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Major Demolition to Begin

The Museum’s construction project is taking a very exciting next step as major work begins in earnest this winter on the new addition and major renovation components. Wrapped in an engaging site-specific banner installation focusing on works from the Museum’s Permanent Collection, the corner of 2 South Pack Square will be an active construction zone during 2017 with a crane on-site. The Museum is proud to have had a home on this important corner since 1992 as part of the former Pack Place Arts, Education & Science Center. Pack Place, created out of a community vision for a cultural center in a revitalized downtown, has helped spur Asheville’s incredible success over the last two decades leading to the Museum’s current need for expansion.

The demolition on the corner is in preparation for the creation of the stunning new glass façade, art-filled Atrium and greatly expanded Permanent Collection galleries that will form the core of the newly constructed areas of the redesigned Asheville Art Museum. Also underway this winter is interior demolition of the East Wing to prepare the facility for the installation of state-of-the-art HVAC, lighting and security systems.

The Museum is working closely with the City of Asheville to maintain sidewalk access around the construction site. Please pardon our dust and continue to visit our downtown neighbors on Biltmore Avenue and Pack Square. If you have any questions or want to learn more about the new Museum, please contact Rebecca Lynch-Maass, Campaign Manager at [rlynchmaass@ashevilleart.org](mailto:rlynchmaass@ashevilleart.org) or 828.253.3227, ext. 114.



Benjamin Porter, *Pack Square from Legal Building, St. Patrick’s Day Parade 1994*, 1994, gelatin silver print, 7.5 x 48.4 inches. Gift of the Artist. Asheville Art Museum Collection. 1994.08.12.91.

Spotlight on the Collection

The Construction Fencing at 2 South Pack Square  
Highlights Works from the Collection

While the Asheville Art Museum is under construction, we will continue to share unique and powerful stories about the art in our Collection. The fence that surrounds the building at 2 South Pack Square will soon feature an engaging site-specific banner installation highlighting more than 40 works from the Museum’s Permanent Collection, with details and guided questions designed to engage the viewer.

Museum Support

The Museum couldn’t do what it does without its generous supporters. For a list of the individuals, organizations and companies who recently supported the Museum through In-Kind Donations; Gifts and Grants; Annual Fund: and Tributes, please visit [www.ashevilleart.org/supporters](http://www.ashevilleart.org/supporters).

**Did you know?** The IRA Charitable Rollover provision is now permanent! Individuals age 70 ½ or older can make gifts of up to \$100,000 from their IRA account to support the Museum.

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On The Slope  
175 Biltmore Avenue  
Wed. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sun. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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TOAST

FEBRUARY 24 — Friday, 5:30 – 8:30pm  
Hi-Wire Brewing at the Big Top  
2 Huntsman Place  
members \$30, non-members \$35, at the door \$40  
Thank you for “toasting” with us over the years at the Asheville Art Museum. As we are **Making It New** during construction, we are also re-inventing our annual TOAST event and are so excited to be partnering with Hi-Wire Brewing. Full details are at [ashevilleart.org](http://ashevilleart.org).

Annual Benefit Gala  
SAVE THE DATE

We are starting to plan for our annual benefit Gala, the Museum’s largest fundraising event of the year. Join us for a dazzling evening of fine food, drinks and art on **Saturday, June 17**. Stay tuned for details soon!

In Memoriam

The Asheville Art Museum deeply regrets the loss of longtime Museum friend Anne Forbes.



Guests show their creative spirit at our annual benefit Gala in 2016.

COVER: Museum supporter Debbie Ward creates handmade cards at a recent Art Break On the Slope.



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Asheville Art Museum



Exhibitions

Gallery on the Slope  
Western North Carolina Regional  
Scholastic Art Awards  
JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 26, 2017

The Asheville Art Museum, with the assistance of its volunteer docents and support from the Asheville Area Section of the American Institute of Architects and the Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, is proud to sponsor the annual WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Students in grades 7-12 from all across our region are invited to submit work for this special juried competition. A selection of artwork receiving regional awards will be on view in the Gallery on the Slope from January 28 – February 26, 2017. All regional award recipients will be honored at a ceremony on Sunday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Diana Wortham Theatre. Regional Gold Key recipients’ work will be sent to the National Scholastic Art competition in New York City. Learn more about the Scholastic Art Awards at [ashevilleart.org](http://ashevilleart.org) or [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org).

Art on View in the Community  
Western Carolina University  
ONGOING

We are thrilled to have a few works from our Permanent Collection on view at Western Carolina University’s Fine Art Museum at the Bardo Arts Center in Cullowhee: George Peterson’s *Spiral* made of recycled skateboards; Hoss Haley’s *Cycle* made of recycled steel from washing machines; and Lonnie Holley’s sculpture *I Have Seen Parts of Africa’s Dream in Her Honor*. Stay updated on details about other locations where art from our Collection will be on view by subscribing to our e-newsletter at [ashevilleart.org/connect](http://ashevilleart.org/connect). We are grateful to all the community partners we are working with in order to keep our Collection safe and secure during construction.

Membership

As a member, you play an essential role in the Museum’s past, present and future. As we begin major construction to create the New Asheville Art Museum, we need your support more than we ever have. Members will receive a letter in the mail mid-January detailing Member benefits while we’re under construction, including membership in the Southeast Reciprocal Museum Program (SERM), which gives you free admission to all museums that are a part of SERM. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Joanna Miller at [jmiller@ashevilleart.org](mailto:jmiller@ashevilleart.org) or 828.253.3227, ext. 117.

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FROM TOP: Opening reception for the 2016 WNC Scholastic Art Awards. George Peterson, *Spiral* (detail), 2015, recycled skateboards, screws, paint, 72 x 80 inches. Hoss Haley, *Cycle* (detail), 2012, steel, 142 x 77 x 67 inches.

more information at [www.ashevilleart.org](http://www.ashevilleart.org)

Public Programs

DISCUSSION BOUND  
Second Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. — Free  
Malaprop’s Bookstore/Café  
This monthly discussion is a place to exchange ideas about readings that relate to artworks and the art world, and to learn from and about each other.

JANUARY 10  
Walk Through Walls: A Memoir  
by Marina Abramovic  
FEBRUARY 14  
Artists in Love: From Picasso & Gilot to Christo & Jeanne-Claude, A Century of Creative and Romantic Partnerships  
by Veronica Kavass

ART BREAK  
Selected Fridays, 12:00 p.m. — Free  
Asheville Art Museum On the Slope  
These informal gallery presentations and talks both inform and engage you in dialogue with our curatorial and education staff, docents or special guests.

JANUARY 13  
Repetition and Symbolism in the Work of Lorna Halper  
Cassandra Hoge, UNC Asheville  
JANUARY 27 + FEBRUARY 10  
Pop Up!  
Visit [ashevilleart.org](http://ashevilleart.org) for information about topic and location.  
FEBRUARY 17  
2017 WNC Regional Scholastic Art Awards  
Erin Shope, School + Family Programs Manager and Sharon McRorie, Education Programs Manager



BELOW FROM LEFT: Artists in Love: From Picasso & Gilot to Christo & Jeanne-Claude, A Century of Creative and Romantic Partnerships by Veronica Kavass. Printmaking workshop with Kevin Hogan. Pianist Les Downs.



For more information, program location addresses, or to register for ticketed programs, visit [ashevilleart.org](http://ashevilleart.org) or call 828.253.3227, ext. 122.

WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 11  
— Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Introduction to Screen-Printing  
Asheville Art Museum On the Slope  
members \$65, non-members \$75 (includes materials and lunch)  
Instructor: Kevin Hogan. Space is limited; register by February 7.

UP FOR DISCUSSION  
FEBRUARY 18 — Saturday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Richard Sharp Smith: Asheville’s Arts + Crafts Architect  
Cathedral of All Souls  
Museum + All Souls members \$25 non-members \$35  
Presenter: Martha Walker Fullington.  
Presented in partnership with the National Arts and Crafts Conference at Grove Park Inn and the Cathedral of All Souls.

PERFORMANCE  
FEBRUARY 19 — Sunday, 3:00 p.m.  
Pianoforte with Les Downs  
Biltmore United Methodist Church  
Museum + Biltmore UMC members \$8 + tax (\$7 children) non-members \$16 + tax (\$15 children)  
Today’s program will include works by Haydn, Falla, Griffes, Debussy, Scriabin and Albéniz.

School + Family Programs

Unless otherwise indicated, to register for any of these programs call 828.253.3227, ext. 124 or email [smcroe@ashevilleart.org](mailto:smcroe@ashevilleart.org).

Art After School  
JANUARY 4 + FEBRUARY 1  
— Wednesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
East Asheville Library  
For K-5th grade students — Free  
Join the education staff on the first Wednesday of each month for an afternoon of art-making.

Art Club  
JANUARY 11 + FEBRUARY 8  
— Wednesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Leicester Library  
For school aged students — Free  
Join the education staff on the second Wednesday of each month for a hands-on program.

Tot Time — MIXED UP + MESSY!  
JANUARY 23 – MARCH 17 — Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Stephens-Lee Center  
For pre-school aged students accompanied by an adult  
Art is fun! Join us each week to explore the elements of art including line, shape and color. Each session includes time for free play. Please register through the Asheville Parks and Recreation Dept. by calling 828.350.2058. We thank the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation for their generous support of our Tot Time outreach program.

McDowell STEAM Expo  
JANUARY 28 — Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
McDowell Technical Community College  
Join us for a hands-on day of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM). The Museum’s Education staff will be at McDowell Tech along with more than 30 educators to help visitors explore the exciting possibilities of STEAM education with fun demonstrations throughout the day.

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SAVE THE DATE!  
Summer Art Camp  
Join us for Summer Art Camp 2017! The Museum offers a range of camps for rising K-12th graders throughout June and July. Full and half day, week-long options allow campers to choose from sessions exploring drawing, painting, cartooning, sculpture and much more. Registration begins March 1, 2017. Contact Sharon McRorie for more information and mailings at 828.253.3227, ext. 124, or check out our web site at [www.ashevilleart.org](http://www.ashevilleart.org).



Art inspires students of all ages during our Summer Art Camp.