

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.



Art House 310
310 South Laura Street

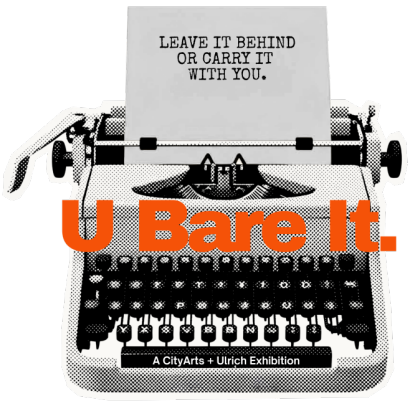
Event: First Friday at Art House 310

Date: Nov. 6 | 6-10 p.m.

Featured artists: Aida Bell & Robin Danks

Event description: Art House 310 will host First Friday featuring work by Aida Bell and Robin Danks. Bell, a self-taught abstract expressionist, creates paintings and sculptures inspired by emotion, color, movement and texture. Her work has been exhibited at art fairs across the United States and internationally. Danks' exhibition, "Vibrancy Unbound," features expressive portraits and abstract figurative works that explore color, movement and human connection through layered textures and bold brushwork. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 22. The opening reception is free and open to the public.





CityArts
334 North Mead Street

(316) 350-3245

Event: First Friday at CityArts

Date: Nov. 6 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Madison Mullen, Hayley Cheatham and various artists.

Event description: CityArts will host First Friday featuring three exhibitions across its galleries. The Main Gallery will feature U Bare It., an exhibition presented in collaboration with the Ulrich Museum of Art featuring work by various artists. The Boardroom Gallery will showcase Attention Icon: Back for More by Madison Mullen, while the Balcony Gallery will feature An Overthinker's Guide to Hope and Whimsy by Hayley Cheatham. The exhibitions will be on display through Dec. 23.





Friends University (Riney Fine Arts Gallery)
2100 W University Ave

(316) 295-5000

Event: Geometry for the Spiritual, Ink Illustrations by Annie Hague

Date: Nov. 6 | 5-7 p.m.

Featured artist: Annie Hague

Event description: Friends University will host the opening reception of "Geometry for the Spiritual, Ink Illustrations by Annie Hague" at the Riney Fine Arts Center. Primarily known for her work as a metalsmith, woodworker and fiber artist, Hague explores geometry through detailed ink drawings on paper. Her work reflects observations of the natural and spiritual worlds, examining geometry as a connecting element between the earth, sky, material and spirit.





Gallery 12
412 East Douglas Avenue

Event: "Leaf-It to Me"

Date & time: Nov. 6 | Noon-9 p.m.

Featured artists: Jan Butler and Dan Gegan

Event description: Gallery 12 will showcase paintings inspired by trees and landscapes by member artist Jan Butler and ceramic works by local artist Dan Gegan in its November exhibition, "Leaf-It to Me." The exhibition runs Nov. 4-28, with a First Friday opening reception on Nov. 6 from 6-9 p.m. Butler will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m. A closing reception is scheduled for Final Friday, Nov. 27, when Gegan will discuss his ceramic art at 7 p.m. Gallery 12 is free and open to the public.



Harris and Company Frame Shop
1219 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 263-2323

Event: First Friday at Harris & Co. Frame Shop

Date: Nov. 6 | 5-10 p.m.

Featured artist: John N. Sandlin

Event description: Harris & Co. Frame Shop will host Step Back with John N. Sandlin, an art retrospective celebrating the artist's work. The exhibition will feature original art created between 1949 and 1994, including etchings, woodblock prints, lithographs, paintings, drawings and screen prints. Many of the works have not been displayed in more than 50 years.





Harvester Arts
120 East 1st Street North

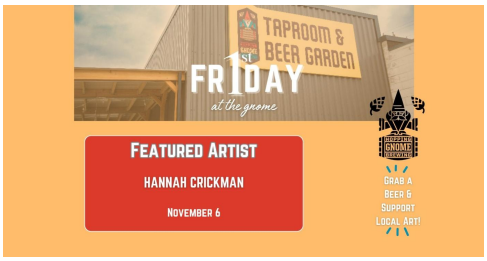
(316) 530-2203

Event: November First Friday Opening Receptions

Date & time: Nov. 6 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Natalie Clouse, Shin-Hee Chin, Priscella Brown, Jovana Mendoza, FayDe and Joshua Thompson Williams.

Event description: Harvester Arts will welcome visitors Nov. 6 for its November First Friday Opening Receptions, celebrating a new collection of exhibitions featuring Natalie Clouse, Shin-Hee Chin, Priscella Brown, Jovana Mendoza, FayDe and Joshua Thompson Williams. The event invites guests to explore the artists' work, enjoy an evening of art and join the community in celebrating the latest exhibitions at Harvester Arts.



Hopping Gnome Brewing Company
1719 E. Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Event: From the Garden

Date: Nov. 6 | 6-10 p.m.

Featured artist: Hannah Crickman

Event description: Hopping Gnome Brewing will host From the Garden featuring Wichita-basedphotographer, poet and arts professional Hannah Crickmanas the featured artist. Rooted in observation,patience and a deep connectionto place, Crickman's exhibition showcases photographs of differentbutterflyspecies documented over time in her own garden. Through quiet moments innature and afocus on her immediate surroundings, her work invites viewersto appreciate the beauty and detailsfound just outside their windows.





Reuben Saunders Gallery
3215 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 682-1481

Event: "Another Potluck" – RSG Group Exhibition

Date: Nov. 6 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Group exhibition featuring 11 artists: James Borger, Jason Cytacki, Kristin Goering, Brian Hinkle, Mary Binford Miller, Doug Osa, Scott Randol, Susan Tinker, Bruce VanOsdel, Melinda Weis and Jocelyn Woodson

Event description: Reuben Saunders Gallery presents "Another Potluck," a group exhibition featuring artwork inspired by all things food-related. Bringing together 11 artists, the exhibition explores the many ways food can serve as inspiration for artistic expression. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on First Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Reuben Saunders Gallery.



Reverie Coffee Roasters
2202 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 201-1144

Event: Sarendipity's Art Show!

Date: Nov. 6 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Featured artist: Saren Wallace

Event description: Reverie Coffee Roasters will host "Sarendipity's Art Show!" featuring local artist Saren Wallace. Working in digital art, traditional art and block printing, Wallace draws inspiration from nature, particularly aquatic life and fish. Her creative process begins with traditional sketches before each piece is transferred digitally or through printed stencils. Wallace is building her career through art prints and merchandise, driven by a lifelong passion for creating.





The Commerce Club
150 North Main

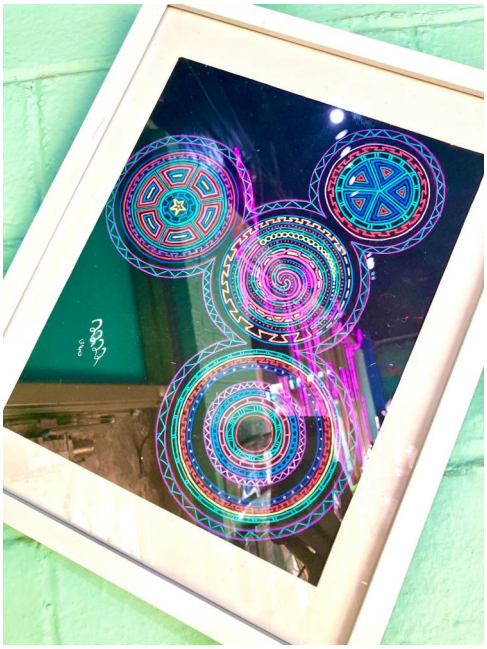
(316) 600-4444

Event: Commerce Collective

Date: Nov. 6 | 6-9 p.m.

Featured artists: Monica Morris, Lindsey Kernodle, Grace Young and Pamela Lamont

Event description: The Commerce Club in downtown Wichita will host Commerce Collective, an evening celebrating local art, music and community. The event will feature artwork by Monica Morris, Lindsey Kernodle, Grace Young and Pamela Lamont, along with live music by Steffanie Moore. Guests can tour the coworking and event space, connect with fellow community members and experience the venue. The event is free and open to the public.



The Enchanted Mermaid
222 North Washington Street

(316) 796-5383

Event: Hippie Rocks

Date: Nov. 6 | 2-9 p.m.

Featured artist: Gary Desmarais

Event description: The Enchanted Mermaid will host "Hippie Rocks" featuring artist Gary Desmarais. Visitors can explore playful, fluid abstract art created with gel pens alongside hand-cut cabochons made from precious gemstones. The event will showcase Desmarais' creative work, blending colorful artistic expression with the natural beauty of gemstones.





The Leprechaun's Lab
630 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 397-0397

Event: Wichita by Night

Date: Nov. 6 | 7-9 p.m.

Featured artist: Timothy Larsen

Event description: The Leprechaun's Lab, LLC, will host "Wichita by Night," featuring photographer Timothy Larsen. The exhibition showcases stunning photographs capturing the city from Larsen's unique perspective, offering visitors a fresh look at Wichita through his lens.



Vertigo 232 Art Gallery
232 North Market Street

(316) 264-2450

Event: Black Light Halloween

Date: Nov. 6 | 5-9 p.m.

Featured artist: Various artists

Event description: Vertigo 232 Art Gallery will host Black Light Halloween, an exhibition featuring black light art submitted by artists from around the area. The gallery will be filled with black lighting to create a day-glo environment for the exhibition. The event will also feature two 30-minute live sound and video performances by Mark Walker at 7 and 8 p.m. Visitors should be aware of the sensory environment, which features black lighting and day-glo artwork.





Wichita State University (Cadman Art Gallery)
1845 Fairmount St

Event: Wired

Date: Nov. 6 | 6-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Case Allen, Ezekiel Brown, Denise Camolina, Amber Hughes, Hannah O'Connor, Sierra Raine, Lucas Reeves, Haylee Renfrow, Michael Rosebraugh, Lexi Tylski, Hannah Vu and Natalie Yeager

Event description: Wichita State University's School of Art, Design and Creative Industries will host Wired, an exhibition featuring original artwork by Studio Tools students. Displayed across the first, second and third floors of McKnight Art Center West, the exhibition explores the late nights, experimentation and creative challenges that shape the artistic process. Bringing together multiple perspectives, media and contexts, the student artists examine the tension and excitement of developing work, preparing for critiques and striving to bring their ideas to life. The exhibition and opening reception are free and open to the public.



William J. Reals Gallery of Art
1010 N. Kansas

(316) 293-2643

Event: Souvenirs

Date: Nov. 7 | 5-7 p.m.

Featured artist: Scott Moser, M.D.

Event description: The William J. Reals Gallery of Art at KU School of Medicine-Wichita will host the opening reception of Souvenirs, an exhibition featuring acrylic paintings by Scott Moser, M.D. The reception is free and open to the public, with complimentary refreshments provided.

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.

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