



DOWNTOWN WICHITA

First Friday Gallery Crawl

The First Friday gallery crawl is a unique opportunity for thousands of students, families and art lovers to engage with local art each month at unique locations in Downtown and throughout the city. This grassroots event continues to thrive because of the collective vision and collaboration of galleries and artists.

As the name implies, First Friday happens the first Friday of each month. Hours vary between galleries, but most are open during the core hours of 7pm to 9pm. Most galleries use First Friday to unveil and debut new shows or as a closing reception. All venues are free and open to the public and several galleries incorporate artist demonstrations and/or live music. Not only does this event give guests the opportunity to view creative art space, it also is an excellent time to purchase one-of-a-kind artwork directly from artists.

Transportation Options

Explore the core and gallery hop using the free Q-LINE Trolley shuttle service that runs up and down Douglas Avenue. Electric scooter and bicycle rentals are also available. [Discover additional transportation options.](#)

First Friday Events

This month's First Friday will occur on September 6, 2019. Participating venues will be listed on this website no less than a week before the event.

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Art House 310

310 South Laura Street

Title of Exhibition: Art House 310 First Friday – Wichita Women Artists 75th Anniversary Group Show

Description:

Opening Reception | First Friday June 6th, 2025 | 6-10pm

This event is free to attend and open to the public. Show hangs through June 22nd, 2025. Art House 310 is located at 310 S. Laura. Two blocks SE of Douglas & Washington in downtown Wichita.

WICHITA WOMEN ARTISTS

Wichita Women Artists has been in continuous existence since 1950. The purpose of the group is to promote and encourage each other in our creative growth as artists. We meet monthly and our membership is limited to 40.

We have three to five exhibits during the year in the Wichita area. Our members teach, attend workshops, enter regional and national juried shows and are also active members of other art organizations. We hope you enjoy this diversity that our artists show through the use of watercolor, oil, gouache, paste, pencil, mixed media, photography, mosaics, acrylic and sculpture.

For more information, check out Wichita Women Artists on Facebook: facebook.com/ICTWomenArtists

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS:

Janet Aiken
Abby Ausherman
Kayann Ausherman
Stephanie Bayliff
Jane Bradfield
Bennie Booth
Jan Butler
Carol Davis
Pam Hayes
Hope Just
Cheryl Lindstrom
Nancy Luttrell
Linda Nollette
Diane Post
Patt Sharpe
Shauna Shelton
Naomi Ullum
Diane Warta



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WELCOME TO

**ARTISTS IN OLD TOWN
STUDIOS**



Artists in Old Town Studios

412 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 267-5915

Featured Artists: Studio Artists

Title of Exhibition: Studio Artists

Event Description: Studio artists will be open. Come see us at Artists In Old Town Studios in the back of Gallery 12, 412 East Douglas in Wichita Kansas for First Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. We hope to see you.

Check out all of the artworks at Gallery XII too.

Exhibition Hours: 6 to 8 p.m.

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Opening First Friday, June 6th, 5:00-8:00PM

IN THE DR. GAIL YEARICK AND FAMILY GALLERY

TOUCHED

Featuring students from

Braille Institute, California

On display June 6th - August 29th

EXPERIENCE THE ENVISION ARTS GALLERY
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER



Envision Arts Gallery

801 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 440-1699

Title of exhibit: "Touched"

Event: First Friday, June 6, 5-8 p.m.

The Envision Arts Gallery is honored to present Touched, an exhibition of artwork by the artists and students from the Braille Institute of America.

These artworks span multiple artistic mediums—including ceramics, printmaking, and mosaic—created by students from Braille Institute's Creative Arts Program. The exhibition invites visitors to experience how creativity and personal expression thrive beyond sight, offering an inspiring reflection on resilience, individuality, joy and artistic voice.

The featured works were created in Braille Institute's Creative Arts Program, which has a long-standing legacy rooted not only in the brilliance of the final artwork but in the creative process itself. Coping with vision loss is a personal and unique journey, and the Creative Arts Program offers students a space to express their individual voices and visions without the need for physical sight. Through artmaking, they reclaim agency over form and function. By providing equitable access to creative disciplines that traditionally rely on visual experience, the program fosters experiential learning, problem-solving, and creative play; the students develop sensory awareness, hand-mind coordination, critical thinking, and self-confidence.

About Braille Institute

Braille Institute is a non-profit organization that has been positively transforming the lives of those with vision loss for 106 years. Braille Institute helps more than 13,000 adults, youth, and children annually, through a broad range of educational, social, and recreational services. Programming is offered at seven Southern California centers and remotely through online delivery across the United States and beyond. All programs are free of charge thanks to the generous support of donors, volunteers, and staff.

BrailleInstitute.org

First Friday, June 6th

5:00 - 8:00 PM

801 E. Douglas Ave, Suite 106

Wichita, Kansas 67202

The Envision Arts Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM).

Free and open to the public

On display June 6th through August 29th in the Dr. Gail Yearick and Family Gallery

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Cathy G. Hudson
Envision Child Development Center
4th Annual Youth Arts Exhibition
IN THE PATRICIA A. PEER WINDOW GALLERY

TINY HANDS, TIMELESS ART

Opening First Friday, June 6th, 5-8PM
On display June 6th-27th

EXPERIENCE THE ENVISION ARTS GALLERY
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER



Envision Arts Gallery

801 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 440-1699

Exhibit Title: "Tiny Hands, Timeless Art"

Event: First Friday, June 6, 5 to 8 p.m.

The Envision Arts Gallery is excited to present the Cathy G. Hudson Envision Child Development Center's 4th Annual Youth Art Exhibition Tiny Hands, Timeless Art. Please join us First Friday, June 6th, from 5 to 8 p.m. to celebrate the opening of this exhibit.

Step into a world of color, creativity, and imagination at the 4th Annual Youth Arts Exhibition. Our little artists from the Cathy G. Hudson Early Child Development Center have been inspired by the masters — from Monet's dreamy flower fields to Louise Nevelson's bold forms. With tiny hands and big hearts, they've reimagined iconic works in ways that only young minds can. Come celebrate their playful, powerful interpretations and see the classics through fresh eyes!

The Cathy G. Hudson Envision Child Development Center serves visually impaired and typically developing children in an integrated setting, the mission of the Cathy G. Hudson Envision Child Development Center is to provide comprehensive early intervention services for children birth through age 5. A state-of-the-art childcare facility and preschool, the Cathy G. Hudson Envision Child Development Center offers a quality education with the goal of maximizing each child's potential.

Cathy G. Hudson Envision Child Development Center for Blind & Visually-Impaired
610 N. Main Street, Wichita, KS 67203

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Teresa Houston, Director via email or by calling 316-440-1632 .

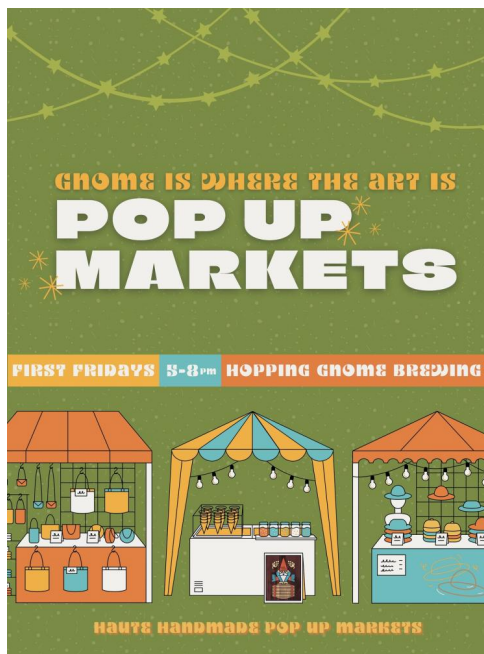
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On display June 6th through June 27th in the Patricia A. Peer Window Gallery.

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First Friday Pop Up Markets at Hopping Gnome Brewing Company
1719 East Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Title: First Friday Pop Up Markets at Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

Hopping Gnome Brews, a delish food truck favorite, local artisans & small businesses— you name it, its there!

Join us Friday, **June 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.** to shop and sip with our gnomies!

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GALLERY XII

412 East Douglas Avenue

Exhibit Title: "Colour My World."

Reception: June 6, 6 to 9 p.m.

Gallery 12 Featured Artists for June are: Gallery Member/Painter Melinda Weis and Consignment Artist/Ceramist Gary Lincoln

The opening reception will be held on First Friday June 6th from 6 to 9 pm. Melinda will be exhibiting her most recent paintings.

The title of her show is: "Colour My World."

Artist Statement/Melinda Weis:

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players..." I try to tell stories through paintings, small vignettes of life told through a composition of shape and color. It could be an expression on a face or the way the light hits a piece of fruit or the dance of a flame in a glass. It's a moment in time, captured for others to see; a drama played out on a flat, 2 dimensional surface that, perhaps, speaks to the viewer."

There will be a closing reception on Final Friday June 27th from 6 to 9 p.m.; Melinda will give a gallery talk during the reception.

The exhibit will be on display until June 28th.

Gallery 12's is free and open to the public. Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday 10 am to 4 pm & Friday Noon to 6 pm.

TAB IN 259

AN ART SHOW ABOUT THE STUDIO
PROCESSES IN K-12 ART ROOMS

Harvester Arts at The LUX 1

120 East 1st Street North

(316) 530-2203

Opening Reception: TAB in 259

Event Details: Friday, May 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Presented by the following educators: Payton Smith: Kensler elementary
Allison Stucky, Natalie Wright, Taylor McQueary: West high
Sarah Elliot: Christa McAuliffe Academy (k-8)
Mac Atha: Spaght elementary
Kaitlyn Trollman: Pleasant Valley Elementary

An art show about the studio processes in k-12 art rooms.
Learn about and engage with TAB classrooms in the USD259 school district.

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soft place to land



Harvester Arts at The LUX 2

120 East 1st Street North

(316) 530-2203

Exhibit Title: "A Soft Place to Land"

Featured Artist: Jill Nicole Lutton

Event Details: Friday, May 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"A Soft Place to Land" is an interactive installation aimed at exploring the comforts we seek in the natural world and textiles. In blending the two together, the viewer is invited to breathe easy, take off some of the burden they carry, and land softly into a world of color and flowers.



Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

1719 Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Featured Artist: DUANE WILKINSON

Event Time: Friday, May 2, 3 to 11 p.m.

My name is Duane Wilkinson, I gained interest in photography at a young age taking pictures of vacations, cars and about anything my budget would allow since I had to pay for film processing. In High School I shot for Yearbook and newspaper and was able to shoot a lot more since I could process all my pictures in the dark room. Once digital came around I would take pictures on vacations, but did not gain a serious interest until about 6 years ago. My son was my first senior session, others saw the photos and asked if I would do their Senior. At that point I figured I better learn more about what I am doing so I can continue to improve. Now I can be found on sidelines of sporting events, concerts, Senior Portraits, Weddings and family pictures. My job from 9-5 pays my bills, but photography is my stress and creative outlet. I love capturing a moment in time that will never be duplicated again. The lighting, the angle all the settings can be copied, but that moment will never happen again.

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Maven Gallery

3238 East Douglas Avenue

Exhibition Title: "Chromatica: Light, Life & Curious Connection"

Featured Artists: Austin Mann and Esther Havens Mann

Event Details: Friday, May 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Experience "Chromatica" showcasing photographic works by Austin Mann and Esther Havens Mann. This exhibition pairs powerful imagery from around the world through color, atmosphere, and human story.

Austin and Esther will share behind-the-scene glimpses of the work during an Artist Talk at 5:30pm. Join the adventure and delve deeper into the stories, process, and meaning behind the artwork.



Newman University (Steckline Gallery)

3100 McCormick Street

(316) 942-4291

Title of Exhibition: "Amalgamation"

Featuring: Newman University Students

Opening Reception: May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

This end-of-year exhibition contains a diverse collection of work from art students at Newman University. From wearable art to meticulous drawings and mixed media works, this exhibition captures each student's individuality and creative growth. Individually and collectively, the pieces present an energetic snapshot of new artistic voices and celebrate the culmination of their academic endeavors from the academic year.

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Pop-Up Art Market at The Phoenix

145 N. Wabash Ave.

Event: First Friday Pop-Up Art Market

Featured Artists: The Mossy Marsh Inn, Raven Lenore, Lauren Smith

Time: 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, May 2

Join us for another exciting First Friday Pop-Up Art Market. Enjoy an evening of local artist and artisans, live art demonstrations, and soulful music by local musician Harrison Steele. Get creative with an interactive community art project led by Mark Arts. Come celebrate art and community!

(18 and older please. Free entry with 48 hours sobriety)



Reuben Saunders Gallery

3215 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 682-1481

Exhibitions: "I Am Poppy" - Curt Clonts

Event Details: Friday, May 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Featured Artist: Curt Clonts

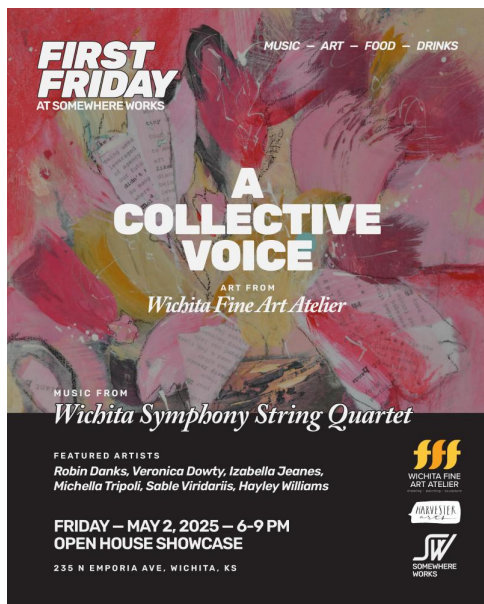
Description:

This solo-exhibition will feature new artworks by local artist, Curt Clonts!

We hope you will join us for our opening reception on First Friday, May 2nd from 5:00pm – 8:00pm!

"I Am Poppy" by Curt Clonts will be on display MAY 2nd - MAY 31st 2025

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Somewhere Works 235 N Emporia Avenue

Event title: A Collective Voice

Featured Artists: Robin Danks, Veronica Dowty, Izabella Jeanes, Michella Tripoli, Sable Viridariis, and Hayley Williams.

Details: May 2, 6 to 9 p.m.

Join us for an exciting First Friday at Somewhere Works in Downtown Wichita. Featured artists from the Wichita Fine Art Atelier: Robin Danks, Veronica Dowty, Izabella Jeanes, Michella Tripoli, Sable Viridariis, and Hayley Williams. There will be music by the Wichita Symphony String Quartet and food catered by El Chorizo. We hope to see you there from 6–9 PM for a night of art, music, and community celebration.



The Enchanted Mermaid Boutique 222 North Washington Street

(316) 796-5383

Featured Artist: Sarah Hill

Featured artwork: Snow Queen Creations by Sarah Hill

Event hours: Friday, April 1, 6-9 p.m.

Inspired by magic, power, and lace. Enjoy these beautifully crafted crowns and more made by Sarah Hill with love. Stop in to see all the amazing artists that make up the collection at The Enchanted Mermaid.

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The Leprechaun's Lab

630 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 397-0397

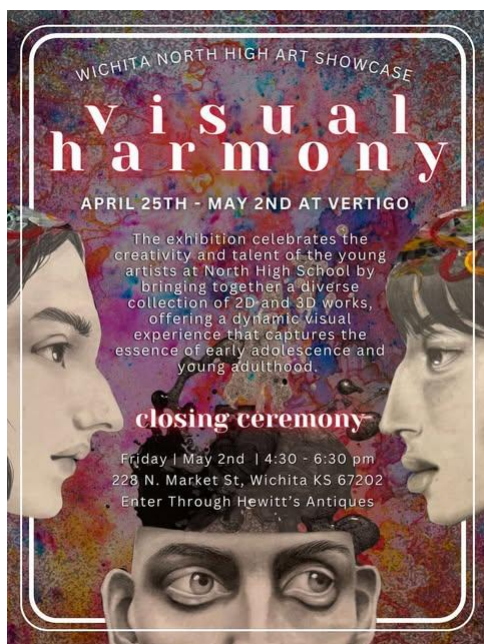
Title of Exhibition: A Glance into Other Worlds

Featured Artist: Sarah Von Hoene

Exhibition Hours: All open hours of the Leprechaun's Lab.

Event Description:

"Other Worlds" showcases Von Hoene's love of storytelling, with each marker-and-pen illustration sparking the imagination, inviting the audience to make up stories of their own.



Vertigo 232 Art Gallery

232 North Market Street

(316) 264-2450

Event: NORTH HIGH ART SHOWCASE "visual harmony"

Event Details: May 2, 5 to 9 p.m.

APRIL 25th FINAL FRIDAY OPENING 5-9pm
and FIRST FRIDAY MAY 2, 5-9PM

NORTH HIGH ART SHOWCASE
"visual harmony"

The Exhibition celebrates the creativity and talent of young artists at North High School by bring together a diverse collection of 2D and 3D works, offering a dynamic visual experience the captures the essence of early adolescence and young adulthood.

A ceremony will take place on FIRST FRIDAY MAY 2nd from 5-8 pm.

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White Crow Cider Company
1236 East Waterman Street

Featured Artist: Alexandria Olthoff

Join us for First Friday! Gather your friends, grab a cider, and enjoy the colorful artwork by local artist Alexandria Olthoff.

Event time: May 2, 6 to 9 p.m.

[First Friday Interactive Map](#)

Future Dates

The majority of the galleries that currently participate in Final Friday have announced plans to shift their monthly event to First Friday, beginning in September. Since there is no "governing body" that oversees Final Friday, Downtown Wichita generally takes direction from what the majority of the local galleries wish to do. As of now, Downtown Wichita plans to transition the Final Friday calendar to First Friday beginning in September as well. In order to make this transition as seamless as possible, the usual listing and interactive map for both the August Final Friday (August 30) and September First Friday (September 6) will be created.

Mark your calendars for the following 2019 First Friday dates to never miss an event:

- September 6
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

Submit Your Event

Are you an artist or gallery owner interested in being included on the First Friday list? [Contact us for more information](#). Since there is no designated organizing body for First Friday, all participating venues are required to do their own marketing and advertising. Downtown Wichita does provide a listing on our website of all venues that are participating for the general public and visitors to use.

Submit your Final Friday exhibit info no less than one week prior to the event in the following format to be listed on the Downtown Wichita website. Fill-out the form below or email your submission to megan@downtownwichita.org.



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Please provide a horizontal image that represents the gallery via [email](#).
[Click here for more information on how to promote your event.](#)