



## Black Mountain Center for the Arts Hosts Annual Juried Show for SVFAL

The Swannanoa Valley Fine Arts League, which has been in existence since 1967, presents its Members' Juried Show, at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts' Upper Gallery exhibits. This year's exhibit will be November 7 – 26, with an opening reception on Friday, November 7 from 6-8 pm at the Center for the Arts, located in the old City Hall at 225 W. State Street. The public is invited to come meet the members and view all the art work, including the winners.



The Swannanoa Valley Fine Arts League boasts a membership of more than 90 area artists who work in a variety of mediums, including oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, pencil, pen and ink, photography, sculpture, clay, glass, mixed media, fiber art, collage, and more. The exhibitions are open to both professional and non-professional artists.

Members are invited to submit their work for the show by following the procedures listed in the membership guide. Non-members may join the League at the time they submit their art to be juried, by contacting the League at 828/669-0351 or [svfal.org](http://svfal.org).

Juror for this exhibit is Wendy Outland. She currently serves on the boards of the American Craft Council – Southeast Region, and Handmade in America. Her current business, *Who Knows Art*, is a consulting firm to visual artists and arts organizations.

After receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Ringling School of Art & Design, Outland was employed by the Florida Department of State for ten years, initially at the John & Mable Ringling Museum (The State Art Museum of Florida) in Sarasota, where she began as Curatorial Specialist and became Assistant Registrar (1981-1985). A promotion within the Department of State took her to Tallahassee, where she worked for the Florida Arts Council administering the state public art program as well as the Capitol Complex Exhibition Program (1985-1991). Ms. Outland then moved to North Carolina and became manager (1991-2003) of Blue Spiral 1, a gallery in Asheville. She has worked in arts administration for twenty-six years and has been editor, grants panelist, presenter, juror, and curator for numerous projects and events, and locally has served on the board of the Asheville Area Arts Council.

The Swannanoa Valley Fine Arts League has been active in Western North Carolina for over forty years. The League promotes visual and musical fine arts with workshops, ongoing classes, exhibits, music lessons and concerts, as well as giving scholarships for study in the arts. The studio, located at 999 Old Highway 70 West in Black Mountain, adjacent to the Swannanoa Valley Medical Clinic, is available to members for studio work and classes.

The Black Mountain Center for the Arts is open to the public weekdays from 10-5 (closed Thursdays), and on Saturdays from 1-4 pm. For more information contact 828/669-0930 or visit [blackmountainarts.org](http://blackmountainarts.org).  
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