Welcome to Art Walk in the Downtown Arts District! Downtown members host events for First Fridays, or catch the displays throughout the month during regular hours. April’s First Friday events will be Friday, April 1st with variable hours between 5pm-10pm. Find the details here, at ffaw.org, or follow along at @artwalksgf on Facebook and Instagram.

**BOOKMARX HOSTS AMY ASHER’S PHOTOGRAPHY**

Bookmarx is featuring Amy Asher’s collection, of photographs, “Hey You Guise!” These haunting photos were created using her slightly offbeat sensibilities and a love for old masks. “It’s the art of a great disguise that allows you to transform into someone - or something - that is thrilling, yet also a bit creepy.” The show is up through April and open 5-10pm for FFAW!

**HOTEL VANDIVORT FEATURES DANIELLE MILLION**

Hotel Vandivort is back to featuring pop-up artists for FFAW! For April, Danielle Million will share her photography from 6-9pm. Danielle is a SGF native with a love for all thing unusual. Known for her visions on a dime, she loves SGF and "loves capturing the weird parts of her".

**FINAL CHANCE TO VIEW MSU EXHIBITIONS**

“Collected Memories and Rooted Objects” is a three-part exhibition spanning three MSU gallery spaces that considers the value and personal meaning applied to every day items. FFAW is the very last chance to catch it 6-9pm, Friday, April 1st. A site-specific exhibition by Kerry Phillips is in Brick City East; Haelim Allen, Ahmed Ozserver, and Jesse Ring are in Brick City West; and as shown above Leticia Bajuyo is at the Carolla Arts Exhibition Center.

**FORMING ARTS STUDIOS OPEN FOR FFAW**

You may have noticed color filling the windows at the black building on the corner of South and Walnut. Formed Gallery’s newest venture, Forming Art Studios, will be open to the public for FFAW 6-9pm. Current resident artists include: Dana Neuenschwander, Lura Faye, Susan Brown, Rebecca Polly, Jamie Quirk, Brittany Roberts, and Grace Huckfeldt.

**FRESH GALLERY’S JURIED SHOW OPENING**

Join Fresh Gallery for FFAW to help them celebrate the winners of their 2022 Juried Art Show sponsored by Simmons Bank! The Award Ceremony will begin at 7pm. Andrea Benze Adkins of Gourmet Goodness will also be showcasing her charcuterie boards and craft cocktails. Open 6-9pm for FFAW and the exhibition will be up through April. Shown painting by Andrew Batcheller.

**BETWEEN THE LINES: THE VANISHING HALF**

Park Central Branch Library and the SRAC have collaborated to feature artworks inspired by the One Read 2022 selection which encourages the city to read the same literature. This year, “The Vanishing Half” has themes centering on identity and colorism. The opening reception is during FFAW at Park Central Branch Library 6:30-9:00pm with the award ceremony at 7:30pm. Vote for your favorite artwork throughout the evening for the People’s Choice Award! The exhibition will remain up for the month of April. Shown artwork by Mick Carico.
You might notice that SWS has a new look! With the release of their 7th collection coming at the end of April, this is your last chance to catch the current sculptures around downtown!
FFAW Call for Artists

Would you like to get plugged into one of Springfield’s favorite traditions? We are asking artists interested in exhibiting in 2022’s Art Walk to submit their artwork samples to be considered by our downtown venues for showing.

Please submit the following information via email to artwalknews@gmail.com:

- 3-4 artwork sample images in JPEG format
- brief statement about you and your work
- your contact information (phone number and email)
- list previously shown local venues (when and where)
- website and social links

Submissions will be shared with all the FFAW venues for their selection process. FFAW venues will contact the artists directly for scheduling.

*If you choose to visit a venue, please respect masking requests, utilize sanitization stations, and practice physical distancing when possible.
**KOKORO HOSTS MSU STUDENT WORK**

Kokoro Training Academy is hosting 17 Missouri State University students from Erin Sedra's Intro to New Media class. For most of the students, this was their first time using design programs. One of the biggest goals of this class is to simply give students a chance to explore and have fun while improving their art and design skills. Join them and help celebrate their accomplishments for FFAW 5:30-8:30pm. The art will be up all month and open variable hours for their classes.

**OH Gallery at Obelisk Home features an exhibition, "Next"**, with a wide range of artwork by Central and Glendale High School seniors for the month of April. The opening reception will be during FFAW 6-10pm. As always, there are three levels of art and design to explore. Show open through April. Featured photo by Central student, Stella Riddle.

**DRURY'S STUDENT COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION**

Drury Pool Arts Center is hosting their Annual All Student Competitive Exhibition: all Drury students were invited to submit works. The opening reception is during FFAW 5-8pm. The art will remain on view through April 29th: MTWF 9am-5pm Thursday 9am-7pm. Artwork shown by Shaza Umran.

**REBECCA SMITH & SHERRI DAVIS AT FORMED**

Formed: An Artist Collective is proud to present their local artists, Rebecca Smith and Sherri Davis. These talented ladies have their own style and create in unique and exciting ways. Stop by on FFAW 6-9pm for a chance to speak with their artists and enjoy live music by Tony Menown. The gallery is open regularly Tues-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-7pm, and Sundays 10am-2pm.

**ARTISTS "YOU SHOULD KNOW" AT THE CREAMERY**

Join the Springfield Regional Arts Council in celebration of local artists making waves in our community! This multi-medium extravaganza will feature works by: Meg Wagler, Riana Clark, J. Kent Martin, Sarah Jones, and Cory Naden. The Creamery will be open 5-7pm for FFAW and will also feature live poetry readings by MO’s 2019-2021 Poet Laureate, Karen Craigo, 2022 Poetry Out Loud SW Regional Competition winner Tyler Johnson, and other local authors. The art will remain on display through April.

**RUSTY LINDSEY AT SPRINGFIELD VINEYARD**

If you missed Rusty Lindsey’s stunning paintings at Springfield Vineyard last month, catch them 6-9pm for April’s FFAW with Ralph Hepola on the tuba! 634 W. Wall St.

**ANNIE DONOHUE AT MONARCH ART FACTORY**

The Monarch Art Factory is hosting a show titled "Recollection" featuring the artwork by Annie Donohue, photographic art by Angela Hughes, and body painting by Karly Fahey. Wine, Art, and Awesome People. 5:30-8:30pm for First Friday Art Walk, April 1st. 600 W. College St.

**CELEBRATION FOR SWS NEWEST COLLECTION**

Join Sculpture Walk Springfield in celebrating their 7th collection at Park Central Square, Saturday, April 23rd 5-9pm. It’s free to attend with live music, mini-tours of the new works, new SWS swag, and drinks by co-host Tie and Timber Beer Company! Brought to you by the McQueary and O’Reilly Families. Be sure to check out the 2021 sculptures one last time for April’s FFAW!