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**See the Chips Fly, The Canvas Get Cut and the Clay Take Shape!**

The Full Moon Artists are once again opening their 4 studios to the public in order to showcase their new work, demonstrate the basics, introduce visiting artists in a variety of media and create community awareness and art appreciation.

The studio tour is to be held May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm both days. The four studios are located within 5 miles of each other in Seneca, Walhalla and West Union. In addition to their own work, each studio is hosting one or more guest artists. There is certainly something for everyone to see from painting, sculpture, pottery, woodturning, quilting, felting and more...

The four studios are home to 6 artists:

Mike and Cindy Hart own and operate hArtworks Stoneware.

185 Dogwood Hill West Union 29696 864-557-2105/864-557-2106

This is a midrange functional pottery studio which produces work with a botanical theme. It also offers classes and studio "memberships". It is located on a gentleman's farm with a variety of small farm animals.

Helga Sutt, Mary Shobe and June Shobe will be guest artists. Helga is a weaver and felter, who specializes in Nuno felting. Her use of color and texture is absolutely stunning.

Mary Shobe creates beautiful scratchboard artwork of wildlife. Scratchboard is an etching technique which combines the beauty of a full color painting with the precision and detail of an engraving.

June Shobe is a magnificent quilter who has a wonderful flair for both color and texture.

Robin Anne Cooper and Stan DuBose own The End of the Road Studios.

255 East Bear Swamp Rd. Walhalla 29691 864-506-6116

The two artists combined studios in a single building that alone is worth seeing, with pennies on the floor and doors on the ceiling.

Robin Anne's sophisticated folk art painted canvas collages always use bright crisp colors. Her signature style has made her a highly sought after and nationally collected folk artist.

Stan's passion for clay is evident in the way he shapes it, from vases, platters, ikebana's, and leaves to his distinctive fish plates and incredibly detailed carved birds on found objects.

Stan and Robin will be hosting Doug McAbee & Marilyn Wall. Doug is a wildly creative sculptor and educator at Lander University. Marilyn is a cutting edge quilter whose work is shown nationally, her attention to detail and amazing pieces make her an award-winning artist.

Chris Troy is located at 210 Crestview Ct. Seneca 29672 864-985-1096

Chris works in midrange stoneware and creates beautifully strong forms and shapes. She sees herself as a handler of clay, one who is a partner in the passage of the clay through its life stages. Her highly functional

pieces combine hand built elements with wheel thrown and slab built forms. Chris has been working with some new clay and creating new glazes that accentuate her highly textured surfaces.

Chris's guest artist will be Deana Baker. Deana is a native of South Carolina and has over 30 years' experience as a visual artist. She enjoys exploring the state's diversified regions like the coastal Sea Islands and foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to create landscapes. Her artwork can be seen in homes, businesses, and public spaces throughout the southeast

Warren Carpenter is located at 234 Heartwood Dr. Seneca 29672 864-882-0418

Since 1999, Warren's passion has been turning wood. He is always searching for unique pieces that can be turned into an elegant shape revealing the natural beauty of the wood. His turnings are warm and beautiful to see and hold. Warren's finished turnings are often included in regional, national, and international exhibitions.

These 6 artists combined to form "The Full Moon Artists". They are passionate about their work and supporting their community. They are committed to bringing affordable, original artwork to their customers and to supporting and sponsoring other creative artists in their area. They would love for you to attend their open studios, watch them work, have a chat and become aware of some of the wonderful artwork being created here in our backyard.

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