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The First Annual Sculpture Walk on Chetola Lake

A Creative Weekend of Events and Family Friendly Activities

Blowing Rock, NC - Chetola Resort and artist /curator Brenda Council have created an event filled weekend featuring renowned national artists, celebrities and star entertainment including imaginative family friendly activities. August 9th -11 from 10:00am – 10pm each night features continuous engaging entertainment for the entire family.

Chetola Resort's lakeside setting provides the outdoor venue that has achieved landmark status among travelers to the High Country. The lake provides a dramatic backdrop for juried exhibition of over 50 nationally renowned sculptors traveling from the west coast, the southeast and midwest. Monumental scale and mid-scale works of art curated by Ms. Council will be temporarily installed along the path around the lake. The public is invited to stroll leisurely to view the variety of premiere pieces, many that will debut that weekend, including the much anticipated piece by NC Artist, Beau Lyday commemorating the Notre Dame Cathedral. Sculptors will be present to answer questions and inquiries about commissions and sales. All proceeds benefit the sculptors. This event is sponsored in part by The Watauga County Arts Council, The NC Arts Council and generous support by private donations.

Art Icons Bob Timberlake and Joe Miller will host Friday night's event- "Prosecco and Painting/ Bourbon and Brushes"-Tasting Spirits and Talking Art. An illuminated sculpture walk, flights of prosecco or bourbon, hors d'oeuvres, bonfire, and live music highlight the private event.

Sculptors will compete for cash awards totaling \$6,000. Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler, CEO and Director of the North Carolina Museum of Art , (RET.) deemed " One of North Carolina's Greatest Cultural Forces," will be the juror and host of the Saturday's Starry Night Celebration and Awards Ceremony, which includes dinner and dancing under the stars with the 16 piece Orchestra, The Starlighters.

Proprietors, Greg and Kent Tarbutton have shaped and molded the weekend offerings like true artisans! ArtSplash occurs on Saturday August 10th, 11:00 am-4 pm will feature Virtual Reality Games with artist Alan Gordan. Watauga Arts Council volunteers will offer sculpting with Kids- Clay Corner, Lawn Games including creating a squirt-gun painted large masterpiece like Jackson Pollock. The Tarbuttons agree, "We feel that children will

benefit greatly from the imaginative, hands on interactivity of being surrounded by artists and creative influences. This directly influences and develops lifelong skill sets for the future". Meanwhile, adults can enjoy a wine tasting compliments of "Sunset and Vine" from 1-2:30

The kick-off to the weekend event occurs the first week of June with the installation on Main Street of the large-scale kinetic sculpture called "Share my Whirled" by renowned sculptor Mike Roig. The piece will be on loan for one year and Ms. Councilll relates, "This piece marks the beginning of the implementation of the public art initiative in collaboration with the NCDOT. We have designated areas for major Public Art enhancements along the 321 corridor that will beautify the boulevard providing a sophisticated gateway to our mountain town. "

Reservations and tickets to Friday and Saturday night private events are available by calling Brenda Councilll at 828.295.9277 or bmc@councilll.net

Chetola weekend packages are available by calling 828.295.5500 or visiting: <https://chetola.com>

Explore Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock, an 87-acre resort within walking distance of the quaint mountain village of Blowing Rock and adjacent to a 3,600-acre National Park nestled within the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. We offer first-class accommodations in Chetola Lodge, 1 to 4-bedroom luxury Condominiums or the private Bob Timberlake Inn, fine dining at Timberlake's Restaurant, relaxation in the Spa at Chetola Resort, and a variety of recreational activities and amenities across the resort. Chetola also features exceptional meeting and conference facilities and is a popular destination for weddings and events.

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Artist Brenda Councilll is well known nationally and in the High Country. Her career spans over 40 years with studio and gallery locations in New York, East Hampton, Los Angeles and Atlanta. Her monumental public art projects include the largest mural dome in the southeast at the North Carolina Research Campus, Kannapolis, NC. Appalachian State University features the large-scale sculptural mural, "Transmission"- an abstract narrative representing higher education, on the ceiling of the Reich College of Education Building. The Belk Library on Campus features an ascending 85 foot mural titled "Quest for Knowledge". The late Irwin and Carol G. Belk sponsored these landmark works. UNC-TV featured the making of this work on "NC Now". In 2017 she completed the life-size bronze sculpture of Elliott Daingerfield permanently installed in front of the circa 1890 Blowing Rock studio of the famous American impressionist. Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler, (NC Museum of Art) dedicated this sculpture and related, "We have a great artist in our midst". Rumble Presbyterian Church on Main Street features a ceiling mural, "Heavens Light" in the Narthax. The Appalachian Theater of the High Country (built in 1938)

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located in Boone will debut a 50 foot mural by Ms. Council encompassing the history of the theater and Watauga County.