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## April First Friday: April 2, 2010

*Greensboro, N.C.* – The public is invited to experience Downtown’s creative community for First Friday, April 2, 6-9 pm. This evening will feature new and original exhibits, live musical performances, interactive photography and more.

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.

First Friday 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 information and a downloadable map/guide, visit the First Friday Web site, [www.downtownfridays.com](http://www.downtownfridays.com) and visit DGI’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for daily updates.

PARTICIPATING VENUES AS OF PRESS TIME (all events are free, unless otherwise noted):

### **Evie Curley Photography** - 108 West McGee St.

Grand Opening of Evie Curley Photography, family and portrait photographer, and bring the kids too! There will be a wall of art where children can come in to draw, color and write to their heart's content! In addition to officially opening her new studio, Evie is very excited to feature the work of local landscape photographer, Marcy Roan. Evie Curley is a children and family photographer serving the Greensboro-Triad area. Cookies and lemonade available.

### **Ink Photography Production/ Salon Medusa** – 506 S. Elm St.

Celebrating “April Showers” to include free, light styling services and a photo booth where guests can have fun, professional images, taken by Sara Lyn Photography. Images can be purchased for a small fee. Light snacks and beverages available.

### **Jules Antiques & Fine Arts** – 530 S. Elm St.

New collection of French, Russian and Italian bronze sculptures, including stunning examples of 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century art in bronze. Also featuring a continually expanding vintage jewelry collection. Hot cider and a selection of wines available.

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

Susan Ridenour will be demonstrating some ways to make finger-pinched pots. She will have a selection of forms and glazes using these techniques, and will be available to answer questions while she is working. Also works from Mexican-born potter Mariana Rodrigez-Pardy; figurative, abstract and functional sculptor Erik Beerbower; landscape and portraiture artist Charlotte Chipman Ström; modern illustration and classical-style

painter Erik Strom; and more than 40 other local artists: potters, painters, sculptors, glass artists and metalsmiths. Enjoy refreshments, wander through studios and talk with artists in their studios.

**Mack and Mack** – 220 S. Elm St.

Drop in to Mack and Mack's showroom for refreshments and to hear the inscrutable musical meanderings of The F-Art Ensemble. These classically trained musicians use the superb acoustics at Mack and Mack to explore open improvisation. No one, including the musicians, knows what will happen until the notes are played.

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

"Just Say Cheese"! The photo restoration and photography studio will be introducing artist Vance Garvin who captures the essence of portraiture in the areas of pencil, oil, pastel and watercolor. Owner, Bill Heroy will also be featuring his soft-focus, shadow-filled classic portraiture. Wine and cheese tasting.

**Studio B** – 520 S. Elm St.

Continuation of the exhibition "John Skau's Wood: A Point of Departure," and a musical celebration of the artist with live music by the Nutbush Ramblers to benefit Bricolage. A \$3 donation is suggested.

**Winter Light Gallery & Art Studios** – 410 Blandwood Ave.

Watercolor exhibit "Racing in to Spring" by artist Vicki Johnson—a collection of colorful watercolor horses. Her work is collected throughout the United States.

Also, view works by other gallery artists: Jerry Cartwright; Chase Ferguson; Vicki Johnson; Kathy Kbrusnighan; Judy Meyler; Carol Meetze-Moates; Kathy Phillips; Steve Robinson; Carol Sams; Allie Scott; Phyllis Sharpe; Jane Smith; and Jeanne Twilley.

**Yew Tree Gallery** – 604 S. Elm St.

Special exhibit and fundraising sale to benefit the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti.

Yew Tree artists and friends have donated original artwork priced at only \$50 (plus tax) for paintings and \$25 (plus tax) for pottery per item. Proceeds will be donated to Family Health Ministries [www.familyhm.org](http://www.familyhm.org) to assist relief efforts in Haiti. A wide variety of art sold well below normal value has been generously donated by the artists, including, but not limited to, pieces directly inspired by the scenes and people of Haiti.

April's "Featured Artist" is Ann Hooker. Ann creates paintings and drawings in pastel, oil, pencil, pen and ink. Ann Hooker's paintings and her special series, "The Children of Haiti", along with the special sale items will remain on display throughout April.

Yew Tree's wide selection of fine artwork from 14 North Carolina artists will also be on display and available, as usual, in addition to this special event.

*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. Visit [www.downtownfridays.com](http://www.downtownfridays.com)*

*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.*