

Groewood Gallery Hosts **Open Studio Tour** For Craft Week

Join the national celebration of American Craft Week by taking a self-guided tour of Groewood Studios, located on the Groewood Gallery grounds across the street from the Grove Park Inn. Both Groewood Gallery and Groewood Studios are housed in the historic Biltmore Industries complex.

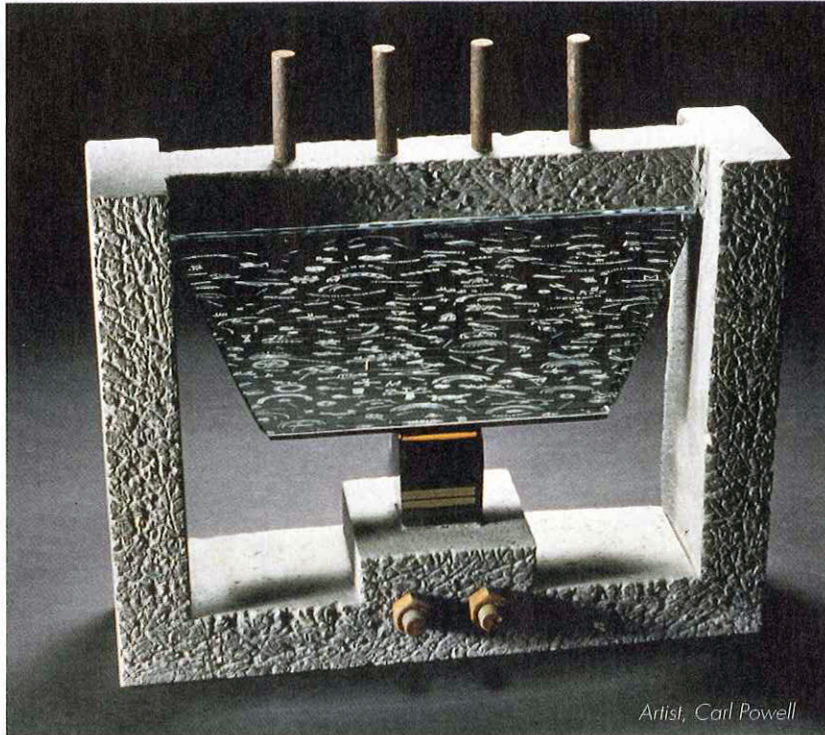
The Open Studio Tour, from 10–4 P.M. on October 9, is a free, self-guided tour of eight artists' studios. The tour presents an opportunity for visitors to interact with professional artists, see artwork at the source, and to witness the rich talent Asheville has to offer.

Biltmore Industries originated as a craft school in 1901 to better the lives of the economically deprived youth of

the Appalachian region. It soon grew and gained worldwide recognition for its hand-loomed fabrics. In its heyday, Biltmore Industries housed 40 working looms in steady operation.

Groewood Studios, established in 1992, continues the Biltmore Industries tradition of supporting local craftspeople. Today, renowned studio artists design and create a variety of works in glass, clay, metal, wood, and mixed media, in the same workshops in which the famous homespun fabrics were once created. Private appointments for studio visits are welcome throughout the year.

For more information about Groewood Studios, visit groewood.com or call the gallery at 253.7651.



Artist, Carl Powell