

Carolina Bronze Sculpture in Seagrove, NC, Serves Sculptors of the Carolinas and Beyond

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In The Grove with Rhonda McCanless

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for the summer is June 11, 2015. HGCB will start back up Sept. 10, 2015, on the second Thursday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The public is invited to come watch a free hot glass demonstration. Visitors who are 21 and older can purchase a hand-blown STARworks glass and receive complimentary beer throughout the evening. Beer on tap will be from North Carolina breweries.

STARworks is located seven miles south of Seagrove at 100 Russell Drive in Star. For more information, visit (www.STARworksNC.org) or call 910/428-9001. Rhonda McCanless works full-time for Central Park NC and STARworks in Star and can sometimes be



Hot Glass demo at STARworks

found at her husband's pottery shop, Eck McCanless Pottery, located at 6077 Old U.S. Highway 220 in Seagrove, NC. She can be reached by calling 336/879-6950 or e-mail to (professional_page@rtmc.net).

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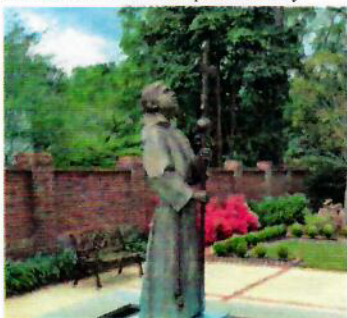
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If you're not a sculptor and all of that just went zooming over your head - lets look at what Carolina Bronze Sculpture does through the perspective of a couple of their client sculptors.

Now a resident of South Carolina, Bob Barinowski was born and raised in Birmingham, AL, and is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He began his new profession as a sculptor after retiring from two previous careers in the United States Air Force and the aerospace industry.



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"I was notified by the vestry at Grace Church of Camden, of their decision to proceed with a sculpture for their Memorial Garden. At that time the work was already in progress. When I finished the clay model, the mold was to be produced in my studio and shipped to Carolina Bronze for casting. After talking with Ed Walker and his people, I received an estimate of the cost and a delivery schedule."

"Without a reputable foundry in South Carolina, distance, the attendant shipping costs, inability to work with the foundry during the production process created a lot of problems for me. Not the least of these was the inability to live up to a reasonable schedule. When I heard about Carolina Bronze in Seagrove, NC, I estimated that it would take me about 2 hours to get there from my studio in Camden," adds Barinowski.

"My problems were solved! The ability to deal directly with the foundry during the production process made my work much easier and delivery went off without a hitch. Grace Episcopal Church of Camden is rightfully proud of the work done by Carolina Bronze. Ed and his people have completed a number of smaller works for me, and I am extremely happy with their work."

In another part of the Carolinas, the Trail of History in Charlotte, NC features



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Captain James Jack on his horse "The Spirit of Mecklenburg" by Chas Fagan. Photo by Nancy Pierce.

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So far, six works are up on the Trail with three more being installed in the next 18 months. Charlotte sculptor Chas Fagan (www.chasfagan.com) has created two of the sculptures now installed on that trail.

A graduate of Yale University, Fagan has gained national prominence and recognition as an accomplished and gifted portraitist, sculptor and painter.

Since 2001, Fagan has received several commissions for statues designed specifically for the National Cathedral, in Washington, DC. In 2003, his bas-relief sculpted portrait bust of President Reagan, commissioned for the U.S.S. Reagan, received international media coverage. In a truly innovative choice of medium, Fagan mounted this profile bust on a piece of the Berlin Wall in recognition of Reagan's contribution to the reunification of Germany. Two years later, Fagan



Thomas Spratt and Catawba Indian leader King Hagler by Chas Fagan. Photo by Ryan Case.

which stands in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol in Washington, DC.

For the Trail of History in Charlotte, Fagan created a statue of Captain James Jack on his horse "The Spirit of Mecklenburg" and sculptures of early area settler Thomas Spratt and Catawba Indian leader King Hagler.

You can watch a short video about the creation of the Spratt/Hagler sculptures