

Siler City's Third Friday Art Walk

by Patty Cole

The art here in the historic downtown Siler City is fresh, colorful, and out-of-the-ordinary. With acrylics, water paints, oils, ceramics, sculptures, and some made of wood, this part of the Piedmont promises pleasures to excite your palate for fine art. The city even has a blacksmith, who does not shoe horses, but practices a different kind of sculpture.

For now, I'd like to shed light on an event that happens the third Friday of every month. Siler City has an art walk, known as Third Friday Art Walk, which goes from 6 to 9 in the evening. During this event, the North Carolina Arts Incubator (NCAI) opens its galleries for folks to walk through. Other art points of interest are Studio 227, Person-to-Person, the Wingnut Gallery, and The Raleigh Street Art Gallery.

All these studios line a two block radius that runs from Raleigh Street to Second Avenue, running perpendicular with Chatham Street down to the railroad tracks. It's an evening of lights, music, food and wine, visiting with friends and making new ones.

Ann Bass, resident, says she enjoys coming



Third Friday Art Walk is from 6-9 pm. Rest of cutline here - can you make it a total of about 4 lines? I can't find a web page for Courtyard coffee...

to this event for the chance to see many people in the area she knows. It is an event of community for the community. Acrylic artist, Norma de St. Aubin especially enjoys the music. Her favorites are folk and bluegrass.

Indeed music is the heart of this event. Upcoming music already scheduled include: (May) a jazz theme, (June) Steph Stewart and the Boyfriends' Band, (September) Hispanic heritage month will feature Hispanic entertainment, and (October) Gasoline Stove will

take to the courtyard.

Bear Creek Brewery sets up to sell beer and wine. Loma Bonita's, located behind the Wren Library on Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd., parks its food truck on the corner of Chatham and Second Streets, completely closing that section of Second Street to only foot traffic. For its fare, people can purchase tacos and burritos. Other food selections include Sucotashed Café on Second Street right across from The Raleigh Street Gallery.

One of my pleasurable Art Walk memories takes place in the courtyard just outside of the Courtyard Coffee and Soda Café. As the folk-music band strummed its chords and beat a lively rhythm, many happy feet were up and dancing, on a balmy summer evening, under festive, white lights.

Other entertainment has been poetry, fiction, memoir readings at the NCAI, two of which I participated in, reading poetry, enjoying being a part of the festivities. How exciting the literary arts are included in this area of art incubation. Artists have moved here from places like, Alabama, Mississippi, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Long Island, New York, just to be a part of this well-known colony of artists.

The walks occur March through November, taking a hiatus for the holidays. I plan to be at Third Friday Art Walks. I hope you will, too.

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