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## November First Friday: Nov. 6, 2009

*Greensboro, N.C.* –The public is invited to experience Downtown’s creative community for First Friday, November 6. This event will feature new and original art and crafts, artist “meet and greets,” participatory workshops, and the expanded Indie Craft Market. More than twenty venues participate in this once a month event.

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 promoted 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.**

Featured artist, painter and graphic designer Keith Gallimore will display his line of “Flounder” logo themed pieces including T-shirts, hats and hooded sweatshirts. Free refreshments and live music.

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

- **Greenhill Center for NC Art**  
Enjoy a **FREE** Nutbush Ramblers musical performance in the tune of “old time string music,” and view works by architecture and landscape photographer Elizabeth Matheson and painter Linda Tavernise.
  
- **African American Atelier**  
Explore sculptor by artist Alexis Joyner

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

A collaboration with "The Heart of Living: a large variety of work on 2 floors: paintings and photos, ranging from the very small to the very large, and including oils, watercolors, pastels and

acrylics. Artists David Nance, Wayne Epperly, Doug Key, Maggie Ficket, Paul Manzi, Cecilia Cox, Rodney Moser, Connie Logan, Stephanie Thomas, Ann Marie Davis, Carol Moates, Lori Key, Allie Scott, and Vickie Johnson. Food and wine will be served.

### **Indie Market – corner of Elm and MLK**

The First Friday Indie Market features over 45 local crafters, artists and vintage sellers on two lots at 510 South Elm Street (Next to Salon Medusa) at the "VINTAGE VILLAGE" and at the corner of Elm Street and MLK. Extensive handcrafted accessories and art.

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

Jules Antiques continues its "Annual Art and Antiques Raffle" with final call for raffle entries this First Friday. 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.

### **Just Be – 352 S. Elm St.**

Showing the work of local artist Michael Northuis. His colorful, vibrant paintings have been shown in museums as far as West Palm Beach, New Orleans, Asheville and Greensboro's Weatherspoon Art Museum (<http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu>). Large wall painting and smaller works. An opportunity to view a local favorite among art and eclectic gifts.

### **Lyndon Street Artworks and Artworks Collective Gallery – 205 Lyndon St.**

Over forty local artists' working studios. Potters, painters, sculptors, glass artists, metalsmiths and many other types of creative people at work in their creative spaces.

"Clay in the City" potters, Patty Jennings, Ann Lynch, Debb McDaniel and Susan O'Leary demonstrate wheel-thrown and hand-built pottery. Traditional and contemporary, as well functional and whimsical pieces created by these four local potters will be available for sale. Watch them play with clay.

- Lida Witherspoon has harvested fall gourds for the holidays. Come out and paint a gourd for your holiday table. Paint your own or have Lida custom paint one for you!

- Jillian Webb Martin creates Abstract Paintings and Photography. All Paintings for this First Friday are 15% off.

- Susan Ridenour displays new textures and colors on pinched serving bowls and Offering Bowls.

- Charlotte and Erik Ström, of Ström Art, LLC, have original art, magnets, and prints, and from \$1 to \$100 and a layaway payment plan too.

- Vance Garvin the resident fine artist whose wonderful paintings and drawings can be found hanging on the walls of OLS 205.

- Julie McKnight has HOT glass from the kiln for a cool fall season! Panels featuring fused medallions, fused pendants, and earrings.

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

Featured jewelry artist Amy Bruner de Rodriguez will show her Beo collection of one-of-a-kind pieces ranging from sterling silver and 14k gold to semi precious stones and fine gemstones. Priced from \$14 to \$300.

### **Old Photo Specialists – 320 S. Elm St.**

Enjoy a cup of hot cider, view fine art prints and antique reproduction prints on sale for early holiday shopping. Two original LeRoy Neiman serigraphs at reduced prices. Explore the frame gallery--both antique and modern frames.

### **Weaver Academy – 230 S. Elm St.**

Experience a student art show, window dancers and a variety show highlighting the music, dance, and theatre programs.

### **Winter Light Gallery and Art Studios – 410 Blandwood Ave.**

Twelve artist's studios including featured artists: Kathy Brusnighan and Jerry Cartwright, the newest additions to the gallery. Kathy is an oil painter, and Jerry creates 'found' object works.

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

Meet Richard Phillips, featured artist for November. Art of rural, contemplative scenes and reflects his love of historical buildings. Not only does his background as a carpenter inform his paintings, Richard also conceptualized the gallery layout and supervised the construction. Refreshments available.

### **\*Carolina Theatre – 310 S. Greene St.**

American Revival concert featuring young bluegrass, folk, and roots acts from across the country. For more information call 333-2605 or visit [www.CarolinaTheatre.com](http://www.CarolinaTheatre.com).

### **\*Mack and Mack – 220 S. Elm St.**

Musician Russ Barenberg of Skip, Hop and Wobble and Transatlantic Sessions entertains with his acoustic guitar. Limited seating. For reservations email [info@triadacousticstage.com](mailto:info@triadacousticstage.com) or call 643-8643.

### **\* Ticketed events**

#### *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.*