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The next Art Night at Kentuck offers pleasures for all the senses. Two new exhibitions, pizza and gelato, live music, and a Raku firing combine to make Thursday, August 5, one to mark in your calendar.

Kentuck Gallery presents highlights from the loaned collection *Inspiration/Transformation: 14 Photographers Respond to Ma'Cille's Museum of Miscellanea*. The opening reception will take place on Art Night, August 5, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until August 28, 2010.

An exhibition of ceramics by Joe McComb opens in the Kentuck Annex Gallery on Art Night as well. The Kentuck Museum Permanent Collection Gallery will also be open for viewing.

The Kentuck Gallery Shop is showcasing wearable art. Selected items from Kentuck's jewelry collection will be discounted from 40 to 60 percent off original prices.

In addition to the opening reception, there will be live music by Ham Bagby, and a Raku pottery firing demonstration by Daniel Livingston in the Kentuck Courtyard. Art Night participants will enjoy fresh made bread and pizzas from the cob oven. Kentuck encourages participants to bring an item(s) to donate to the newest Kentuck mosaic.

For only \$10, you can get gelato from Mary's Cakes and Pastries and a handmade bowl. First come, first serve. All proceeds go toward Kentuck.

The 2004 exhibit, *Inspiration/Transformation*, was co-sponsored by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Kentuck Museum Association. The purpose of the exhibition was to present images by photographers who were inspired by and responded to the Ma'Cille's Museum of Miscellanea, a museum dedicated to the lifelong collections of Lucille House. In 1998 the museum collection was auctioned off, but before the doors closed Kathy Bailey and Trudy Wilner Stack commissioned and curated this exhibit to capture the fascinating attraction that was Ma'Cille's. Fourteen photographers traveled from Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, California, Texas and all part of Alabama to respond to the museum.

Each photographer captured a unique perspective from the experience. The Kentuck Gallery exhibit will show photographs from Birney Imes, Richard Ross, and Wanrudee Buranakorn.

Art Night is the first Thursday of each month and celebrates the opening of all exhibits in downtown Northport galleries. Kentuck studio artists will host their monthly Open Studios for visitors to see works in progress, meet the artists, and see the actual workspaces where the artists apply materials, design, technique and equipment to the creative process. Kentuck Studio artists are Ann Betak, Steve Davis, Brian Evans, Kerry Kennedy, Justin Robinson, Karen Schlesinger, and Lackey Stephens.

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