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October First Friday: October 2, 2009

Greensboro, N.C. –The public is invited to experience Downtown’s creative community for First Friday, October 2. This event will feature open mic events, a music jam, fine art and crafts and artist demonstrations, an expanded Indie Craft Market (note time change), and a Pink Out event in Center City Park. Indulge in the rest of Downtown’s offerings throughout the evening at more than twenty venues.

First Friday is a free, self-guided tour of Downtown Greensboro’s shops, galleries and alternative arts venues that participate with **specialty 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.

PARTICIPATING FIRST FRIDAY VENUES TO DATE:

Ambleside Gallery – 528 S. Elm St.

Recent Pastel and Oil Paintings by Greensboro artist Leigh Rodenbough

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.
- **Attend the Pink Out event**, with an evening poetry by Josephus III from 5pm-8pm. Wear pink and enjoy a free Chick-fil-A snack or slice of Papa John’s pizza and a pink coolie with a purchase of a pink News & Record paper. See businesses participating in the Pink Out Contest by “pinking out” their stores and windows in honor in celebration of the event.

Cultural Arts Center – 200 N. Davie St.

- **Greenhill Center for NC Art** See photography Elizabeth Matheson on display and modern dance performances choreographed by Jan Van Dyke and John Gamble of UNC-G and Lauren Kearns of Elon University. Free and open to the public.
- **Center for Visual Artists A Gala Opening Reception** will be held for the 12th Annual Artstock Artist Studio Tour at 5-8pm
- **Greensboro Cultural Center** A nationally touring exhibition of artwork by Jerry Garcia, once leading guitarist and vocalist for the Grateful Dead, featuring one of the largest collections of original drawings, watercolors, hand signed lithographs, etchings, and early print proofs ever publicly displayed. FREE Admission - Family Friendly – Artwork available for sale.

Ganache – 403 N. Elm St.

New art from Marshall Gallery will be on display and available for purchase by Joe Bergeron, Christine Seiler, Denise Hall, Tracy Marshall and International Artists from Moldova.

Explore Ganache and its North Elm neighbors, Greensboro Chamber and Greensboro Marriott, now First Friday participants:

Gate City Yarns – 231 S. Elm St.

Kicking off Spinning and Weaving Week in Greensboro, Ju Nie of the Montagnard Dega Association will demonstrate Montagnard weaving on her backstrap loom using traditional Montagnard textiles and will have items for sale.

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

In collaboration with "The Heart of Living"; a collection of 80 paintings and photos. Artists include David Nance, Wayne Epperly, Emmett Williams, Doug Key, Maggie Ficket, Paul Manzi, Cecilia Cox, Rodney Moser, Connie Logan, Stephanie Thomas, Ann Marie Davis, Lori Key, Allie Scott, Vickie Johnson and featured artist Susan Harris. Her work is noted as contemporary abstract mixed media is remarkably original and ethereally beautiful. Refreshments.

Greensboro Marriott Downtown- 304 N. Greene St.

Featured artists from the Guilford College Art Department and refreshments in lobby area.

Hamburger Square Park (corner of S. Elm and McGee streets)

Join Elsewhere Artist Collaborative and Action Greensboro from 5:30pm to 8:30pm in Hamburger Square Park to learn and celebrate the upcoming public mural on the Hamburger Square Rail Trestle.

Enjoy free popcorn, watch *Man with a Movie Camera* and share your thoughts on how this exciting new public art installation.

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

Introducing a range of beautiful hand tied one-of-a-kind Persian rugs, from Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. Sizes from small runners, to 12' x 17'. Each rug is a piece of intricate fine art and exceptional craftsmanship. A close up photo is attached.

Jules Antiques is hosting an "Annual Art and Antiques Raffle". Ten items including jewelry, antiques and art will be randomly awarded to raffle drawing winners on First Friday November 6th. Values from \$35.00 (costume jewelry) to \$ 3,000.00 (original art by Agnes Preston-Brame).

Raffle tickets are \$ 10.00 and all proceeds will benefit to Downtown Greensboro Inc. and the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro - in recognition of their consistent support of downtown merchants and events. Plus, every ticket purchased will receive a 10% discount on any single Jules Antiques purchase of \$30.00 or more. Spend \$100.00 and get your full ticket value back! Raffle items are from the donated inventory of Jules Antiques and Fine Art.

Lyndon Street Artworks – 205 Lyndon St.

Lyndon Street Artworks features over forty local artists' working studios. Potters, painters, sculptors, glass artists, metalsmiths and many other types of creative people work in their creative spaces. Purchases from the artists in their studios or buy their original art on display in the Artworks Collective Gallery.

Mack and Mack - 220 S. Elm St.

Drop-in throughout the evening to join in an open musical 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 S. Elm, Ste. A

Featuring soap maker Susan Stringer with her seasonal creations like pumpkins, ghosts, skeletons, all made out of soap.

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

Old Photo Specialist will demonstrate and exhibit difficult restoration jobs. Also on display will be Bill Heroy's experiments showing the quality of giclee prints on sale at reduced prices. (It's like a science lab!)

Riva's Trattoria – 257 N. Greene St.

New art by Tracy Marshall's wine themed paintings as well as Emmett Williams's art. All is for sale and prices are with the hostess.

Matteo Maggi will be playing his classic Italian folk tunes on an acoustical guitar on the outdoor patio.

Winter Light Gallery - 410 Blandwood Ave.

Featuring original paintings by 13 artists: Steve Robinson, Jane Smith, Carol Meetze-Moates, Judy Meyler, Vicki Johnson, Phyllis Sharpe, Kathy Phillips, Carol Hamlin Sams, Allie Scott, Jeanne Twilley, Kim Holleman, Jerry Cartwright and Kathy Brusnighan.

Yew Tree Gallery – 604 S. Elm St.

Oil paintings by featured artist, Carol Willis. Carol's work is a lively, colorful and impressionistic interpretation of special places, times and feelings. Refreshments.

The theme for October through December is "Motion". The works of Frances Baker, Sue Boggs, Judy Gazier, Anne Kiefaber, Sally Lambrecht, Leigh Rodenbough and Helen Shaw to fit new themes.

***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. Hours are from 4pm-9pm.

New comers to join the 16 vendors returning the market: Artmongerz will display at three booths to display art by various Artmongerz, FlounderN- Paintings, Gary Parker of Rough Cuts, DMW Woodworking- turned wooden bowls, Metallic Artistry, Constanza Diaz- Hand knit koozies- laptop covers- etc, and Clothes Pony Vintage.

Returning from last month: Rewined Recycled Glassware, Tea Hugger, Carver Crafts, Wired Glassware, Debb's Design's Pottery, James Quinn- metals, TBS Creations-jewelry, MAK Designs- jewelry, PurpleHook- hand knit items, IKOW Designs- Chainmaille jewelry, A Sterling Reputation- sterling silver jewelry, EcoChic Chicks- repurposed clothing, Nature Baby Knits, Lotus Reiki, Jewelry by Petra.

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 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 for more information.