



# DOWNTOWN WICHITA

## First Friday Gallery Crawl

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### A community-wide celebration

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 7 to 9 p.m. 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 across the city](#) 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.



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## May 3 Events

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## **CASA of Sedgwick County**

2624 East Central Avenue

(316) 866-2920

Title of Exhibition: Mural Showcase & Open House

Featured Artist: Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

Business Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Event Description: Join us for a showcase celebrating the vibrant collaboration between Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. and CASA of Sedgwick County!

The beautiful mural created from the passion and dedication of Sigma Psi Zeta's talented members, serves as a testament to the shared values and missions of both organizations. With brushstrokes infused with empathy and purpose, the mural intertwines CASA's unwavering commitment to advocating for abused and neglected children with Sigma Psi Zeta's philanthropic efforts to combat violence against womxn.

Through a fusion of artistry and advocacy, this mural transcends boundaries, sparking conversations, and igniting change. Join us as we celebrate the profound impact of unity, compassion, and community, embodied in every stroke of paint upon the canvas. Together, let us honor the resilience of those we serve and reaffirm our collective dedication to creating a world free from harm and injustice.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness artistry in action and to stand in solidarity with Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. and CASA of Sedgwick County as we continue to champion the voices of the vulnerable and strive for a brighter, more equitable future for all.



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## **GALLERY XII**

412 East Douglas Avenue

Title of Exhibition: Gallery 12 First Friday Opening Reception

Featured Artists: Gwen Rose

Exhibition Hours: 5-9 pm

Full display: Through April 27th

Opening Reception for Gallery 12 color pencil artist Gwen Rose. Also showing will be consignment ceramist Eugene Stucky. Live music will be performed by Victor & Levi Rose.

### Artist Statement:

Nature and math are the main inspirations for my art. Studying and working with the patterns, colors, and shapes found in nature intrigues me. Patterns explored in math also interest me, including number patterns, tessellations, the Fibonacci series and fractals. I like to intertwine mathematical and natural patterns in my work.

Each work starts with an observational realistic drawing from nature. In nature, plants, animals, insects and landscapes are filled with visual patterns. Sometimes the patterns are quite complex, other times simple and bold. Using shapes and patterns from the realistic images, I rearrange and abstract them.

Brilliant colors in the natural world have always attracted me. There are high chroma colors in the sunrise and sunset, in the flowers of many plants, on the feathers of birds and the bodies of insects. We see warm colored flowers surrounded by cool colored leaves. A flower will show subtle variations of color and value as light plays on its surface. A sunset reflected in a lake is a luminous visual experience as light shimmers blindingly off the water. These views are some of the inspirations for my work.

I became interested in art in junior high when I had an inspiring art teacher. At that point I knew I would create art my entire life. I have been a practicing artist for many years, earning two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree. I've also had the good fortune to be married to an artist. Teaching art in public schools was my occupation for thirty years. Working daily on my art, I create artworks with colored pencil and with acrylic paint.

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## Harvester Arts

215 Washington North

(316) 530-2203

Featured Artist: Juan Gallardo Sanchez

Title of Exhibition: No se pa' donde voy pero se de donde vengo

Event Description: Juan's work depicts narrative-based, multidisciplinary installations that involve sculptural materials, sound narrations, video, 2D and 3D animation presented through projections. Conceptually, he discusses his identity's duality as a product of immigration.

Exhibition Hours: 7 to 9 p.m.

Full Exhibition Date: May 3 to 31



## Salcedo Arts

1017 W Douglas, Wichita Ks. 67212

Title of Exhibition: Colors In Motion

Featured Artist: Kathleen Salcedo Beal

Featured at La Galette, viewers can discover hidden pictures within each piece made up of beautiful colors with metallic hues. There will be a live Fluid Art Demonstration at 6:30 p.m.

## First Friday Interactive Map

### Next Event: June 7

The next First Friday event will take place on Friday, June 7. A list of participating venues will be available on this webpage one week prior to the event. Mark your calendars for the following 2024 First Friday dates to never miss an event:

- July 5
- August 9
- September 6
- October 4
- November 1





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● 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 First 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 [info@downtownwichita.org](mailto:info@downtownwichita.org).

## Email Sign Up