



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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Join us in celebrating Wichita's vibrant art community.

[First Friday Interactive Map](#)

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Art House 310
310 South Laura Street

Event: First Friday at Art House 310

Date: Oct. 2 | 6-10 p.m.

Featured artists: Rhett Evans & Josh Jonico

Event description: Art House 310 will host First Friday featuring work by Rhett Evans and Josh Jonico. Evans' exhibition showcases his development as a woodworker and CNC artist, with intricately carved pieces made from layered wood selected for its color and grain. Jonico, a contemporary Native artist based in Wichita, uses dynamic colors, rich textures and layers of original imagery in his paintings, including portraits inspired by black-and-white photographs and abstract works that incorporate hidden images and symbolic elements. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 25.



CityArts
334 North Mead Street

(316) 350-3245

Event: First Friday at CityArts

Date: Oct. 2 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Various Artists, RETSOF & Marc Bosworth

Exhibitions: "Broken, But Beautiful" by Various Artists; "Mixed Bag" by RETSOF; "Paper Trails" by Marc Bosworth

Event description: CityArts will host First Friday featuring exhibitions across its Main Gallery, Balcony Gallery and Boardroom Gallery. "Broken, But Beautiful" features work by various artists, while "Mixed Bag" by RETSOF and "Paper Trails" by Marc Bosworth offer additional perspectives and creative approaches. Together, the exhibitions showcase a range of artistic styles and invite visitors to explore the diverse work on display throughout CityArts.

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Flatlanders Brewing 623 West Douglas Avenue

(316) 295-3818

Event: Flatlanders Opening Art

Date: Oct. 2 | 6-10 p.m.

Featured artists: Eric Schmidt & Jamie Tabor

Event description: Flatlanders Brewing will host Flatlanders Opening Art featuring Fisch Haus artists Eric Schmidt and Jamie Tabor. Visitors can stop by to view their artwork on display throughout the space while enjoying the atmosphere at Flatlanders.



Gallery 12 412 East Douglas Avenue

Event: First Friday Opening Reception

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

Featured artist: Doug Billings

Exhibitions: "Series" by Doug Billings

Event description: Gallery 12 will host First Friday Opening Receptions featuring "Series," the latest exhibition by local printmaker and painter Doug Billings, who is Gallery 12's featured artist for October. Billings will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m. about his approach to creating art by working from one "series" to another. Local ceramist David Long will also be exhibiting, with music provided by local musician and artist Victor Rose during the reception.

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Harvester Arts

120 East 1st Street North

(316) 530-2203

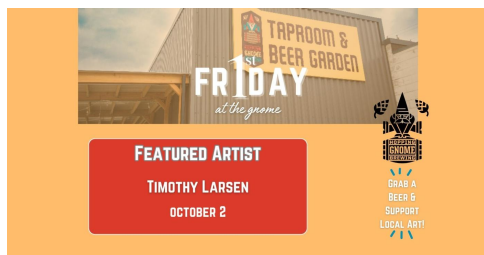
Event: October First Friday Opening Receptions

Date: Oct. 2 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Yulla Vega, Charity Mika Woodard, Bronna Leach, Taylor McQueary, Zelda McAfee & Hannah O'Connor

Exhibitions: "There's No Place Like Home" by Yulla Vega; "fruity" by Charity Mika Woodard; "A Safe Place in the Midst of Chaos" by Bronna Leach; "Form and Color" by Taylor McQueary; "Ideas of Connection" by Zelda McAfee; "Animal Series" by Hannah O'Connor

Event description: Harvester Arts will host October First Friday Opening Receptions celebrating the openings of six exhibitions by Yulla Vega, Charity Mika Woodard, Bronna Leach, Taylor McQueary, Zelda McAfee and Hannah O'Connor. The exhibitions explore a range of themes and artistic approaches, from home and connection to color, chaos and the natural world, offering visitors an opportunity to experience the artists' work throughout Harvester Arts.



Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

1719 E. Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

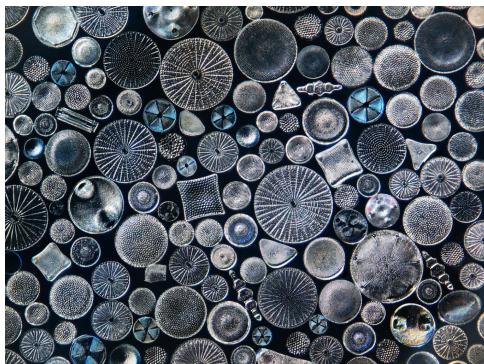
Event: Wichita By Night

Date: Oct. 2 | 3-11 p.m.

Featured artist: Timothy Larsen

Event description: Hopping Gnome Brewing will host Wichita By Night featuring local photographer Timothy Larsen as the featured artist for October. Inspired by nostalgia, music and community, Larsen's work captures scenes from the past in contemporary ways, creating feelings of discovery, belonging and curiosity. The event will also feature the last First Friday Artisan Market of the season with Haute Handmade, while Slingin Birds will be serving dinner from 5-8 p.m.

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Maven Gallery
3238 East Douglas Avenue

Event: First Friday at Maven Gallery

Date: Oct. 2 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artist: Jon McCormack

Exhibition: Elements of Wonder

Event description: “Elements of Wonder” features monumental photographs by Jon McCormack. The exhibition marks its final weekend and offers visitors an opportunity to view McCormack’s work and purchase a signed copy of his award-winning book, “Patterns.”



Reuben Saunders Gallery
3215 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 682-1481

Event: Wichita Ceramics National Exhibition 2026

Date: Oct. 2 | 5-8 p.m.

Featured artists: Group exhibition of 33 ceramic artists from across the nation

Event description: The Wichita Ceramics National Exhibition brings together ceramic artists from across the nation to showcase functional and sculptural works in clay. The exhibition has partnered with Empty Bowls Wichita, an artist-driven effort to raise awareness of food insecurity and support local food pantries. A portion of all sales will be donated to Empty Bowls Wichita. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 31.

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Reverie Coffee Roasters
2202 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 201-1144

Event: First Friday at Reverie Coffee Roasters

Date: Oct. 2 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Featured artist: Alex Shoup

Exhibitions: "Nichijou"

Event description: Reverie Coffee Roasters will host First Friday featuring "Nichijou," the debut exhibition of self-taught photographer Alex Shoup. Inspired by his time living in Japan, Shoup uses film photography to capture shadows, colors, textures and patterns, drawing attention to the balance between modernity and tradition. The exhibition invites viewers to slow down and appreciate the ordinary details of the world around them.

VERTIGO 232 ART GALLERY

Greg Johnson, Greg Turner, Ed Langston,
Tara Hufford Walker, Mark S Walker,
David Christiansen, Chris Frank, Ted Krone

STRONGER THAN DIRT



SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2, 2026
232 N MARKET WICHITA, KS
5-9PM

Vertigo 232 Art Gallery
232 North Market Street

(316) 264-2450

Event: ID...ology - STRONGER THAN DIRT

Date: Oct. 2 | 5-9 p.m.

Featured artists: Greg Turner, Ed Langston, Greg Johnson, Mark S. Walker, Ted Krone, Chris Frank, Tara Hufford Walker & David Christiansen

Exhibitions: "ID...ology - STRONGER THAN DIRT"

Event description: Vertigo 232 Art Gallery will host "ID...ology - STRONGER THAN DIRT," the 17th group exhibition by artist group Id...ology. The exhibition features a mix of older works from past exhibitions alongside new pieces by the group's participating artists. Visitors are invited to attend the First Friday opening reception and explore the latest collection from Id...ology.

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



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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