

explore biltmore village

Village Art and Craft Fair

On August 6 and 7 New Morning Gallery and Bellagio sponsor the Village Art and Craft Fair on the grounds of the Cathedral of all Souls in Biltmore Village. In its 39th year, the VACF continues a long tradition of bringing high-quality crafts to Biltmore Village.

The fair hosts 118 artists from 19 states, representing the full spectrum of craft media - jewelry, ceramic, wood, fiber, metals, two-dimensional art and more. The craft fair is a great opportunity to encounter new artists (24 are first-time exhibitors) and to talk with crafters one-on-one. 41 artists are from Western North Carolina. Most exhibitors are not represented at New Morning Gallery, so visitors are sure to find new treasures along with a few old favorites.

Over the years, our reputation as one of the finest craft fairs in the area has spread (along with the ubiquitous cat posters and T-shirts). Thousands of shoppers from all over the southeast arrive to stroll through the fair, discovering unique gifts for friends, family and themselves!

BY SHARI

Daryl Slaton, this year's poster artist, is known for his whimsical greeting cards and prints. The 2011 poster shows three felines springing to life as they escape the confines of a midnight carousel. A real cat runs with them in the background.



39th Annual Village Art and Craft Fair.

This high quality craft fair, sponsored by New Morning Gallery and Bellagio, takes place August 6 and 7 on the grounds of the Cathedral of All Souls in Historic Biltmore Village.

Fair hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine.



T-shirts featuring the poster art created by Daryl Slaton will be available.

Free admission. Homemade refreshments are available at church sponsored concession booths with proceeds benefiting the Cathedral's Outreach program.

For more information call (828) 274-2831.

Village Wayside Bar & Grille

Located in historic Biltmore Village in the original 1896 train depot is the newly renovated Village Wayside Bar & Grille. They offer new twists on the classics we all know and love. Owners, Mark and Polly dreamed of their menu, incorporating the Mid-western and southern influences they grew up eating.

Try the turkey Reuben, slow roasted and brined in house with a sweet peach hibiscus tea brine, or Mark's favorite, the beef brisket, smoked in house and smothered in home-made Cheerwine BBQ sauce served with hand dipped local Kolsch beer battered onion rings. Craving something more substantial? Check out Potsy's Pigs, Hungarian style cabbage rolls, or fillet tips over a bed of house made hummus.

The Village Wayside serves lunch and dinner all day long with something for everyone!



The Village Wayside Bar & Grille

30 Lodge Street, Biltmore Village
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blue Goldsmiths

Susan West, the owner of blue, has a studio upstairs on the second floor of her gallery, located in Biltmore Village. This is where most of the magic happens.

The cast pieces are transformed from rough hunks of metal to smooth, shiny and/or textured pieces of artwork. The walls in this studio are painted gold – most appropriately. There are designated areas for specific tasks such as soldering, polishing, stone setting, and other general injury areas.

While shopping downstairs customers often ask if renovation is underway in the building as there is much banging and other loud noises overhead. No one ever expects the process of making beautiful, small objects of art to be so loud or dirty. Quite often someone in an apron and magnifying headpiece appears from upstairs looking very much like a chimney sweep with a rouge blackened face.



Susan West, owner of blue

Since Susan is at blue most days to design custom pieces, or for just general questions from customers, the casting takes place late at night. this is a great sight for neighbors as the kiln heats up and the casting torches flame over molten gold.



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Neo Cantina strives to be conscientious of our extended and immediate environments. It is our priority as a business, and as individuals to act in accordance with a long term plan towards worldwide sustainability, participating fully in the green revolution in Cool Green Asheville.

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Wood Collectors Rejoice!

This summer, three venues host wood art exhibitions showcasing selected regional, national, and international artists. A special collector's weekend is planned July 21-23 with evening and afternoon events at Blue Spiral 1, Grovewood Gallery, and The North Carolina Arboretum. Demonstrations by Carolina Woodturners will be held at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Blue Spiral 1 presents Wood Moving Forward, featuring the work of 14 premier Southern artists. With extraordinary sculpture, turned objects, wall mounted panels, and some sculptural furniture, Wood Moving Forward includes work by esteemed mid-career artists and rising talents. On display from July 1 to September 30, 2011.

Grovewood Gallery presents A Wood Collector's Home, featuring work by 19 top wood artists from across North America. A Wood Collector's Home will showcase 3 rooms, honoring the idea of incorporating, enjoying, and using handmade, heirloom wood objects in daily life.

A Wood Collector's home runs from



Dixie Biggs, *Lucky Twist III*, available at Grovewood Gallery.



Available at Blue Spiral 1.

July 1 to October 2, 2011, with an artists' reception Saturday, July 23 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The North Carolina Arboretum presents The Fine Art of Wood: An International Invitational Exhibition of Woodturning featuring work by 45 of the most outstanding wood artists in the

world. The exhibition will run through September 5, 2011. Carolina Woodturners will host demonstrations at the Arboretum the weekends of June 10, July 1, and August 12.



For further information:

Blue Spiral 1, 38 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. Visit www.bluespiral1.com or phone (828) 251-0202.

Grovewood Gallery, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville, NC 28804. Visit www.grovewood.com or phone (828) 253-7651.

The North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806. Visit www.ncarboretum.org or phone (828) 665-2492.

The Compleat Naturalist

What's a naturalist? Owners Hal and Laura Mahan of The Compleat Naturalist in Historic Biltmore Village answer that question

every day, and it only takes one step into their store to discover for yourself. The Compleat Naturalist has something for the nature lover in everyone of every age.

"We believe that an interest in nature can change a person's life," says Laura Mahan, who has made a career out of teaching and inspiring a love of nature. "In my own case, it was my mother who got me started. We used to go out on bird walks when I was a young girl. I hated it at first because it was so early in the morning and usually cold in the springtime. But one day I got a good look at a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and I was hooked."

The Compleat Naturalist offers everything one needs to get into a nature hobby. They stock binoculars and spotting scopes, rock hammers, insect nets, hand lenses,

and microscopes, plus a huge inventory of nature field guides, books, and maps. The Mahans, both biologists, lead trips and teach classes for amateur naturalists. The store also features a wide range of nature-oriented gifts, such as bright flower umbrellas, woodpecker door knockers, one-of-a-kind etched glasswork, jewelry, and carved bears.

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