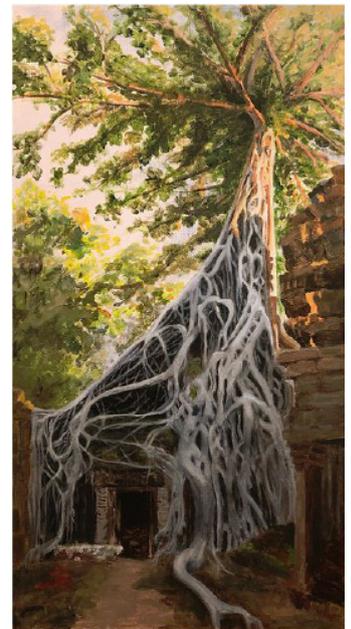
Private Schools Exhibition - April

Craven Arts Council and Gallery is proud to host an exhibition of work from local area private schools. This exhibition will feature the work of art classes from The Epiphany School of Global Studies, St. Paul's Catholic School, and Annunciation Catholic School. Craven Arts Council & Gallery will host an opening reception 5pm to 8pm on March 8th, during New Bern's monthly ArtWalk.

Art has been shown to have an integral beneficial effect on youth education in subjects from math and science to literary analysis. Bank of the Arts is pleased to reinforce these ideas by offering the students a chance to exhibit their works in a gallery setting. Jodi Tomboulain, Taffy Pritulsky, and Eva Glennon, art teachers at Epiphany, St. Paul's, and Annunciation respectively, have spent this year teaching their students not only the fundamentals of art and design, but also art history, global cultures, and advanced craft based techniques. The exhibit will host a variety of subject matters and mediums, including paintings, sculpture, and mixed media.



Aidan Restelli, Student at Epiphany



Steve Kotrch, Featured in March Director's Gallery

Thank you Trent Woods Garden Club for creating a flower display for each opening reception! Each arrangement is wonderfully original and captures the essence of the current exhibition. The most recent arrangement was designed by Deborah Tallman (pictured right) for our Coastal Photo Club show.



Chloe Hanson, Student at Epiphany



Leslie Anthony, TRAA

AT THE GALLERY CONCERT SERIES

Johnny Cash & June Carter *Performed by Strung Together* March 16th

Starting in 1927, the Carter Family released traditional folk music that shaped the future of bluegrass, country, pop, rock, and the folk revival in the 1960's. Original member A.P. Carter collected songs from up and down the eastern Appalachian region and created recordings with wife Sara and sister-in-law Maybelle, receiving \$50 a song and a 1/2 cent royalty per record sold. The band went through numerous incarnations with various family members, including "Maybelle Carter and the Carter Sisters." Known as "The Man in Black," Johnny Cash's signature baritone and genre cross style made him of the best selling artists of all time. Cash's songs ranged from serious discussion of white encroachment on Native lands to funny stories and dark humor, oftentimes within the same album. Cash met June Carter of the "Maybelle and the Carter Sisters" at the Grand Ole Opry in 1955, and the two fell for each other instantly. Often performing together, they married in 1968, the same year Cash released his most famous album, "Live at Folsom," where both singers performed a free concert in front of a live prison audience. Hits include "Can the Circle be Unbroke," "Wildwood Flower," "I Walk the Line," and "Ring of Fire."

Strung Together is a family band, born on the Olivers' front porch in downtown New Bern, NC. With soaring harmonies and a stringband sound, Strung Together plays songs that they love. Playing their own unique blend of folk, Americana, old-time & bluegrass, Strung Together has enjoyed performing for audiences in North Carolina & South Carolina, making music and memories together as a family. Strung Together is primarily the Oliver family: Cat on vocals and bass; Abigail & Mason on vocals and guitar; their parents Dare - on vocals - and George on vocals and banjo. Joining them is Nick Eickhoff on percussion and Addy Quinn on fiddle. They have released a CD, "The Littlest Birds," which contains a mixture of originals and their favorite tunes.

Willie Nelson *Performed by Blue Cactus* April 27th

Willie Nelson is an American musician, singer, songwriter, author, poet, actor, and activist. Nelson was born during the Great Depression and raised by his grandparents. He wrote his first song at age seven and joined his first band at age ten. He joined the Air Force after High School and later attended Baylor University, but dropped out as he found success in making music. In 1962 he recorded his first album, "...And Then I Wrote." The critical success of the album Shotgun Willie (1973), combined with the critical and commercial success of Red Headed Stranger (1975) and Stardust (1978), made Nelson one of the most recognized artists in country music. He was one of the main figures of outlaw country, a subgenre of country music that developed in the late 1960s as a reaction to the conservative restrictions of the Nashville sound. Nelson has written songs that have become country classics such as "Hello Walls", "Pretty Paper" and "Crazy".

BLUE CACTUS makes country music for people who think they don't like country music and people who love what country music used to be. Based out of Chapel Hill, NC, Blue Cactus is led by Steph Stewart and Mario Arnez who create songs that range from gritty honky-tonk to heartbreaking balladry. Coming off the release of their self-titled debut album, Blue Cactus has toured up and down the east coast, breathing life into the future of "modern classic country" and receiving praise from music critics across the nation. Inspired by the iconic vocal harmonies of the Everly Brothers and dynamic twang of great singers like Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline, Stewart and Arnez conjure a sound that will take you on a familiar journey into uncharted country, expanding tropes and breathing hope into the genre's limitless possibilities.

Purchase Tickets at the Bank of the Arts, by phone at 252-638-2577 or online at cravenarts.org

EMPTY BOWLS **Another Successful Year!**



Empty Bowls resulted in another record breaking year. At the Throwdown that took place January 11th, the potters Scott Haines, Rich Daniels, Brent Wheelwright, Shelley Mathiot, Melanie Waters, and Lanny Pelletier together threw over 300 bowls in 1 hour! Thank you potters for all you do for Empty Bowls! This fundraiser would not be possible without your efforts, skill, and time. We also would like to thank the other numerous potters, students, and patrons of the Accidental Artist for their bowl donations. Special gratitude goes to The Neuse River Quilters Guild along with the wood workers & veterans alongside Precision Moulding, and Shop Class who kindly donated unique kitchen accessories. And finally, we could not have a luncheon without delicious food donated by our local restaurants, schools, churches, businesses, and civic groups!

We had hoped to surpass the amount raised last year, and with generous sponsorships, donations, and ticket sales, as we go to print, we have already reached that goal! We are striving to achieve our ultimate goal of \$50,000! Religious Community Services and Craven Arts Council & Gallery want to thank everyone who is helping us achieve our mission: Helping the community through fighting hunger and supporting the arts.

Thank you to our sponsors, potters, soup providers, & volunteers!



Neuse River BRIDGE RUN March 23

5K 10K Half marathon Kids FunRun

The annual Neuse River Bridge Run takes place in historic New Bern, North Carolina. This Run serves our community by promoting a healthy, active lifestyle and through its financial support of Craven Arts Council & Gallery, Craven Community College Foundation, Religious Community Services, MERCI Clinic, Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina, and Twin Rivers YMCA. Featuring several race options, the 10k and half marathon take runners over the full span of the 65 ft. tall Neuse River Bridge. Register no later than March 10th to ensure a T-shirt. Kids FunRun will take place on March 22nd. Runners can pick up their packets on March 22 from 4-7pm, at Academy Sports, 3555 MLK Blvd, or the morning of the races at Union Point Park by 6:45am. For more information visit bridgerun.org

THE ARTS AT CAC&G MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

ART

Carolina Creations

317A Pollock St.; 633-4369; carolinacreations.com

Monday-Saturday, 10-6; Sunday, 11-4

Carolina Creations is looking for our "SpokesPets" for 2019! Is your kitty the next Pablo Picasso? Is your pooch the next "Salvador Doggie"? Submit pictures by March 29th to our Facebook page OR email them to contact@vonsocial.com

The winning cat and dog owners will receive \$100 gift cards for a photo shoot with our marketing specialists and will be featured on our social media pages for the remainder of 2019. Please contact the store with any questions.

New Bern-Craven County Library

400 Johnson St., 252-638-7800

Mon.-Thurs. 9-9; Fri.-Sat. 9-6; Sun. 2-6

Featured Artists:

March 1- April 2: Laura Gammons - Reception March 7th, 7pm

April 5- April 30: Dianne McKillop - Reception April 4th, 7pm



Laura Gammons

Community Artist Gallery & Studios

309 Middle St., 633-3715

Tue-Sat. 10am-4pm & for ArtWalk

March -Mardi Gras Revelry Featured Artists: Sandy Bruno, Sue Callahan, & Annie Klick

April- Naturalists Featured Artists: Rebecca Preece, Joyce Alexander, & Anne Marie Hodrick.

Community Artist Gallery & Studios is a diverse, nonprofit cooperative of over 30 talented, local artists contributing to New Bern's downtown art scene. The gallery features numerous mediums and each month it highlights a few of its artists and a special theme in its Middle Street display window.

Tryon Palace

529 South Front St., 252-639-3500

Barbour Boats Exhibit through March 17th

Tryon Palace is pleased with their reopening of the Barbour

Boats Exhibit in the NC History Center's Duffy Gallery. After the gallery sustained damage from Hurricane Florence, the exhibit was closed, but it is now open and runs through March 17th.

Follow in the wake of Barbour Boats, one of New Bern's most notable companies, from its creation in the 1930s to its close in 1997. Inside the gallery, visitors will learn about the founding, commercial and military past, a legacy of the Barbour Boats industry. The boat builder has a special connection with New Bern and Tryon Palace, as it used to operate on the Trent River, right where the NC History Center now stands. Explore the impact the Barbour and Riverbank families had on New Bern, North Carolina's nautical presence, and military defense at this exhibit.

For more information please visit tryonpalace.org/events



Shop Class: DIY Community Woodshop

406 Guion St.

617-8980

Woodworking Joinery: March 12th-27th OR April

23rd-May 7th on Tuesdays 9am - 12 pm

Registration: \$180; Instructor: A.E. "Joe" Clay

This class is a follow-on class to our Beginning Woodworking or for woodworkers with some experience wanting to expand their skills. Basic knowledge of the table saw, and other equipment is a prerequisite.

Instructor Joe Clay has developed a course that will explore different wood joints, i.e., half lap, dovetail, mortise and tenon, and the Festool Domino. Three sessions will combine lecture, demonstration and hands-on learning from a master.



Beginning Woodworking: March 16th-31st on Saturdays 9am-12pm OR April 2nd-16th on Tuesdays 9am-12pm (Instructor Joe Clay) OR April 11th-25th on Thursdays 5:30-8:00pm (Instructor Jonathan Burger)

Registration: \$180

The novice woodworker (or woodworkers) with limited experience, will have the opportunity to hone their woodworking skills and learn how to safely operate woodworking machinery and tools. Upon completion of this three week course students will be able plan and execute woodworking projects in their home shops or at Shop Class, a DIY community workshop available on a subscription basis. Class one includes classroom and hands on demonstrations on how to safely operate power and hand tools, a review of the Shop Class's rules (w/liability waiver signing) and a lecture on the nature of wood. In the remaining two classes, under the supervision of Joe Clay, students use the materials provided (wood, sandpaper, glue and finishing products) to build and finish a laminated cutting board that will be theirs to keep.

Woodturning: April 20th-May 4th on Saturdays 1-4pm

Registration \$120; Instructor: James Riggs

Award winning wood turner will provide instruction designed to take the novice turner from zero to turning on their own. Known as the "crack cocaine of woodworking," wood turning, while highly addictive is also very rewarding.

Intro to Welding: March 19th-April 2nd OR April 9th-23rd OR April 30th-May 14th

Tuesdays 5:30 - 8:30pm; Registration: \$250, materials included; Instructor: Jonathan Burger

In three sessions students learn the fundamentals of MIG welding and metal fabrication.

Beginning Jewelry Making: March 21st-April 4th

Thursdays 5:30-8:30pm

Registration \$180

Learn to manipulate and shape metal by cutting, bending, and soldering. Students will become familiar with the jewelers' hand tools, torch, flex shaft, saltwater etching and more. Through individual instruction and class demos, students will learn about layout, piercing, filing, forming, soldering and finishing.

The Accidental Artist

219-A Craven St. ; 634-3411; theaccidentalartist.com

Eat-Paint-Love March 7th 6-9pm

Eat refreshments while you paint a fun cactus design on a mirror frame. You will love how it looks! Advanced reservations and purchase required as space is limited

Sips, Samples & Shenanigans March 13th 6-9pm

Gear up for St Patty's Day! Sip some Ciders & Beer while you save an additional 10% off our Sample items for sale and enjoy the Shenanigans!

Paint til you Faint March 16th 6:30-11pm

It's a St. Patrick's Day Celebration! Dress in your best shades of green and Paint til you Faint! We will have snacks, pizza and prizes to enjoy while you paint your pottery til the wee hours of the night.

Golden Bears March 19th All Day

Our friends 60 and over get 15% off their pottery purchases that are painted today. Time to show off your creativity!

Date Night March 22nd 6-9pm

Get out and spend some time with your date night sweetie! Enjoy light refreshments, painting and quality time. We are offering 2 for 1 studio fees.

College Night March 27th 6-9pm

Show your school ID and get 10% OFF your pottery to paint on College night!



MUSIC

Atlantic Dance Theatre

La Belle Danse

March 15th, 7 pm at Stanley Hall Ballroom

Tickets \$25 adults \$15 students. Purchase online at Atlantic-DanceTheatre.org ,

by phone at 626-3728, or at the event (cash/credit only)

Paige Whitley-Bauguess, dance

Barry Bauguess, baroque trumpet

Brent Wissick, viola da gamba & cello

John B. O'Brien, organ & harpsichord



Atlantic Dance Theatre

Craven Community Concert Band

Spring Concert

March 14, 7:00 pm at the Grover C. Fields Auditorium. Free

The conductor for the band is Mitch Martin (MSgt Ret.) a retired Marine Corps Musician.

Craven Concerts Inc.

2018-19 Series Finale

America's Own Irish Tenor

Ronan Tynan

April 1st, 7:30 pm at Orringer Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 and sold Bank of the Arts, Fuller's Music, online at cravenconcertsinc.org, and at the door.

Ronan Tynan has sung for Presidents and Popes, and now he sings for you!



Dr. Robert Ainsley



Atlantic Dance Theatre

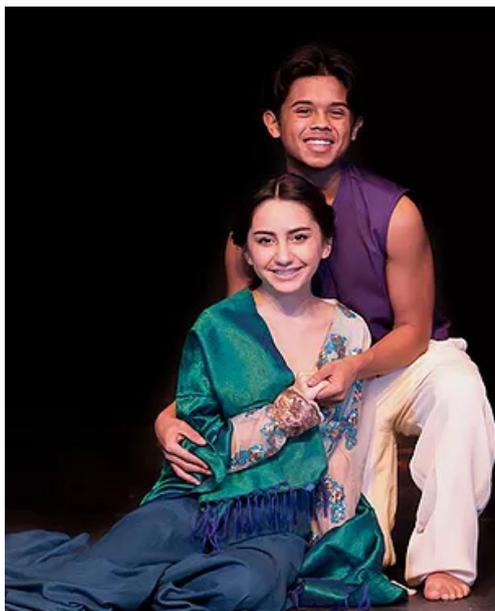
North Carolina Symphony

From Classical To Broadway

Wesley Schulz, conductor

March 21st, 7:30 pm at Temple Church. Tickets sold online at ncsymphony.org, by phone at 877-627-6724, or in person at the New Bern Visitor Center located in the NC History Center.

Share great moments in music with classical gems including Strauss' famous *Blue Danube* waltz and selections from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, along with Broadway hits including music from *The Phantom of the Opera* and *South Pacific*.



EDUCATION

New Bern Historical Society

ABC Indoor Yard Sale

March 9th, 8am-12pm at the Knights of Columbus Building 1125 Pinetree Drive
Find one of a kind treasures!

Lunch & Learn

Dr. Robert Ainsley

March 13th, 11:30 am at The Chelsea Restaurant
Reservations required by phone at 638-8558 or online at NewBernHistorical.org/tickets

Learn about the 1st & 2nd Provincial Congress held in New Bern in 1774.

Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day

March 23rd 12-4pm (check in 11:30am)

New Bern Battlefield Park

A day full of learning activities, games and living history for children 6-12 and an adult. To register by phone call 638-8558.



Heritage Homes Tour

April 12th-13th

Celebrate New Bern's history, heritage and resilience with tours through 18 homes and gardens in Five Historic Neighborhoods.

Enjoy music, refreshments and entertainment.

Purchase tickets by phone at 638-8558 or

online at NewBernHistorical.org/tickets



THEATRE

New Bern Civic Theatre:

Disney Aladdin, Jr.

March 15,16,22,23,29,30 @ 7:30 pm; March 17,24@ 2 pm; Tickets: Orchestra & Balcony - Advance: \$14, Door: \$16, Students & Active Duty Military: \$10

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

NBCT stage comes alive with this Academy Award-winning Disney classic! Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the respect of the princess, Jasmine, Aladdin embarks on an adventure that will test his will and his moral character. Aladdin, Jr. is breathtaking on stage with elaborate set designs of the Arabian market place, a cool palace and dazzling costumes

RiverTowne Players:

hairspray : The Broadway Musical

March 8,9,15,6,22 & 23 at 7:30pm

March 10 & 17 at 3:00pm

Masonic Theatre, 514 Hancock St.;

Tickets: \$18 adult \$10 child/student

Purchase in advance at rivertowneplayers.org/tickets or Nautical Wheelers 202A Craven St.



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A Letter From the Director

We have just completed another Empty Bowls event, which you read about in the newsletter. I would like to thank the incredible co-chairs, Linda MacDonald and Lori Ann Prill, who did an outstanding job to make the 10th Anniversary a huge success, with the assistance of their committee. The energy and hours they devoted were phenomenal. I don't think their husbands remember what they look like!

Spring is literally just around the corner and can't get here fast enough for most of us. CAC&G is involved with many activities in the next few months with one of them being Revitalize New Bern. The New Bern Arts & Wellness Center, Promise Place and the Craven Arts Council invite community members to attend educational workshops organized to develop a future public art project which will symbolize our community's beauty, diversity and resilience. "When Water Rises" is an exhibit which will run from March 6th through April 30th at the New Bern Arts & Wellness Center at 919 Broad St. A community engagement workshop will be held there on March 9th from 1-4pm. Come out and see how you can help shape the future of our city.

Another community favorite, the Neuse River Bridge Run, occurs the fourth weekend in March. The Super Kids Fun kicks it off on Friday, March 22nd @ 6pm and the Bridge Run events on Saturday, March 23rd consist of a half marathon, 10k and 5k with staggered start times beginning at 7am. On April 13th, look for the 11th Annual Eastern Carolina Pottery Festival held at the NC History Center from 9am-5pm. None of these things would be possible without the assistance of numerous volunteers who donate their valuable time as well as our involved Board of Directors. We are working on many more projects that we will share in the future and would love for you to engage in various opportunities we have available at CAC&G. Make sure you stop into the Bank of the Arts on a regular basis to see the ever-changing exhibits and how else you might like to get involved.

Happy Spring!

-Eileen Bress

Arts Luminary

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