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## September First Friday: September 4, 2009

*Greensboro, N.C.* –The public is invited to experience Downtown’s creative community for First Friday, September 4. September’s First Friday will include an art raffle, open mic events, a music jam, fine art and crafts and artist demonstrations. Downtown welcomes a special addition this month in an **indie market from 3-9pm** (corner of South Elm Street and Martin Luther King Blvd) which will include local, handmade, homemade and grassroots arts, treats, vintage goods and oddities created by talented local artists, many of whom work Downtown. Then stroll Downtown to experience all of the other First Friday offerings at more than a 15 venues.

First Friday is a free, self-guided tour of Downtown Greensboro’s shops, galleries and alternative arts venues that participate with specially programmed events and extended hours (until 9pm) on the first Friday of every month.

The event is an opportunity to discover the center city’s local artistic community and encourages commerce and support of locally-owned, independent businesses located in Downtown. The event is sponsored through a partnership between Downtown Greensboro Inc. and the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro. For further updates and a downloadable map/guide, visit the First Friday Web site, [www.downtownfridays.com](http://www.downtownfridays.com).

### PARTICIPATING FIRST FRIDAY VENUES TO DATE:

#### **Artmongerz – 610 S. Elm St.**

See fleets of fresh found-object art and works in various mediums by the ten resident artists: Kim Burroughs, Carolyn Chester, Keith Gallimore, Bessie Kreidler, Paul McLamb, Betty Morrow, Trina Olson, Frank Russell, Jack Stone and Betty Trotter.

#### **Center City Park -200 N. Elm St.** (intersecting at Elm, Friendly and Davie)

- **Join poet and host, Josephus III** for Center City Poetry Experience, an open mic event at the Pavilion from 6-8pm.
  
- **See Weaver Academy (300 N. Spring St)** dance students perform *The Big Apple*, a group jazz dance, at Center City Park.

#### **Cultural Arts Center – 200 N. Davie St.**

- **Shape Shifters** is celebrating their 1st birthday on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, as part of downtown's First Friday! They will host a gathering for members (old and new) in the conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Cultural Center from 6-7pm and performing in the Atrium every half hour beginning at 7:00. Learn more about this dance choreographic group and enjoy the performances and cupcakes. <http://www.shapeshiftersgo.org/>

### **Ellenburg and Shaffer Glass Art Studio - 342 S. Elm St.**

Custom stained leaded and beveled glass. 50 % off all hanging panels for First Friday ONLY (limit 4 please).

- **Pluto Gallery** (located next door to Ellenburg and Shaffer Glass Art Studio)  
See exciting glass artistry at work at Greensboro's only warm glass working studio.

### **Greensboro Chamber of Commerce/ Greensboro Partnership – 342 N. Elm St.**

Just two blocks up from Center City Park, the Chamber will display the work of several local artists represented by the Heart of Living Gallery.

### **Jules Antiques and Fine Art – 530 S. Elm St.**

Announcing Jules Antiques and Fine Art "Annual Art and Antiques Raffle". Tickets on sale beginning First Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Purchase a raffle ticket (\$10.00) for an opportunity to win one of several pieces of Art and Antiques that will be awarded on First Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ruffled items include; Antiques, African Art, Original Art by our current featured Russian artist Peter Kostenko and by well known local artist Agnes Preston-Brame. All proceeds will be donated to the United Arts Council and Downtown Greensboro Incorporated, in appreciation for their consistent support of local merchants and the art and culture scene in Downtown Greensboro.

Jules Summer Sale ends on this First Friday. Reductions of 20% - 70% will expire "dramatically at the stroke of 9 PM September 4<sup>th</sup>", never to be repeated on these items. Drop by for one last look.

A collection of Turquoise and Native American vintage jewelry arrived for men and women recently.

### **Lyndon Street Artworks – 205 Lyndon St.**

Watch artists demonstrating their techniques live on the stage in the Lounge. Wander through the building and visit with over forty local artists' working studios that are open to the public, Mon - Sat, 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come see potters, painters, sculptors, glass artists, metalsmiths and many other types of creative people at work. Purchase from the artists directly or buy original art in the Artworks Collective Gallery.

### **Mack and Mack - 220 S. Elm St.**

Drop-in throughout the evening to join in an open performance by F-Art Ensemble or to enjoy this organic listening experience.

### **Manny's Universal Café – 321 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.**

Hear Travis Wilson alto saxophonist and recording artist, on the patio. Friday evening fish fry and tasty light meals also available.

### **Mary Contrary – 227-A S. Elm St.**

See new seasonal creations by mother and daughter jewelry designers Karen Odgers and Meredith Daugherty. Karen has been designing for over 40 years and is characterized by the “Ethnic-Diva” style in her designs and Meredith offers her more feminine styles.

### **Old Photo Specialist – 320-B S. Elm St.**

Old Photo Specialists will highlight restoration of new and old photographs. Owner, Bill Heroy will discuss how to preserve photographs and he will also show how a tintype can be reformatted to fit a large Victorian frame. There will also be demonstrations proving the superb quality of giclee printing. Bring in your old photos and see how the magic happens!

### **Winter Light Gallery - 410 Blandwood Ave.**

Watercolor paintings by Carol Moates and her students: Bill Harris; Donna Koger; Betty Timmermann; Sallie Clotfelter; Michael Parker; Jan Geismar and Vicki Johnson. Jerry Cartwright's art made from recycled and found objects, oil paintings by Steve Robinson, Jane Smith, Kim Holleman, Judy Meyler, Jeanne Twilley, and Carol Sams, watercolors by Allie Scott, Vickie Johnson, Phyllis Sharpe and pastels by Kathy Phillips. Refreshments served throughout the evening.

### **Yew Tree Gallery – 604 S. Elm St.**

Meet Sally Lambrecht, take part in a free portrait demonstration by **Anne Kiefaber** and enjoy refreshments

Yew Tree presents the watercolors of featured artist, **Sally Lambrecht**. Sally is a signature member of the Watercolor Society of North Carolina and the Virginia Watercolor Society. She was featured as one of the Top Ten to Watch by Watercolor Magic Magazine in 2007. The works of Frances Baker, Maggie Fickett, Tony Forrest, Judy Glazier, Sally Lambrecht, Leigh Rodenbough and Helen Shaw are also showing.

### **Indie Craft Market** (corner of S. Elm St and Martin Luther King Blvd)

Hand crafted, locally made arts, crafts, vintage goods and oddities by more than two dozen local artists.

#### *About First Friday*

*First Friday is sponsored through a partnership between Downtown Greensboro Inc. and United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro to promote and encourage participation in the Downtown Greensboro arts scene.*

#### *About Downtown Greensboro Inc.*

*Downtown Greensboro Incorporated is a non profit economic development organization established in 1997. Our core purpose is to lead the development of downtown Greensboro as a prosperous and vibrant urban center, memorable and meaningful for those who choose to live, work, play and invest here. Visit [www.downtowngreensboro.net](http://www.downtowngreensboro.net) for more information.*

#### *About United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro*

*The UAC invests in our creative community. Our mission is to inspire growth of creative expression in our community by providing strategic and financial leadership to arts organizations, artists and educators that enhances quality of life and cultivates economic vitality and educational engagement*

*with the Arts. Our vision is for Greensboro to be nationally recognized as a vibrant center for the Arts with a community rich in creative expression. Visit [www.uacARTs.org](http://www.uacARTs.org) for more information.*