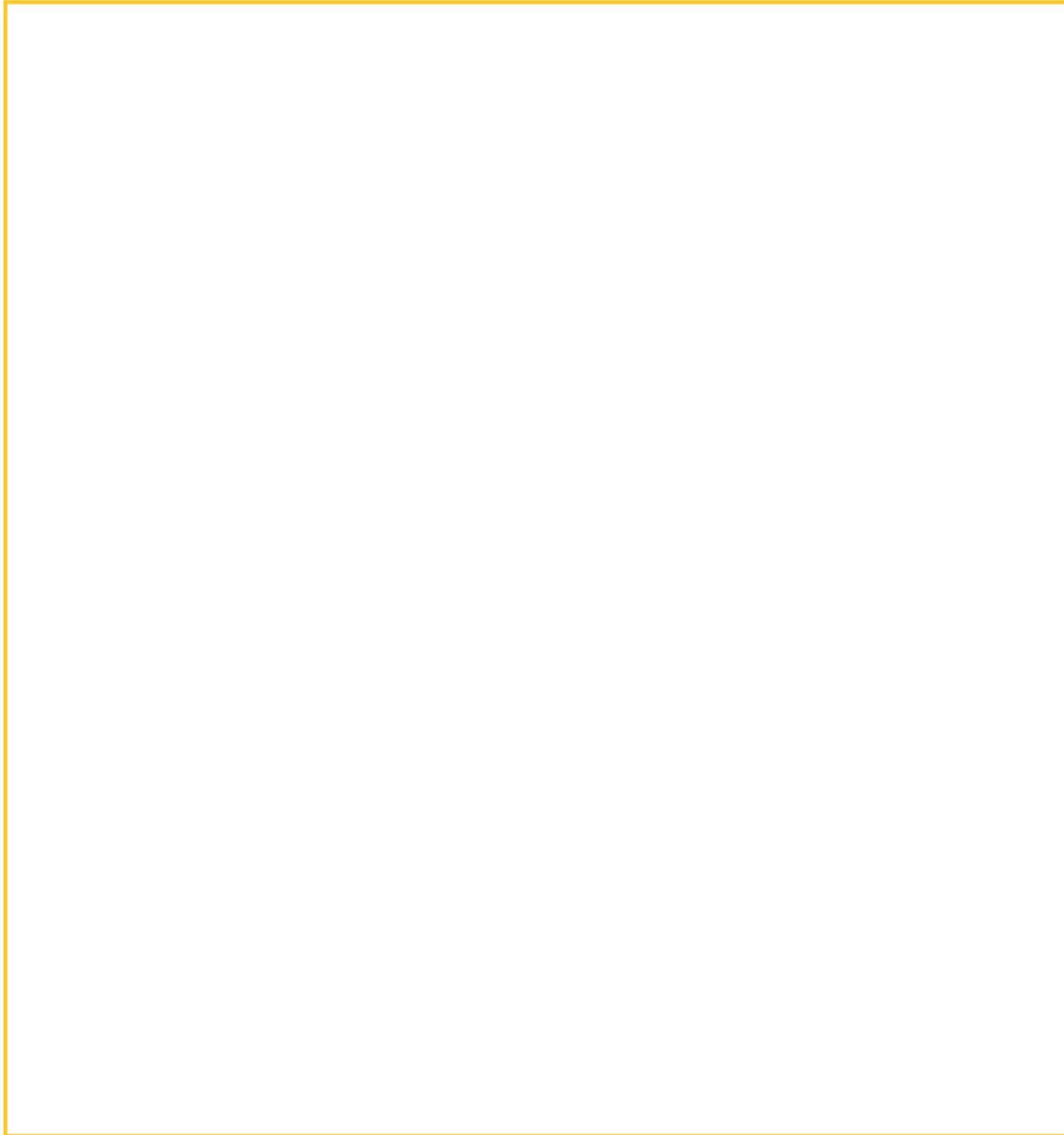


YOUR TURN! DRAW YOUR OWN.

Now that you've explored the plants we love and the botanicals that inspired Michael Sherrill it's your turn to draw your own.

You can draw: your favorite plant, a plant you liked that you saw in the exhibition or a hybrid (combination) of both!



MICHAEL SHERRILL

GALLERY ACTIVITY

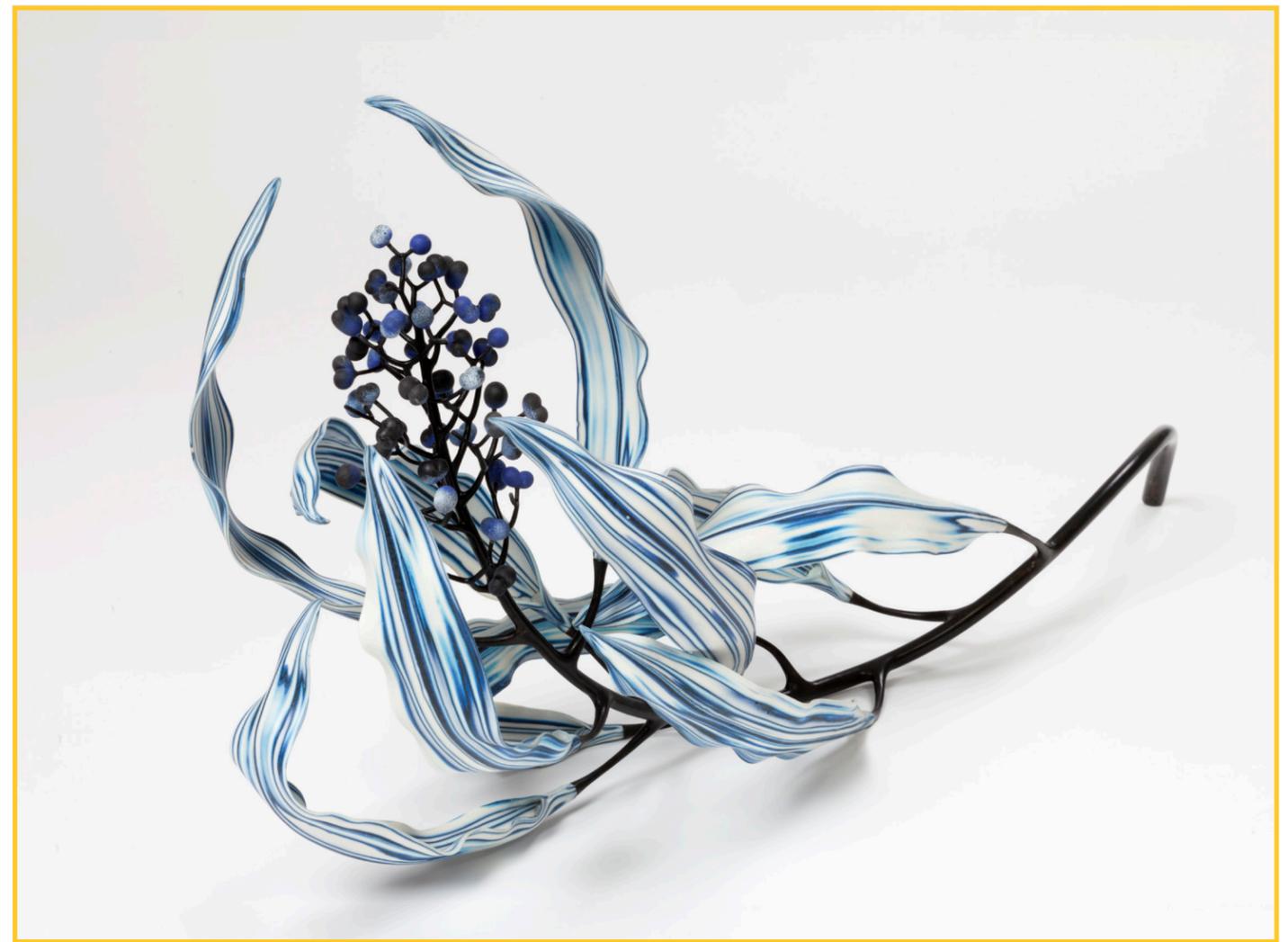


Image credit: Michael Sherrill, "Dutch Solomon," 2015, porcelain, silica bronze, glass, 12 x 27 x 8 in., John Michael Kohler Arts Center, gift of the artist, 2015.022.001. Photo by Scott Allen. This piece can be seen in Gallery 5.

Here at the ASU Art Museum we are fascinated by where and how artists find their inspiration(s). Like you, artists are influenced by their lived experience; the places, people and objects they encounter.

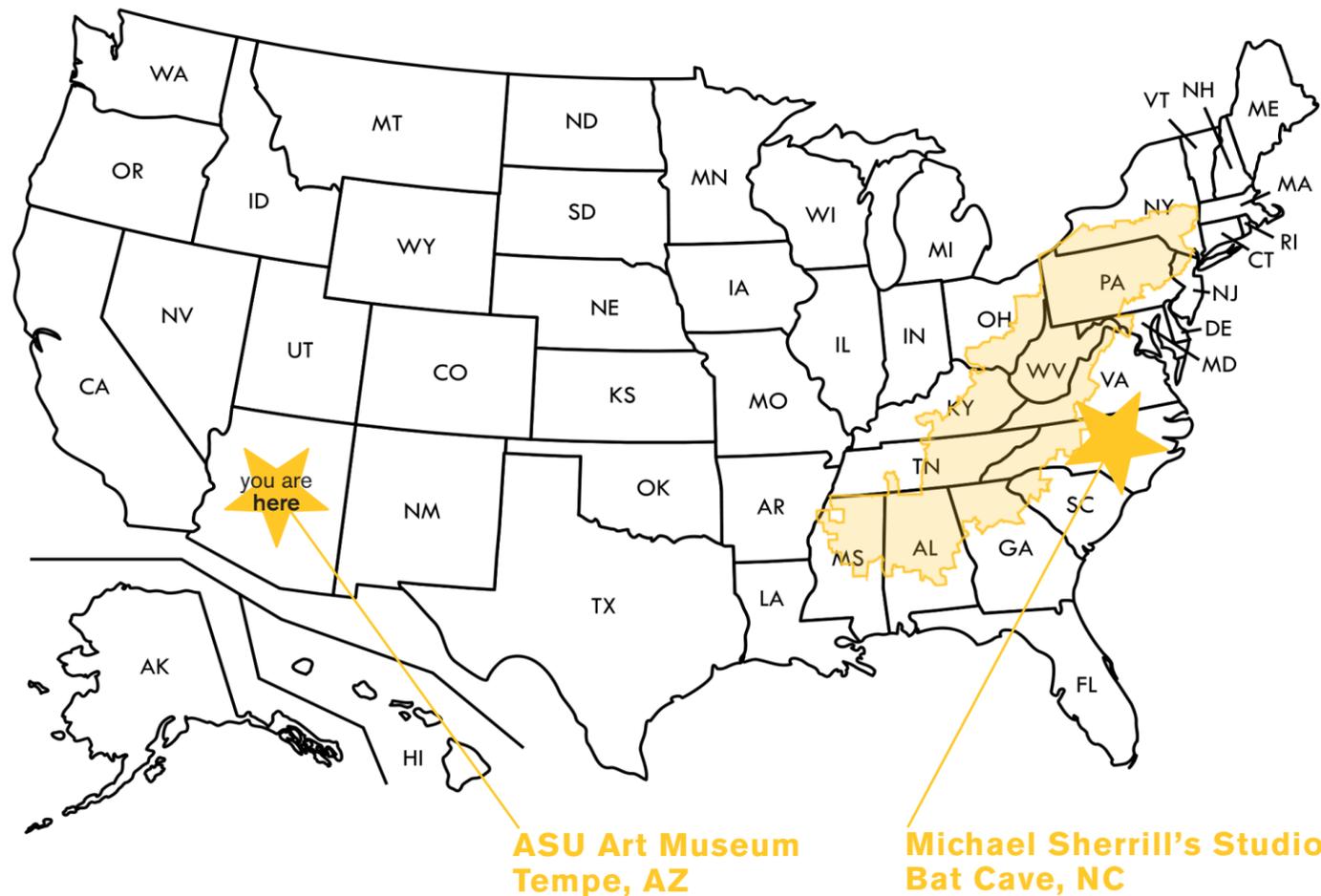
For this exhibition, we were curious about the botanicals from North Carolina that inspired some of Michael Sherrill's pieces and how different they are from plants in Arizona. Join us on a journey to learn more about the source material for this exhibition and to use your creativity to create an Arizona version.

WHAT IS APPALACHIA?

Appalachia is both a geographical and cultural area in the eastern United States. The Appalachian Mountains, which stretch from southern Canada to the northern parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia define the region. It is roughly 205,000 square miles. But, the cultural area of Appalachia refers to the central and southern portions of the mountain range.

The 12 states included in the region are: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

WHERE IS APPALACHIA?



APPALACHIAN + OTHER BOTANICALS THAT INSPIRED MICHAEL SHERRILL

Botanicals from Appalachia



Locust
(Robinia)
See, "Locust Bottles" 1999 and "Honey Locust" 2001.



Rhododendron
(Rhododendron)
See, "A Beautiful Death" 2017.

Other botanicals



Apple Tree
(Malus domestica)
See, "Heavy with Love" 2003.



Magnolia
(Magnolioideae)
See, "Undressed Magnolia" 2003.

All the pieces mentioned above can be found in Gallery 5.

Arizona botanicals

Arizona may be known for its hot temperatures and the landscapes of the Sonoran Desert (the most diverse North American desert) but we also have the largest ponderosa pine tree forest in the world, located in Northern Arizona.

Here are four of our favorite botanicals from southern Arizona:



Palo Verde
(Parkinsonia or Cercidium)
The Arizona state tree.



Prickly Pear Cactus
(Opuntia)



Saguaro Cacti
(Carnegiea gigantea)
The saguaro blossom is our state flower.



Ocotillo
(Fouquieria splendens)