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## "Nature Inspired" Opens July 3 at Gallery 86

An exhibit by the descriptive name of "Nature Inspired" will run July 3-27 at the Haywood County Arts Council's Gallery 86 in Waynesville. An artists' reception will be held in conjunction with the town's Art After Dark from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, July 5. The artists featured in the exhibit are Norma B. Hendrix, Nina Howard, Dawn Behling, and Nancy Blevins. The pieces they've made reflect the influence nature has had on the artists.

Norma, whose studio is in Franklin, has taught at Western Carolina University and has directed community art programs for more than 30 years. Her works have been exhibited in group and solo shows throughout the Southeast and are included in several private collections.

Nina, in addition to being an accomplished artist, is an interior designer, massage therapist, licensed esthetician, educator, and entrepreneur. She has created hundreds of paintings since beginning her art career in New York City. She received her first commission in 1982, and has continued to produce commissioned pieces while pursuing her other interests in the healing arts.

Dawn received her art education at East Carolina University where she discovered her love of screen printing and dyeing on various fibers. "I love color, texture," says Dawn. "My creative research currently explores the use of organic, abstract images that are taken from nature and recreated in two-dimensional, mixed media work."

A Haywood County native, Nancy learned painting from Belgian artist Judith Hue. She explains that this technique involves painting on wall hangings, and framing



Artist, Nina Howard

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