



## Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC, Offers Program for National Quilting Day - Mar. 15-17, 2018

Next month, lovers of Irish culture and St. Patrick's celebrations will have the opportunity to quilt their own luck at the Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC. Up on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Southern Highland Craft Guild member Connie Brown will be showcasing a "Top of the Morning" quilt-themed exhibit from Mar. 15-17, 2018, from 10-4pm daily. In honor of National Quilting Day and the beloved patterns and icons of Irish culture, Brown will share antique quilt tops and blocks in the center's lobby.

Visitors are invited to bring in their own antique or vintage quilts as Brown is a quilt historian and AQS Quilt Appraiser. Her exhibit will feature unfinished items as "quilt tops give a unique look at the fabric and construction methods used during their time. Rarely has an antique quilt top been laundered. This leaves the fabrics unaltered, in their original state. The quilt tops and fabrics are more than quilt history, they are a part of American history and textile mill history."

This opportunity to have an antique quilt evaluated by a quilt historian, will allow one to find out the age, pattern and any interesting facts. Brown will answer questions about care, storage, display, appraisal services, repair, and whether to quilt and finish an antique top. Contemporary quilts can be found throughout the Folk Art Center in the shop and upstairs in the galleries.

Throughout the three days Brown will also be demonstrating hand quilting, and visitors of all ages are welcomed to give it a try. Basketmaker Susan Taylor will also be demonstrating her processes at the Folk Art Center. Both makers avidly participate in the Guild's daily craft demonstrations held from March-December. These educational interactions are part of the Southern Highland Craft Guild's mission to cultivate the crafts and makers of the region for the purpose of shared resources,



Connie Brown discusses the process of assembling quilt blocks and squares.

education, marketing and conservation.

To learn more about the Southern Highland Craft Guild visit ([www.craftguild.org](http://www.craftguild.org)). To learn more about National Quilting Day visit (<http://quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday>).

The Southern Highland Craft Guild is a non-profit, educational organization established in 1930 to cultivate the crafts and makers of the Southern Highlands for the purpose of shared resources, education, marketing and conservation. The Southern Highland Craft Guild is an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The Folk Art Center is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, just north of the Highway 70 entrance in east Asheville, NC.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit ([www.craftguild.org](http://www.craftguild.org)).

## Groewood Gallery in Asheville, NC, Offers Benefit Art Exhibition

On Apr. 7 through 23, 2018, Groewood Gallery in Asheville, NC, will host *Spring Awakening*, a pediatric patients' exhibition to benefit Arts For Life, an Asheville-based nonprofit that provides pediatric patients and their families with arts education and engagement opportunities. An opening reception will take place on Apr. 7, from 2-5pm and feature live music by the Haw Creek Sweet Hots, ice cream by The Hop, and craft activities for kids. Admission is free.

*Spring Awakening* is curated by Annie Rogers, Program Director, and Anna Long, Program Coordinator at Arts for Life. The exhibit will showcase spring-themed works of art created by pediatric patients in the Arts For Life educational art programs. All artwork will be available for sale, and 100% of proceeds will benefit Arts For Life. Groewood Gallery will also donate 10% of all regular gallery sales from the exhibition's opening day.

"We've engaged in multiple partnerships with Arts For Life throughout the years," says Ashley Van Matre, Marketing Manager at Groewood Gallery. "The work they do in our community is so inspiring. We're excited to celebrate the creative efforts of their budding young artists and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their art in a public space for everyone to enjoy."

Every day across North Carolina, Arts For Life's team of staff members, volunteers, interns, and teaching fellows brighten the lives and healthcare experiences of children and families facing serious illnesses and disabilities. By bringing visual art, music, and creative writing education into hospitals and clinics, they help these children and teens remember that they're not just patients: they're artists, musicians, and poets, with a world of

possibility at their fingertips.

Arts For Life's educational art programs decrease patient stress and anxiety, keep patients active and engaged, and help families cope with the realities of illness during the most difficult times of their lives. They turn hospital rooms into artist studios, where children can focus on building a mosaic tile, writing a poem, or crafting a song—not on the pricks, pokes, and treatments they're about to receive.

Since 2001, Arts For Life has delivered top-notch art, music, and creative writing lessons. Last year, their teaching team taught more than 22,000 lessons to over 6,900 patients, siblings, and family members!

Established in 1992, Groewood Gallery is nationally recognized for its dedication to fine American-made art and craft. Located in historic Groewood Village adjacent to The Omni Grove Park Inn, the gallery is noted for its charming, old-world setting and rich craft heritage. This site once housed the weaving and woodworking operations of Biltmore Industries, an Arts and Crafts enterprise that played a significant role in the Appalachian Craft Revival during the early 20th century.

Today, Groewood Gallery offers two expansive floors of finely crafted furniture, ceramics, jewelry and more, contributed by over 400 artists and craftspeople from across the United States. The gallery also boasts an outdoor sculpture garden and presents rotating exhibitions throughout the year. Free parking is available on-site.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/253-7651 or visit ([www.groewood.com](http://www.groewood.com)).

## Woolworth Walk in Asheville, NC, Offers Work by Clarissa Jan Ward

Woolworth Walk in Asheville, NC, will present *Finding My Way*, featuring paintings by Clarissa Jan Ward, on view in the FW Gallery, from Mar. 1 - 30, 2018. A reception will be held on Mar. 2, from 4-6pm.

Ward is from Chagrin Falls, OH, and has always loved making art. She earned

her Master's Degree in Art Education from Georgia State University in 2000, as well as a Master's Degree in Painting from Marywood University in Pennsylvania in 2012. Ward was an art and photography teacher for over twenty years in Georgia and Pennsylvania, before

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The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Mar. 24th for the April 2018 issue and Apr. 24 for the May issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to ([info@carolinaarts.com](mailto:info@carolinaarts.com)). Don't wait until the deadline - send it now.