

# 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.



### **Gallery 12**

412 East Douglas Avenue

Event: First Friday Gallery Talk and Poetry Night

Featured Artists: Members of Gallery 12

Hours: Friday, Jan. 2, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate a new year of First Friday Art events as we kick off 2026 with Art and Poetry!

Join us at Gallery 12 to hear enamel artists speak about the process and materials involved in making this beautifully intricate art form at 6:30 and stay for Poetry Night starting at 7:30. All writers are welcome to participate.

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## Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

1719 Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Featured Artist: Chenault Photography

Event Time: Friday, Nov. 7, 3-11 p.m.

We're excited to welcome Chenault Photography as our featured artist for January!

Grab a beer and support local art!



## The Enchanted Mermaid

222 North Washington Street

(316) 796-5383

Featured Artist: Kaitlyn Walker

Event hours: Friday, Jan. 2, 6 to 9 p.m.

Artist Bio – Kaitlyn Walker

Kaitlyn Walker is a Midwest artist from Fort Scott, Kansas. Her work captures fantastical worlds through a lens of magic. She mainly works with shiny acrylic paints, sparkles and gems. She says she wants her art to be as illuminated as possible to help brighten your day a little

[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



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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](mailto: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.