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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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1203 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 440-3244

Title of Exhibition: First Friday

Featured Artist: Sir Charles III Tdubbery, ICTPottery YaBoiFarley, Psyclops Traperinas

Event Description: Experience the creativity of our local artists on May 3rd, 4-8 PM! Enjoy live music by our DJ, live glassblowing, painting, pottery, local art & food vendors-Tacos, Jerky & Salsas.

Exhibition Hours: 4-8 p.m.

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Art House 310

310 South Laura Street

Title of Exhibition: Art House 310 First Friday – Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar

Featured Artists: Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar

Description:

Art House 310 First Friday – Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar
Opening Reception | First Friday May 3rd, 2024 | 6 to 10 p.m.

This event is free to attend and open to the public. Show hangs through May 26th, 2024. Art House 310 is located at 310 S. Laura. Two blocks SE of Douglas & Washington in downtown Wichita.

MADISON MULLEN

In my ongoing exploration of the portrayal of the female body and experience in the art world, I create work that depicts the female experience from multiple angles.

I explore many methods of both capturing and curating the intimate female perspective. My methods and mediums have traversed varying phases. Utilizing printed media, I draw parallels between portrayals of violence against women in media and real-life acts of violence.

Operating under the belief that the romanticism of sex and violence in pop culture desensitizes society to the severity of such issues. Contrasting to the use of media imagery, I create work exempt from the female form, utilizing animals in place of women, operating under the belief that the representation of the female body is inherently sexualized and therefore corrupt.

Additionally, I draw reference to historical portrayals of women and reclaim the narrative and symbolism of the female form whilst exposing the dreadful history of female exploitation.

BRITTANY SCHAAR

“Windows/ Komorebi”
A letter on “windows / komorebi”

Think of something said to you, a gesture, moment or your surroundings. At any age, pick your favorites; the defining moments, the joyful ones, the hard-lessons-learned ones.

What you see are moments and memories of mine, windows into my life, into feelings and connections or pauses of free fall in between hugs and



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conscious thought. Nostalgia is so important, these are the things we lean on when all else is passing.

So hang on to your playful shadows, feelings and memories. Be both immersed and grateful, but note that you have survived all your days so far, so being present is the best medicine to create new windows. Komorebi is the energy of of being present and re-energizing in sun rays, a kind of pause before you move on.

You notice komorebi as sun filtering through trees as you walk, or drive, and that feeling of joy in realizing you get to be here. Thank you.

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Artists in Old Town Studios

412 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 267-5915

Featured Artists: Studio Artists

Title of Exhibition: Studio Artists

Event Description: Come see us at Artists In Old Town Studios in the back of Gallery 12, 412 East Douglas in Wichita Kansas for First Friday. April 5, 2024, 6 to 8 p.m.

Check out the Gallery XII wonderful artists.

Exhibition Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

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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: A Passage of Time: Earth's History in Images

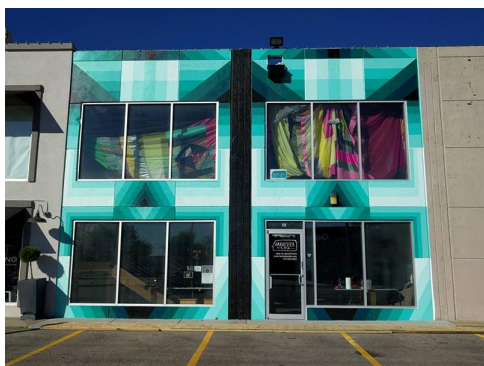
Featured Artists: Printmaker/Painter: Doug Billings

Exhibition Hours: 5-9 pm

Full display: Through June 1st

Gallery 12's Featured Artists for May:

- Artist Member: Doug Billings
- Consignment Artist/Sculptor: Nancy Bole



Harvester Arts

215 Washington North

(316) 530-2203

Featured Artist: Juan Gallardo Sanchez

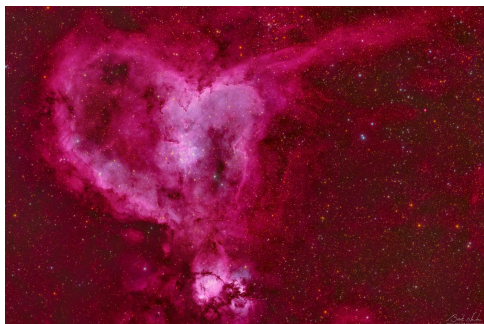
Title of Exhibition: No se pa' donde voy pero se de donde vengo

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

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Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

1719 Victor Street

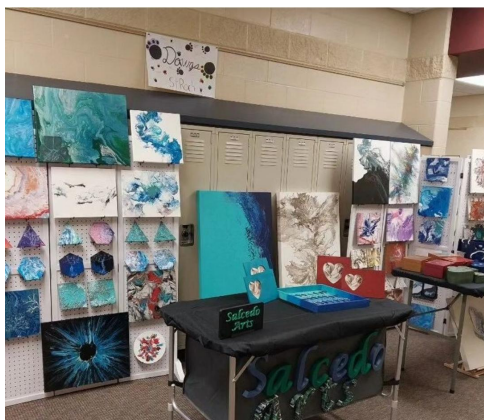
(316) 771-2110

Featured Artist: Brent Newton

Exhibition Title: The Cosmos

Description: "The cosmos is the birthright for all mankind, I'm just house hunting."

Full Exhibition: May 3rd-May 31st, 2024



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.

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JENNIFER MASON-TEXTILES

The Enchanted Mermaid at Muse Meridian

3201 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 796-5383

Featured Artist: Jennifer Mason- Textiles

Exhibition Hours: 6-9 p.m.

May 3rd don't miss the FIRST FRIDAY Artisan Vendor Market at Muse Meridian with The Enchanted Mermaids and featured Artist Jennifer Mason. Come stroll the art, see a live demonstration. Get your face paint & photo with the Mermaids. Yummy Dinner options by Chef Pri, and others you don't want to miss. On the stage from 6 to 7 p.m. will be a preview of The Enchanted Mermaid Springtacular, from 7 to 8 p.m. is Hunter Gromala and The Disorders, from 8-10 p.m. come be mesmerized by the Flow Foundry Poi & Fire entertainers.

Fun for the entire family, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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White Crow Cider Company
1236 East Waterman Street

Featured Artist: Leigh Barton from Happy Frank Signs

Exhibition Hours: Thus 3-9, Fri. 3-10, Sat 12-10, Sun 12-5

Event Description: Come enjoy a cider and the colorful artwork of Leigh Barton of Happy Frank Signs.

[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
- 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.

Email Sign Up