

Gimme Ten! Here's a Selection of Area Events in August

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**1. Tryon Painters and Sculptors' Exhibit by Three Artists
July 30 through September 10**

From landscapes to colorful abstracts, local artists Charlotte Brass, Kathy Gagnon, and Sharon Eng will showcase their work in an exhibit at Tryon Painters and Sculptors Gallery, 78 North Trade Street in Tryon. A reception will be held on July 30, from 5:30-7:30 P.M. Learn more at tryonpaintersandsculptors.com.

2. Sierra Club Presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville

August 3, from 7-9 P.M.

In this monthly presentation by the Sierra Club, Phyllis Stiles, of Bee City USA, will discuss pollinators, the plants they like, the toxins they hate, and the special danger posed by Roundup. She will also report on the latest encouraging positions taken by Home Depot and Lowes. For more information, email judyमतox@sbcglobal.net.



Montford Park Players

**3. Montford Park Players' Measure for Measure
August 5-27, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 P.M.**

With cases of mistaken identities and double dealings, *Measure for Measure* is one of William Shakespeare's under produced comedies. Performances are free and will take place at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre in Montford.

**4. Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's Denim Ball
Saturday, August 6, at 7 P.M.**

Enjoy dinner, drinks, and dancing to the music of The Lucky Strikes Orchestra at this year's Denim Ball at the Chetola Resort of Blowing Rock. This fun-filled gala will raise funds for restoration efforts at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, milepost 294 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. For tickets (\$100), visit brpfoundation.org/thedenimball.

**5. In Tandem Gallery Presents
New Works by CJ Niehaus**

August 1-31, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 P.M. Sunday

From August 1-31, In Tandem Gallery in downtown Bakersville presents new works by CJ Niehaus, who paints images of whimsical wildlife on detailed ceramic pieces. This show is also available to view online at intandemgallery.com. A reception with the artist will take place on August 6, from 5-8 P.M.



6. Juniper Bends Reading Series at Downtown Books & News

Friday, August 19, at 7 P.M.

Juniper Bends is a quarterly reading series that marries established and emerging voices for an evening of performance. Enjoy local poets, storytellers, and prose writers, including Eric Nelson, Kim Winter Mako, and Grey LaJoie, with hosts Lockie Hunter and Caroline Wilson. Event is free with generous pours of wine by donation. For more information, email juniperbendsavl@gmail.com.

7. WNC Battle of the Burger

August 21, at 1 P.M.

Fifteen of our region's greatest chefs will fire up their grills at Salvage Station in hopes of winning the title of

WNC's best burger. Tickets (\$10 general admission, \$40 VIP) are available at wncburgerbattle.com until sold out.

8. Toe River Arts Council Presents Works by H. Allen Benowitz

Reception Friday, August 26, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

The Toe River Arts Council will host a solo exhibition titled "Asia: Sri Lanka; Nepal; Bhutan; Singapore" that features fine art photography by H. Allen Benowitz. Among the works are photographs captured shortly prior to the earthquake in Nepal, virtually preserving the many beautiful, historical sites, and architectural treasures, which later perished. The exhibit runs through September 27.

9. Sundays Live@Aloft

Sunday, August 28, 5-8 P.M.

With one of the city's best rooftop venues, Aloft Asheville Downtown invites the public to this monthly Sundays Live@Aloft event, which supports area non-profits. Enjoy music by Juan Benavides Group, as well as an assortment of brews, and cocktails. A suggested \$5 donation will benefit Friends of Connect Buncombe. More info at aloftashevilledowntown.com.



Kelley Hoyer (Photo by Laila Alamiri)

10. Poetry Cabaret IV at Crow & Quill

Sunday and Monday, August 28-29, at 8 P.M.

More than a reading, Poetry Cabaret IV is a party. Song and poetry come together for two nights of performances by at least more than a dozen writers, as well as burlesque dancers and musicians. Arrive early for a cocktail hour and you may witness feats of magic and fire eating. Poet Keith Flynn will headline August 29. For more info, email Caleb Beissert at calebbeissert@gmail.com.

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