Lee Carol serves as the Executive Director of BRAHM (the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum). She is a native of Kentucky and was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was lured to the great state of North Carolina first to attend camp and later to attend Davidson College where she graduated with honors with a BA in Public Policy. She and her husband, Bob, live in Lenoir where they raised their 3 children. Lee Carol has over a 29 year history of working with non-profits in a leadership capacity with over 25 years in art non-profits. Among her previous roles, she served as the Executive Director of the Caldwell Arts Council (1994-2015) and on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Arts Council (2002-2011). Lee Carol is thrilled to be working in the High Country and has the pleasure of working with a talented staff at BRAHM.

Best of the Blue Ridge
October 9 – November 21, 2019
The Gallery
Ashe Arts Center
West Jefferson
Juror:
Lee Carol Giduz

An annual juried art competition and exhibit established by the Ashe County Arts Council to showcase outstanding original visual art in Ashe County and the surrounding region. The artwork will be judged on qualities of concept, execution of ideas and subject, and uniqueness of expression.

Sponsored by Chaos Theory Art Studio
Best of the Blue Ridge
October 9 - November 21, 2019

Eligibility:
All visual artists 18 years of age and older residing in Ashe County and its contiguous counties (Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Grayson and Johnson) are eligible.
- Work must be original and executed within the last three years and not previously exhibited at the Ashe Arts Center Gallery.
- Work must not have been created as part of a workshop.
- Eligible works include paintings, drawings, hand pulled prints, and two dimensional collage works (Non-sculptural.) Photography, computer generated, or digitally altered imagery are not permitted.
- All works must be framed or gallery wrap with painted edges and ready to hang with wire. Work that is overly fragile or not ready to hang will not be considered.
- The maximum dimension is 44 inches including the frame.

Entry Procedure:
The entry fee is $10 per piece, non-refundable. Each artist is allowed to enter up to two works. Diptychs count as two entries. Checks should be made payable to Ashe County Arts Council. Partial fees are not accepted.

Awards:
Best in Show $500 CJAS Gift Certificate
First Place $250 CJAS Gift Certificate
Second Place $150 CJAS Gift Certificate
Third Place $100 CJAS Gift Certificate

People’s Choice Award:
Visitors to the exhibit will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite work of art in the new People’s Choice Award. Ballots are available for $1 each; proceeds from the voting will be split between the Arts Council and the winning artist. Deadline to vote is November 15. The winner will be announced on November 20.

Preparation and Delivery:
Works must be hand-delivered to the Ashe Arts Center in West Jefferson on Friday, October 4 (9am–5pm), Saturday, October 5, (10am–4pm) or Monday, October 7 (9am–5pm.) Slides and photos of work will not be accepted; the exhibit selection and awards will be done directly from the submitted works.

Directions:
The Ashe Arts Center is located at 303 School Avenue in downtown West Jefferson at the corner of Main Street and School Avenue, three doors down from Ashe County Cheese and across the street from Badger Funeral Home. Parking is available on the street. Call 336.846-2787 for specific directions.

Pick Up:
Works not accepted into the exhibit must be picked up from the Ashe Arts Center between Tuesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 10. The Ashe County Arts Council will not be responsible for works not accepted into the exhibit after October 13, 2019. Pickup of works accepted into the exhibit will be on Friday, November 22, 2019. Accepted works will not be returned before the end of the exhibition. Works not picked up by January 2, 2020 become the property of the Ashe County Arts Council.

Sales:
Artists are encouraged to make works for sale. A 25% commission is retained by the Ashe County Arts Council on all sales.

2019 Timeline:
- October 4, 5 & 7 – hand delivered works received at the Gallery
- October 8 – exhibit installation
- October 8 & 9 – notification of acceptance into show by email or telephone
- October 9 & 10 – pickup of works not accepted into exhibit, 9am-5pm weekdays
- October 9 – exhibit opens
- October 11 – reception for artists and awards ceremony
- November 21 – exhibit closes
- November 22 – pickup of exhibited works at The Gallery, 9am-5pm

Please attach the back of entries.