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Photography by Burke County native Jacob Lunow. His works will be on display Thursday.

Photographer displays works

Local photographer Jacob Lunow will display work from his series, "Catalyticlysm: Images of Transformation," from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Gallery Z at 214 Union Square in Hickory during the Downtown Art Crawl. This will be his first exhibit in the area.

Lunow grew up in Burke County. His work is currently on display in the "Facets of Transformation" exhibit at Gallery 181 in Lawrence, Massachusetts; and in the "Essence of Asia: Eastern Influences on Western Art" online exhibit of the Asian Fusion Gallery at the Asian Cultural Center in New York City.

In May, his work will also be featured in the "Nature House: Art & Poetry" exhibit at the Woman Made Gallery in Chicago.

Lunow has lived in the west-

ern foothills of North Carolina for nearly 30 years, where he has developed an intimate relationship with the natural world. After earning his anthropology degree at UNC Chapel Hill, he returned to the area to work as an architectural draftsman and pursue digital photography in his spare time.

Later disabled by a stroke, which limited his speech and movement at the age of 31, he turned to his camera lens to express himself by capturing the inherent beauty displayed in the decaying landscape of his childhood.

His photographs tell a narrative not just of the human world left untended, but of the powerful, yet sometimes subtle forces of nature that are ceaseless in their endeavor to reclaim.

In a recent statement,

Lunow wrote, "We, humankind, may think we have dominance over nature, but our buildings, our streets, our 'dominance' must be maintained to exist. If left untended, nature's methodical reclamation shows us that our footprint on the earth is more tentative than permanent. When confronted with our manufactured landscapes, what do we see? Will we end up as lonely conquerors; or merely as past occupiers, our presence detectable by the rusted artifacts of our reign? Whatever the answer, the camera captures the rust and the decay: the work of nature reclaiming our footprint for her own."

Framed works and matted prints will be available for sale at his exhibit Thursday, as well as through his Web site, www.jacoblunowphotography.com.