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. May’s First Friday events will be Friday, May 6th with variable hours between 5pm-10pm. Find the details here, at ffaw.org, or follow along at @artwalksgf on Facebook and Instagram.

MEGANNE ROSEN AND STUDENTS AT OBEISK

Oh Gallery at Obelisk Home features Meganne Rosen with her newest collection, “Lineage”, inspired by the stained glass her late grandmother created. Showing in the OH Lower Level Gallery, Meganne’s Portfolio Development students and Kat Allie’s Advanced Painting students from OTC present “Origins: A Spectrum”. The opening reception is 6-10pm for FFAW. As always, there are three levels of art and design to explore at Obelisk. *Shown art by Meganne Rosen and Jewel Mason.

“BEGINNING OF A COLLABORATIVE JOURNEY”

Springfield Vineyard will be hosting a show titled “Beginning of a Collaborative Journey...” for May’s FFAW. It is a preview of Lura Faye and Dana Neuenschwander’s collaborative concepts that are underway. There will be selections from each artist as well. Join them for FFAW 6-9pm with Ralph Hepola on the tuba!

YMCA JOINS IN WITH ART, MUSIC, & MINI-ARTISTS PROGRAM

Victoria Henderson’s art will be on display for FFAW at the Downtown YMCA from 6-8pm. She will also be performing in the lobby with hammered dulcimer & nyckelharpa instruments. In addition, the Downtown Y will be offering the Mini-Artists Program for children during the event 5-10pm. Parents can drop off their children for a fun program with drawing and painting while parents enjoy the Walk. Pre-registration is required by May 3rd and is available on their website at orymca.org. Call the Y at 417-862-7456 for more information.

SGF SISTER CITIES AT MSU INTERNATIONAL

For May’s FFAW, MSU International Programs has invited Springfield Sister Cities Association and a few student groups to come for a cultural display to highlight our relationships with the cities of Iseaki, Japan, and Tlaquepaque, Mexico. They will have visiting artwork from elementary students from Iseaki on display during the event to showcase SSCA’s mission of “Peace through People.” Open 5:30-8:00pm at the Jim D. Morris Center.

LIVE ART AND MUSIC AT FOUNDERS PARK

Springfield-Greene County Park Board is participating in downtown’s First Friday Art Walk at Founders Park with live art by Linda Spencer and Roberto Regalado of Laughingwell Studio, and live music by 83 Skidoo. Join the fun from 6-9pm. Concessions are available!

*Image of artwork by Roberto Regalado

HOTEL V FEATURES CAMERON MCMURTREY

Originally from Willard, Cameron McMurtrey has spent the past few years in school in the NYC area. He is back in May and showing his photography with Hotel Vandivort for FFAW. He aims to elevate the mundane places and moments we all encounter in our daily lives. He shoots a mix of recognized and often overlooked locations in a way to highlight the passing nature of moments in time. Find him in the Hotel V lobby from 5-9pm during FFAW!
The McQueary and O'Reilly Families are proud to present the 7th Sculpture Walk Springfield Collection. Sculpture Walk Springfield (SWS) has brought 32 new sculptures to Springfield for the community to enjoy 24/7 365 days of the year! Find additional information about SWS and the newest sculptures at sculpturewalkspringfield.org.
1 Artistic Photography at the Monarch Art Factory, at 600 W. College Street Suite 112, open 5:30-8:30 pm for FFAW. 417artisticphotography.com or call (417) 737-1901.

2 The Bonsai Guy, 600 W. Walnut St., The shop and garden have hundreds of items to shop, look, and learn all things about the art of bonsai. Open regularly Tues-Sat 12-6pm. (417) 848-9569.

3 The Geek Foundation, 433 W. Walnut, is a nonprofit that provides free, interactive education to train, inspire, and support the future of a diverse and inclusive tech workforce. Open regularly Mon-Fri 11am-5pm. thegeekfoundation.org

4 Forming Art Studios, 330 South Ave, open for FFAW 6-9pm only. Peek in on their seven resident artists and sign up for classes and workshops! formedgallery.com/classes

5 Formed: An Artist Collective, 210 E. Walnut Street, open for FFAW 6-9pm. A multi-artist gallery and retail space hosting forty local and emerging artists. Open regularly: Tue - Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri - Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-2pm. (417) 350-1142, formedgallery.com

6 Hotel Vandivort, 305 E. Walnut St., FFAW event 5-9pm. The lobby is open 24/7! View their permanent collection including works by Julie Blackmon, Stephanie Cramer, Shelly Forbes, Dustin Burgert, and Jeff Broekhoven. (417) 832-1515, hotelvandivort.com

7 BookMarx, 325 E. Walnut St., Ste. 101, New & used books, art, and Googey the cat! Open until 10pm for FFAW, regularly Mon-Sat 10:30am-7pm. facebook.com/bookmarxbks

8 Transformation Gallery & Tattoo, 330 E. Walnut, is open 6pm-9pm for FFAW featuring a collection of their talented staff's work on display. Open regularly 9AM-6PM Tues-Sat. (417) 869-2338 transformationgallery.com

9 Ward Downtown YMCA, 417 S. Jefferson Ave, Ste 1. View art & childcare available for FFAW. Open 5-10pm for FFAW. (417) 862-7456 orymca.org

10 MSU’s Center for International Programs, at the Jim D. Morris Center, 301 S. Jefferson open 5:30-8pm for FFAW

11 Kokoro Training Academy, 212 W. McDaniel St., martial arts gym open 5:30-8:30pm for FFAW. Open variably for classes through the week (417) 824-6946, kokorotrainingacademy.com

12 Park Central Branch Library, 128 Park Central Square, open for FFAW 6:30pm-9pm. Downtown’s library hosts art and frequent artist talks. Open regularly Monday-Saturdays 10am-6pm, Closed Sundays. (417) 831-1342

13 Equality Healthcare, 420 W. College, Ste. 100, is closed for FFAW but call to make an appointment to view their featured artist, J. Kent Martin. equality.healthcare.com (417) 633-7020

14 MSU’s Robert and Margaret Carolla Arts Exhibition Center, 326 N. Boonville, open 6-9pm for FFAW. Open regularly Mon-Fri 11am-6pm and Sat 12-4pm (417) 836-6999 or sec.missouristate.edu

15 Fresh Gallery, 401 N. Boonville, open 6-9pm for FFAW. Fresh is a co-op gallery home to over 20 juried artists working in a variety of media. Open regularly Tues-Sat 11am-5pm. freshgallery.org, (417) 862-9300

16 MSU’s Brick City Gallery, 215 W. Mill. Open 6-9 pm for FFAW. Open regularly Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, and Sat from 12-4pm. (417) 836-6794 art.missouristate.edu/

17 Obelisk Home, 214 W. Phelps Ste 101, open 6-10pm for FFAW. Art gallery, retail store, and interior design! Three levels to explore. Open regularly Tues-Fri 10am-6pm & Sat 10am-5pm. obeliskhome.com (417) 616-6488

18 Springfield Vineyard Church, 634 W. Wall St., will be open 6-9pm for FFAW. Open at 10:30am on Sunday for services. (417) 894-4159 springfieldvineyard.org

19 Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Parkway, closed for FFAW. Open regularly Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. springfieldarts.org, (417) 862-ARTS (2787)

20 Drury Pool Art Center, 940 N. Clay St. will be open 5-8pm for FFAW. Open regularly MTWF 9am-5pm, Thurs 9am-7pm. (417) 873-6337.

21 Hold Fast Brewing, 225 N. Kimbrough Ave., open for FFAW 12pm-11pm. Open regularly Mon-Thurs 3-9pm, Fri-Sat 12-11pm and Sun from 11am-7pm. hfbrewing.com (417) 761-2318.

22 OTC Fine Arts, 1001 E. Chestnut Expwy, FFAW Sponsor open 6-8pm for FFAW. otc.edu/finearts (417) 447-8975

S3 Harbell’s Bar and Grille, 315 Park Central West, open for FFAW 11am-12am. Food, drink, sports, and a great spot to refresh on Art Walk! Open regularly Tues 11am-10pm, Wed-Thur 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12am, Sun 11am-9pm. (417) 862-0477.

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NEWEST ART WALK SPONSOR: J.L. LONG TRADERS

J.L. Long Traders is owned and operated by sisters, Kaleen Long and Kelle Rathe. Their shop at 318 W. Walnut draws on their family heritage as it stands where their great-great-grandfather operated J.L. Long and Sons Furniture Co., established in 1903. They offer unique items ranging from paper products to vintage furniture in “micro-batches”, small supplies of items the sisters have either found and fixed up, sourced from small businesses, or work by local craftsman such as marble and bronze artist Bruce Burnaugh, neon artist Joe Arens, and more. Check them out during FFAW open 6-9pm!* photo credit SBJ, Heather Mosely

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Join Artistic Photography and Tristan’s Hope Foundation for their May Project bringing awareness to mental health with local, brave souls who are sharing their stories through imagery and art in hopes to break the stigma that accompanies mental illness. Open 5-30-8:30pm for FFAW.
The Creamery will not be open for FFAW with ArtFest the following Saturday-Sunday May 7-8th. However, join them for the festival 10am-5pm with 90 artist vendors, live performances, and more! A dozen artists will be painting live at the event with their completed artworks being brought back to the Creamery Arts Center for exhibition following the weekend’s event.

**KOKORO FEATURES ERIN SEDRA**

Kokoro Training Academy will be open 5:30-8:30pm with Erin Sedra’s “The Evolution of an Idea”. Erin is a current Missouri State MFA candidate and will be showcasing all her experimental and exploratory work such as sketchbook pages, watercolor studies, and maquettes that have all lead up to her main piece in the semester Alternative Syntax which will simultaneously be featured at the Springfield Art Museum.

**FORMED FEATURES ANGELA DELMEZ**

Formed: An Artist Collective is proud to feature local painter, Angela Delmez. Angela is a lifelong resident of SWMO, wife, and mother to five children. Stop in for FFAW 6-9pm to view her work, speak with their artists, and enjoy live music by The Fractions.

**MSU HOSTS BFA SENIOR EXHIBITIONS**

Brick City Gallery will host the BFA in Art Senior Exhibition, and Carolla Arts Exhibition Center will host BFA in Design Exhibition for May’s FFAW. These exhibitions showcase the work of graduating seniors in the BFA Art and Design programs. Celebrate their hard work 6-9pm. Featured art by Alexis Griner.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AT PARK CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Park Central Branch Library is featuring Elaine Miller’s photography showcase, “Summer Essence”, for May's First Friday. The library will be open from 10am-6pm and will reopen from 6:30-9pm for the Walk. At 7pm, Andrew Mann will give an Art Talk presenting the basics of Astrophotography. Come view Elaine’s work and learn how to capture the night sky from Andrew!

**FRESH FEATURES REBECCA LEWIS SMITH**

Join Fresh Gallery for FFAW from 6-9pm. Meet their featured artist Rebecca Lewis Smith, listen to classical music played by Scott Hepper, and have your portrait drawn by artist Cory Naden. Just in time for Mother’s Day! Fresh Gallery is located just north of the square at the corner of Boonville and Mill.

**ARTSFEST ON HISTORIC WALNUT STREET**

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