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Event: Art Exhibit: “Uncommon Goods”

When: Opening Reception: August 2, 2019, 5-7pm
Exhibition Dates: August 2-September 28, 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 equine paintings by Durham artist Laura Hughes and small sculptural works by Morganton sculptor John Ross on the main floor. The upstairs gallery will feature an installation by Heather Lewis of Carrboro NC, whose art speaks to the process of grieving.

An opening reception will be held Friday, August 2, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The exhibition will continue through September 28 – free and open to the public – Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

MORE ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Laura Hughes is a graphic designer and fine artist with a BFA in sculpture from UNC-Chapel Hill. Her current work features acrylic equine inspired paintings that bridge realism and abstraction and rely on the beauty of drama of color and shape. “I remember obsessively drawing horses as a child. I enjoy their dramatic, monumental silhouettes.” More about Laura and her paintings may be found on her website laurahughespaintings.com.

John Ross was born and raised in Morganton, NC. He has an AFA degree from Western Piedmont Community College, where he studied sculpture and painting. He picked up welding, which led him to explore the possibilities of kinetic sculptures fabricated from steel and other hardware. You may see some of his sculptural works in downtown Lenoir’s Tuckers Gallery of sculptures for sale. More about John: johnrossmetalsculptures.com.

After her fiancé’ died unexpectedly, **Heather Lewis** found articulating the grieving process was out of the realm of vocabulary. One can speak of anger and happiness, and others know how that feels through experience. The feelings of grief cannot be explained so easily. Looking towards writers whose use of words resonated with her experience; she could visualize their words through images in her mind. Instead of limiting her voice through vocabulary and narrative, she seeks to show someone

what grieving feels like through photography, collage and 2D and 3D manipulation of the artifacts left in her fiancé's absence – his textbooks, photos, his comb, his favorite chair. Heather received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Savannah College of Art and Design. To learn more about Heather Lewis' works, visit heatherleighlewis.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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