

Murphy

LIVING

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED ARTIST FROM THE CHEROKEE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

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Nestled in the scenic heart of Western North Carolina, the Cherokee County Arts Council (CCAC)



enriches the cultural fabric of the region by promoting local artists, providing arts education, and supporting community engagement. The Center Gallery in Murphy, NC, is a key element of this mission, offering a dynamic space for rotating fine art exhibits.

In August, the Center Gallery presents "A Celebration of Photography" (August 2 to August 31), featuring the works of Rachel Watson, David Hilton, Kristopher Squibb, and the late Scott Wallace. Watson's cyanotype and photolithography capture hauntingly beautiful imagery of abandoned spaces. Hilton's black-and-white photography transforms everyday scenes into timeless works of art, reflecting his deep connection to the community. Squibb's urban street photography captures the raw energy of city life. Wallace's evocative images, preserved by the CCAC, continue to resonate with audiences.



In September, the gallery hosts "A Fusion of Form and Function" (September 6 to September 30), featuring Teri Jones and Karen Hovis. Jones's vibrant paintings, inspired by nature and travel, explore themes of identity and connection using bold colors and dynamic compositions. Hovis's stunning glass sculptures showcase her mastery of various techniques, creating unique pieces that captivate with their interplay of light and glass. The exhibition's opening reception is on September 6th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

The Center Gallery serves as a community hub, fostering creativity and connection by hosting diverse exhibitions and events. The Cherokee County Arts Council is committed to nurturing the arts and creating a vibrant cultural landscape in Western North Carolina. Visit the gallery to experience and support the rich artistic offerings that make our community beautiful.

For more information, visit cherokeeartscouncil.org or call (828) 835-0550

