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Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Offers Lectures on Current Exhibitions in November

Boone, NC – Appalachian State University's Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is holding special lectures for two exhibitions that are currently on display through January 2012. The first lecture on November 3 at 7 p.m. will discuss the artist and the exhibition, *Living in the Light: A Retrospective*, displaying a compilation of beloved photographer and former chair of the photography program at Appalachian State University, the late John Scarlata's work. On November 9, artist Val Lyle will hold a lecture on her current exhibition, *Sanctuary*, which emphasizes the aspects of life in the Appalachian mountains. Both lectures are free and open to the public. Call 828-262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org for more information.

Living in the Light: A Retrospective- John Scarlata

November 3, 2011

7-9 p.m.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Lecture Hall

**Reception to follow in the galleries*

Guest lecturers **Jay Phyfer** (Professor of photography and digital imaging, Virginia Intermont College), **Gil Leebrick** (Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University) and **Pac McLaurin** (Photography Department, Appalachian State University) joined by close friends of John Scarlata will gather for an in-depth conversation about the artist's life and his work. Other special guests will include **Joe Champagne** (Professor of Photography & Digital Imaging Virginia Intermont College), **Jackie Leebrick**, **Ben Garfinkle** (Oakland California) and **Tom Braswell** (Photographer and Interim Gallery Director from Wellington B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University). A reception will be held in the galleries immediately following the lecture.

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Sanctuary- Val Lyle

November 9, 2011

7-8 p.m.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Lecture Hall

Join artist, Val Lyle as she discusses her latest work, *Sanctuary* located in the Mayer Gallery. This exhibition and installation continues the artist's exploration about what it means to be a human being in Appalachia which is in its eighth incarnation of the exhibition.

Other Upcoming Events at the Turchin Center

First Friday Reception

November 4

Free and Open to the Public

7-9 p.m.

Presented in conjunction with Downtown Boone's First Friday Art Crawl, the Turchin Center will be open for all visitors to come and celebrate the current exhibitions as well as welcome a new exhibition by painter, **Gabriel Lehman** celebrating the opening of his solo exhibition *My World* opening on November 4. Painter and installation artist, **Val Lyle**, will also be in the gallery to talk to guests about her exhibition *Sanctuary*.

Healing Arts: Yoga in the Mayer Gallery

Saturdays, October 15, November 5 & 19

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

\$10 per participant

Inside Exhibitions

Free guided tours by one of Turchin's volunteer docents one Saturday a month on the exhibition of their choice.

Visit www.tcva.org for more information.

Fall Workshops

Turchin Center offers a variety of arts workshops for kids, older teens and adults throughout the year.

Visit www.tcva.org for more information on how you can register.

About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. and Saturday, and Noon-8 p.m., Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

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For additional details about the Turchin Center, becoming a donor, the upcoming exhibitions, to be added to the mailing list or to schedule a tour, please call (828) 262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org. You can also follow the Turchin Center on Facebook and Twitter @TurchinCenter.

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