

Eubank's work selected for prestigious exhibit

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The American Craft Council Southeast Region has notified Doug Eubank, associate professor of visual arts, that a piece of his pottery will be included in the council's "Spotlight 95" exhibition. The exhibit opened at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL, then travels to the Kentuck Museum, Northport, AL, and concludes at the

Doug Eubank, associate professor of visual arts, displays one of his contemporary teapots similar to the one selected for the prestigious American Craft Council Southeast Region "Spotlight 95" exhibit.



Atlanta International Museum of Art and Design on May 4.

Bill Strickland, director of the Manchester Craft Guild in Pittsburgh, PA, selected 80 pieces of craftwork from among 881 entries submitted by 319 artists.

Eubank's work selected for the prestigious exhibit is a contemporary teapot, which has triangular and abstract features. The hand-built slab pot is made of stoneware clay and was salt fired. Eubank rolls out three separate slabs of clay to form the two sides and the bottom of the sculpture. A piece of foam rubber is placed in the middle of the work until the edges are molded together. When completed, the teapot is functional.

The artist's teapot creations have evolved dramatically over the past five years. Two years ago at Chowan, Lisa Anderson of Wilson, exhibited tea pots she had collected over the course of 30 years. After studying the collection for many hours, Eubank was inspired to sculpt contemporary teapots. Previously, the artist made "traditional teapots on the potter's wheel."

Eubank is excited about the progress of his work. In May of this year, one of his teapots won first prize at the Rocky Mount, (NC) Outdoor Art Show in the three-dimensional category. The teapot sold for \$200 at the show. Eubank exhibited two teapots at the Rawls Museum in Courtland, VA, where he won a second prize award. The artist contributes his recent success to "getting off the potter's wheel and doing more sculptural work."

Louisburg College exhibited a collection of Eubank's work during the month of November. The collection consisted of color pencil drawings, handmade paper, and functional and non-functional stoneware clay works. Eubank explained that "while working in a cycle, there is usually a thread that carries through drawings, paper, and clay. Sometimes the thread consists of lines and shapes, easily seen. At other moments, the thread quietly waits, under the surface."

Eubank earned the master's degree in art and higher education at Morehead State University in Morehead, KY, and has served as a member of the Chowan art faculty a total of 20 years.

Alumni notes . . .

Class of 1928—Mrs. Inez Parker Meekins has retired after 36 years as a secondary school teacher. She is still active in church and various community and fraternal affairs. Ms. Meekins served as the Virginia State Leader in Eastern Star fraternal order. She has two sons, seven grandchildren, including twins, and one great grandchild.

Class of 1937—Mrs. Ruby Edens Bivens has retired and her husband, Bruce Bivens, has also retired. They have one son, Barry Terry Bivens, a stock analyst in New York, and two grandsons, Hunter and Nicholas.

Class of 1939—Richard T. Vann attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then completed course work in Aircraft Inspection at North Carolina State University. He accepted a job in aircraft inspection at Glenn L. Martin Co., in Baltimore, MD, while attending classes at Johns Hopkins University in radiology. While in college he enrolled with the Navy as an aviation cadet and worked for A. C. Monk Tobacco Co. He was called to active duty and served at several posts before being assigned to Camp Shelton, Little Creek, VA, where he interviewed personnel being discharged from service. After completing his military service, he joined his brother, Earl, in Murfreesboro to operate the Vann Brothers businesses.

Class of 1935—Mrs. Tommie Ruther Worrell Lehrschall is married to Bill Lehrschall and they have two sons, one of which is married and has one daughter. After graduating from Chowan, Ruth went to Meredith College and received her BA in 1957. Years later, after her sons were grown, she went back to school and received a BS and MS from Virginia Tech. Mrs. Lehrschall is currently living in Wilmington and working as a church secretary at Calvary Baptist. She is also the organist at Sea Gate Baptist Church, where she is an active member.

Walter M. Sykes, Sr., has retired from Hercules, Inc., after 32 years of service.

Class of 1958—The Rev. Robert Henry Wainwright retired on October 31, after serving 22 years as Director of Missions of the Flat River Baptist Association and 10 years as a minister of education in two churches. The Rev. Wainwright and his wife will continue to live in Oxford and remain active in volunteer mission projects.

Class of 1961—Mrs. Beronica Ray Covington is teaching junior high school science in Prattville, AL, and also coaches the science olympiad team. She has won two consecutive state championships (1994-95). Mrs. Covington has three grandchildren.

Class of 1969—Ms. Claudia Markham Rader is currently the Lifeline Coordinator for Riverside Regional medical Center in Newport News, VA. She is continuing her education at St. Leo College (LAFB), Hampton, VA, in sociology.

Tom Ballance has been appointed to the Planning Committee of Norfolk Christian High School, where he has been a teacher for 14 years.

Class of 1972—Ted Dent joined the management team of Victor Tube Corporation in Harrisonburg, VA, in March, 1995, as a project manager. The firm manufactures both plastic and aluminum tubes for the pharmaceutical, industrial and cosmetic industries. Mr. Dent and his family remain deep-rooted in the Shenandoah Valley, enjoying all that life has to offer.

Class of 1976—Ms. Nancy Carr Greene and her husband, Robert, are involved with Boy Scouts of America with their two sons, Life Scout Daniel and Star Scout Shawn. Nancy works part-time as secretary-treasurer of Holland Baptist Church and substitute teacher with Isle of Wright schools.

Class of 1978—Roger Brown has been married for 12 years and has three children, ages 9, 5 and 4. He has been a salesman for Grinnell Corporation for the past seven years and has been one of the company's top ten salesmen in the United States for the past three years. Grinnell is the largest manufacturer of pipe, valves and fittings in the world.

Class of 1981—Jeff Nichols is a juggling mime and entertains at trade shows, company picnics and festivals. He will be entertaining at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Class of 1982—Julian Edwards was married on April 8, 1995, and has one stepdaughter, Emily Becknell. He

is currently a graphic artist with Central Advertising in Columbia, SC.

Class of 1984—Sally Todd is a technical associate at CNBC, NBC Cable, in Fort Lee, NJ.

Class of 1987—Mrs. Tracy Whitley Sykes is married to Mack Sykes of Conway, NC. They are licensed Nationwide Insurance agents with offices in Conway and Tarboro. Mrs. Sykes enjoys her part-time work as an interior coordinator.

Class of 1990—Miss P. Christine Belgado graduated from East Carolina University in 1993 with a BSN. She played volleyball for ECU for two years and was also assistant to the coach for one year. She is currently employed at UNC Hospital as a staff nurse in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. Miss Belgado plans to return to school in 1996 at UNC for her masters degree.

Mrs. Kimberly Soter Clark married Tripp Clark in April, 1995. She is currently working for radio station WMXB-103.7 FM. She was named the 1994 Salesperson of the Year at WMXB. She graduated with a BS in business administration in 1992 from Elon College, and she now resides with her husband in Richmond, VA.

Class of 1991—Michelle A. Saunders graduated from East Carolina University in May 1995, with a bachelor's degree in child development family relations.

Mrs. Andrea Hines Hughes graduated from East Carolina University in December 1993 with a bachelor's degree in special education. She was married in June 1995 and is currently employed with Person County Schools in Roxboro as a seventh grade special education teacher.

Class of 1993—Martin Ward Grebing is a junior at Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL. He is majoring in computer animation and is looking forward to obtaining his B.F.A. in the spring of 1997.

Class of 1994—Andrea Croom is presently in her second year of teaching at Knapp Junior High School in Currituck. She is teaching art and is the yearbook advisor for the school.