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Contact: Cathy McCoy, 828-754-2486, office@caldwellarts.com

Event: Art Exhibit: "Ties That Bind"

When: Opening Reception: October 4, 2019 (5-7pm), with an Artist "Meet-and-Greet" at 4:30pm
Exhibition Dates: October 4-26, 2019

Where: Caldwell Arts Council

Cost: FREE & open to the public

The Caldwell Arts Council is pleased to host an exhibition of fine art, featuring sculptural works by Lenoir sculptor **Joe Bigley** (joebigley.com), paintings by Lenoir contemporary realist artist **Ed Dyer** (eddyerartist.com), mixed media artwork by Bethlehem artist and designer **Bud Caywood** (budcaywood.com), exquisite embroidery by Mooresville embroidery artist and fashion designer **Katherine Diuguid** (katherinediuguid.com), and an installation by Columbia SC studio artist **Susan Lenz** (susanlenz.com).

Meet the artists during our 'meet and greet' event beginning at 4:30pm on Friday, October 4, 2019, followed by a reception 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. hosted by members of the Patterson School Foundation. The exhibition will continue through October 26, 2019 – free and open to the public Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

MORE ABOUT THE ARTISTS

A mixed media sculptor and educator, **Joe Bigley** is a North Carolina native and holds an MFA from Alfred University in Sculptural Dimensional Studies. He has lived in Norway, Atlanta GA, and now lives in Lenoir NC. Joe is an Adjunct Instructor at Appalachian State University, and is developing the Western NC Sculpture Park at The Patterson School, future home of the WNC Sculpture Center. (wncsculpture.org)

Ed Dyer is a signature member of the prestigious Pastel Society of America and the Degas Pastel Society. He is a national and international award winning artist who works primarily in oils and pastels. Art has been his passion since childhood while living in the country surrounded by nature's splendor, and the classical realism of Ed's paintings has been confirmed by his rapid development as a much sought after artist. (eddyerartist.com)

Bud Caywood lives and works in Alexander County, North Carolina, where he is a freelance furniture design consultant, artist and writer. His new body of works incorporates mortar and rusted metal in

both free standing and canvas mounted sculptural objects with the metal formed and shaped to create abstract images. (budcaywood.com)

Mooresville studio artist **Katherine Diuguid** specializes in hand embroidery, dressmaking, and textiles. She holds a Master of Art+Design from NC State University and teaches both nationally and internationally. After a number of years doing traditional goldwork embroidery, she utilized her growing pile of “weeds,” or gilt cast offs to create delicate floral slips reminiscent of beautiful botanical illustrations from the Victorian era. (katherinediuguid.com)

An installation called “Last Words” by full time professional studio artist **Susan Lenz** will be displayed in the Caldwell Arts Council’s upstairs gallery. Grave rubbings on silk, vintage household linens, cemetery angel images that reflect both personal and universal mortality will create a serene environment that encourages contemplation. The exploration of final words marking others’ lives causes reflection of one’s own existence. The work investigates the concept of remembrance, personal legacy, and our common human frailty. Susan’s studio is located at Mouse House, Inc. in Columbia SC, where she has both a studio for 3D sculptural and installation work and a separate fiber art studio. (susanlenz.com)

The Caldwell Arts Council presents the arts in all its forms to Caldwell County. Located at 601 College Avenue in Lenoir, the Caldwell Arts Council is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm, free to the public. Phone 828-754-2486; Website www.caldwellarts.com.

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