

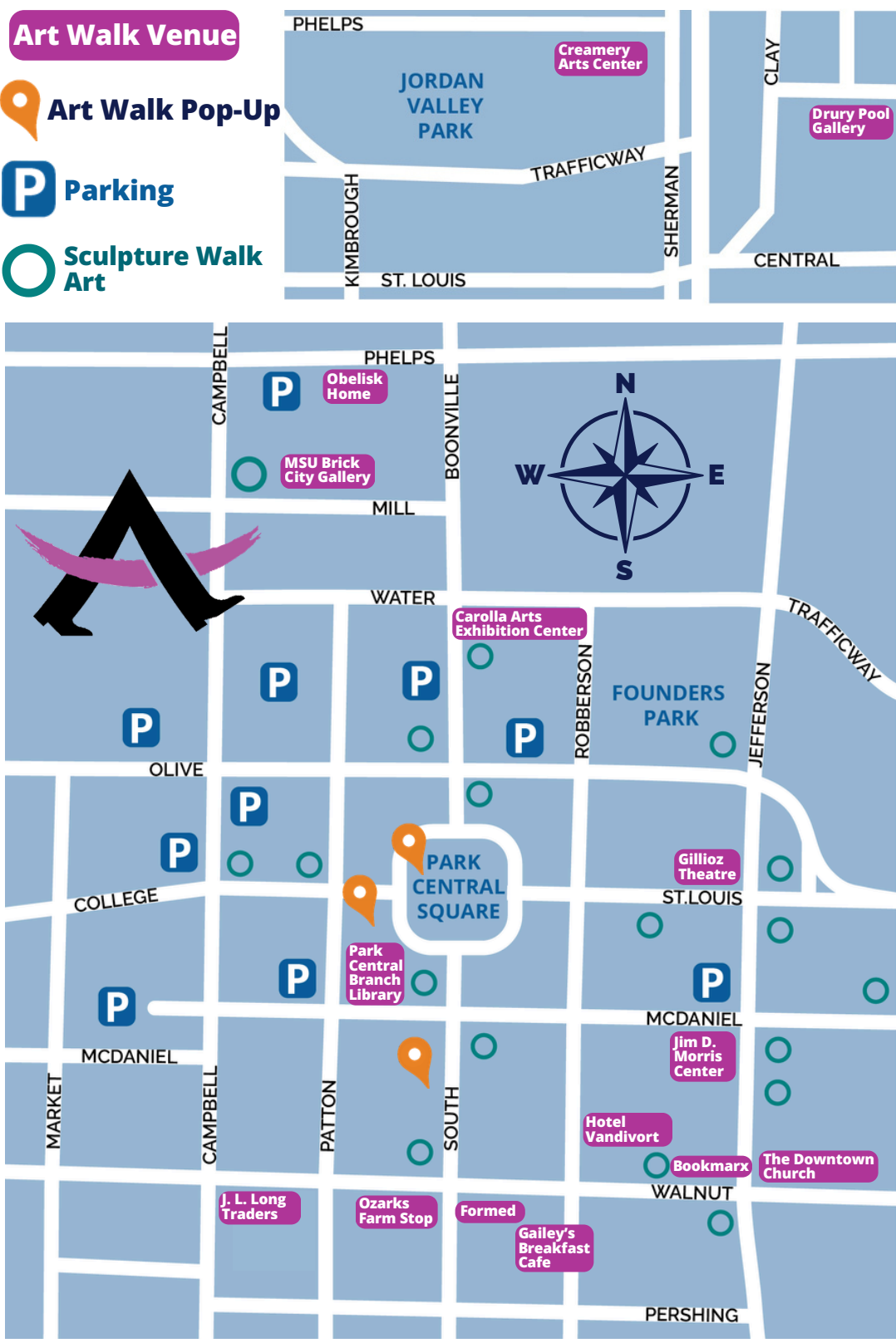
Downtown Springfield Map

Art Walk Venue

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Sculpture Walk Art



 Sculpture Walk Springfield features sculptures by local, national, and international artists throughout downtown Springfield. Their 11th annual collection of sculptures is currently on display until April 2027.

October's First Friday Art Walk will occur on October 2. Venues are open variable hours until 10 pm for the First Friday event or catch them throughout the month during their regular hours.

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 First Friday Art Walk
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Springfield Regional Arts Council Presents FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK October 2026




The Downtown Springfield Association is introducing **Art Pop-Ups** in vacant spaces throughout the Downtown area for First Friday Art Walk!
These three locations will feature artists and/or live music during October First Friday Art Walk:

-  **The Downtown Square** will be featuring music by a **live DJ**, accompanied by **live art** from **Gray d'Eon** near the stage to complement the set.
-  **134 Park Central Square** located on the ground floor of the Woolworth Building will be featuring live art by **Carrie Colvin** and **Danelle Pantleo**, as well as **live music** by **Lauren Slater**.
-  **313 South Avenue** (across from Ernie Biggs) will be featuring live music by **Cindy Edwards**. Featured artists include **Gray d'Eon**, **Dean Ertel**, **Sabrina Perry**, and **Madeline Smith**.

Park Central Branch Library - Hailey Paige



J.L. Long Traders - Lone Wear
Katie Hopkins



Book Marx - Hannah Duckworth



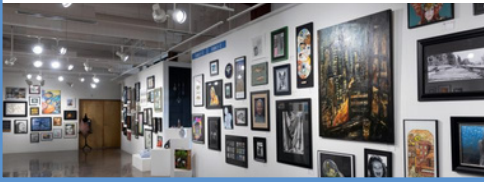
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October Venues

Brick City Gallery

Stop by **Brick City Gallery** to see the **Professional Poster Exhibition**, open October 2nd for first Friday Art Walk from **6 - 9 p.m.**



The Downtown Church



The **Downtown Church** will have a jazz band playing from **6PM** until sunset. Stop by on your walk!

First & Calvary Presbyterian Church

Join **First & Calvary** for **Autumn Under the Bell Tower**—experience locally made baked goods and culinary arts with live jazz music. Enjoy the evening outdoors, tucked into the gothic-style architecture beneath the bell tower from **6-8 p.m.**



J. L. Long Traders

J.L. Long Traders will feature new Halloween and everyday clothing from **Lone Wear x Katie Hopkins**. One of a kind hand painted items and most pieces are machine washable! They will be open for the Art Walk **10am - 9pm**.



Bookmarx



Bookmarx will be featuring artist **Hannah Duckworth** and their show **Situations** for First Friday in October. This series started as an exercise to challenging technical skills. In following their creative intuition, playful and vulnerable childhood elements started to come together with the transparent and reflective items. Together they create an underlying sense of unease and danger. Hannah hopes viewers feel uncomfortably amused by the end results!

Formed Gallery



Join **Formed** First Friday to celebrate our Featured Artist **Mindy Tillery**. Come explore a fresh collection of works bursting with color, charm, and story. Enjoy

refreshments, live music, and meet their artists for First Friday Art Walk from **6-9 pm**. **Live Music** by **Tony Menown** from **6:30-8:30 pm**. **Forming Art Studios** will also be open from **6:30-8:30 PM**! Tour the studios, meet the artists, and learn more about our creative space. Live Astrology readings by Misty Lane. Artists will be on hand to show you around and share insights into their work.

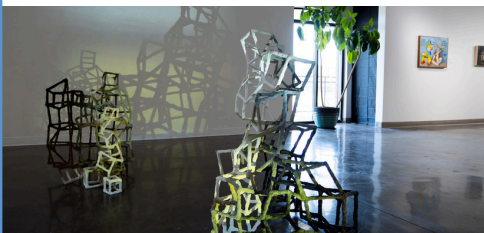
MSU Jim D. Morris Center



October's Art Walk: **Echoes of Woodblock – The Art of Đông Hồ**. The Jim D. Morris Center will be open from **5-7 p.m.** Discover Dong Ho, a centuries-old Vietnamese folk art hand-printed on shimmering “giấy điệp” paper. Now recognized by UNESCO as heritage worth protecting.

Carolla Arts Exhibition Center

The **Biennial Faculty Exhibition** showcases the creative work of our department's faculty who exhibit nationally and internationally and represents work from all studio areas within the department. Open for First Friday Art Walk from **6:00-9:00 pm**.



Gailey's Breakfast Cafe



Gailey's Breakfast Cafe is a popular, nostalgic eatery whipping up traditional American breakfast grub in straightforward digs. Check it out during October's FFAW open till 9 pm, featuring local artists from the **Southwest Missouri Visual Artists Collective**. Explore a variety of artwork, including photography, acrylics, watercolor, decoupage, and everything in between. They're **open until 9 p.m.**, so stop in, enjoy the art, and grab a bite or drink. Come early for **Happy Hour from 2-6 p.m.**

Obelisk Home

Join **Obelisk Home** on First Friday, October 2nd from **6-10 p.m.** for the opening reception of **Scapes 2.0** by **Rebecca Lewis Smith** in the Main Gallery. "My intention is for my work to portray an energetic and natural flow of paint that creates a setting or escape within which one can contemplate that compositional puzzle along with the rhythm and mood created within its frame." In the Lower Level Gallery, explore artwork featured from the annual Garden Party event.



The Creamery Arts Center



The **Springfield Regional Arts Council** and show sponsor, **Brewer Science**, are proud to collaborate on **Pure Enjoyment**, a juried art exhibit honoring the curiosity, creativity, & radiance of the natural world! The opening reception for **Pure Enjoyment** will be on **October 2** at **The Creamery Arts Center**, from **5-7 pm**.

The Gillioz Theatre

Step into a spooky, fun-filled night at the historic **Gillioz Theatre**! Start in the hazy lobby and collect goodies at our trunk-or-treat-style tables, your free spooky bag awaits at entry. Then head up to **The Gallery** to explore resident company exhibits and enjoy a themed drink from the Gallery bar. **Live music from MOJO** will set the mood from **6:30 PM – 8:45 PM**!



Ozarks Farm Stop



This First Friday, **ArtPort at Ozarks Farm Stop** is proud to make **Mosaic Arts Collective** our **Toast of the Town**, celebrating an organization working to make the arts more representative, accessible, and welcoming across our community. Their work and artists will be featured in **ArtPort**, with Ozarks Farm Stop artist/vendor **Caryn McAdoo** joining the evening as a collaborating artist showcasing her handcrafted mosaic jewelry. Come explore the art, meet the artists, shop local, and help us raise a **Toast of the Town to Mosaic Arts Collective** and the community they are helping create.

Drury Pool Arts Center Gallery

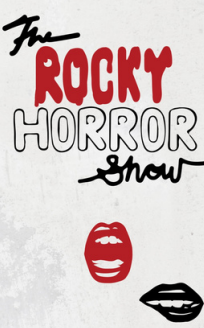


Drury Pool Art Center Gallery is open for First Friday Art Walk in September. Featuring work from **GIGI SALIJ** with the collection titled **"The Girlie Show"** Join us for the opening Reception during FFAW on October 2, from **5-8 pm** with an Artist Talk happening at **5:30pm**.

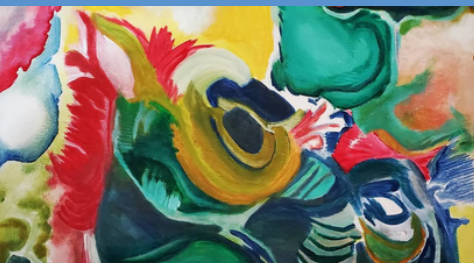
Hotel Vandivort

Hotel Vandivort welcomes **High Tide Theatrical** to the Historic Lobby for a special preview of **Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show**.

As part of First Friday Art Walk, a small cast from High Tide's 2026 production will perform select songs from the cult-classic rock musical inside the Historic Lobby of Hotel Vandivort. Known for its rock-and-roll soundtrack, over-the-top characters, and unapologetic theatricality, **The Rocky Horror Show** follows newly engaged Brad and Janet as one wrong turn leads them into the strange and extravagant world of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. Join us beginning at 4:00 PM in Hotel Vandivort's Historic Lobby to catch a live performance and get a preview of High Tide Theatrical's Halloween-season production.



Park Central Branch Library



The **Park Central Branch Library** will be open from **6:30-9:00 p.m.** for October's FFAW. Artist **Hailey Paige** will exhibit her journey of painting over the last 20 years. October 2nd will also be the closing reception of the **Andean Textiles**, curated by Missouri State University **Dr. Billie Follensbee**.



Bookmarx
325 E Walnut St
Mon-Sat 10:30-7, Sun 10:30-3



Brick City Gallery
215 W. Mill
Open 6-9 pm for FFAW.



Robert and Margaret Carolla Arts Exhibition Center
326 N. Boonville
Open 6-9 pm for FFAW.



The Creamery Arts Center
411 N. Sherman Parkway
Open 5-7 pm for FFAW.



The Downtown Church
413 E. Walnut St
FFAW Hours: 6 pm-9 pm



Drury Pool Art Center
940 N. Clay St.
Open 5-8 pm for FFAW.



First & Calvary Presbyterian Church
820 E Cherry St
Open for FFAW 6-9 pm.



Formed: An Artist Collective
318 W Walnut St
Open for FFAW 6-9 pm.



Gailey's Breakfast Cafe
220 E. Walnut St.
Open for FFAW til 9pm



Gillioz Theatre
325 Park Central E
Open for FFAW 6-9 pm.



Hotel Vandivort
305 E. Walnut
Open 4:30-9 pm for FFAW



J.L. Long Traders
318 W Walnut St
Open for FFAW 10am-9pm



MSU Jim D. Morris Center
301 S Jefferson Ave
Open for FFAW 5-7PM



Obelisk Home
214 W. Phelps Ste 101
Open 6-10 pm for FFAW



Ozarks Farm Stop
401 South Ave A-100
Open until 8 pm for FFAW.



Park Central Branch Library
128 Park Central Square
Open 6:30-9pm for FFAW

First Friday Art Walk on Commercial Street

Brought to you by Springfield Regional Arts Council and Downtown Springfield Association

C-Street Gallery



Waxing Lyrical brings together a group of encaustic artists who share a common medium while approaching it through distinctly individual voices. Layer by layer, each artist explores the expressive possibilities of wax—combining color, texture, pattern, imagery, and embedded materials to create work that ranges from quiet and contemplative to bold and visceral. Like poetry, these pieces communicate through rhythm, repetition, fragments, and suggestion. Some evoke natural formations, botanical structures, or weathered surfaces; others draw upon textiles, personal history, geometry, and abstraction. Together, they reveal the remarkable versatility of encaustic and the many ways a single medium can hold memory, emotion, material, and meaning.

Waxing Lyrical is a conversation among artists—connected by process, yet unmistakably individual in expression.



Commercial Club



Commercial Club of Springfield kicks off the **Scarecrow Challenge**. A C-Street Stroll on Friday, October 2 at 5:30 at Commercial Club of Springfield. Custom Scarecrows all up and down the 6-block district will begin to be seen starting First Friday in October, assuring there will be no crows in sight during the entire month.

There will be a \$50 prize in 8 categories, (MOST: Scary, Creative, Funky, Historic, Diverse, Cultural, Dapper and Silly) judged by a panel of 9, with winners announced in late October or early November. Community members are invited to team up with a merchant or resident on Historic C-Street if they'd like to get some "Scarecrow Skin" in the game and compete for those cash prizes!

For more info or to participate: admin@historicCstreet.com

Historic Firehouse



The Graphic Exhibition at **Historic Firehouse No2** is called **"Graffiti Goes Off The Rails"**, featuring graffiti prints from around the world by **Collette**, that will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefitting the **Commercial Club of Springfield**, in order to support their long history of efforts that support Culture, Community and Creativity Uptown on Historic C-Street. There will also be Vintage C-Street Tees, *Footbridge Pavers and various C-Street memorabilia and collectibles for sale to benefit Commercial Club. Weather permitting, seating to view the **"Traveling Graffiti Gallery"** will also be available as will non-alcoholic curated cocktails by **Functional Alchemy**.

*Footbridge Paver sales, less cost and handling fee, will be deposited in the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Fund at Community Foundation. All are encouraged to make their tax-deductible donations to this Footbridge maintenance fund to insure this grand lady sees yet another century!

Oktoberfest Biergarten



Oktoberfest Biergarten is a collaboration between **Eurasia Coffee Co** and **Mumbles/Springfield BrewCo**, at **430 E. Commercial St**! They will be displaying historical photos of Commercial St and have **live music**. **Oktoberfest Biergarten** will be operating **Sept 25-October 31st**.

Eurasia Coffee Co

Eurasia Coffee Co will be open until **8PM** for this First Friday Art Walk, featuring art by **Rusty Lindsey**.

They will also be featuring their seasonal pumpkin affogato!



The Coven Collective



The artist **The Coven Collective** has chosen for the October FFAW is **Nathen A. Curry**. We look forward to being his first art show and welcoming him into the art community! Open on Friday from **5- 8 pm**.

The GLO Center

GLO will be featuring the artwork on display from **JOMO Pride** as a part of the **Queer Art Roadshow**, and they will have Game Night happening in the Center that patrons are welcome to join. **GLO** will reopen at **5 pm** and remain open until **9 pm**; Game Night is from **7-9 pm**.



Flora & Forge



Flora and Forge will be open **10AM-8PM** on First Friday. **Jennifer Rose Wolken** (she/her) is an interdisciplinary artist and designer. A native of the Missouri Ozarks region, she received her MFA in visual studies from Missouri State University. Jennifer's line of functional sketchbooks and journals are inspired by a love of craftsmanship from centuries past, the beauty of materials, and a lifelong habit of keeping a sketchbook. Her current body of sculptural work is inspired by her own challenges coping with chronic illness, as well as themes of renewal, recycling, and community connection.

These sculptural artist's books have shown in international juried shows in San Francisco, Chicago, New Orleans, Minneapolis, and Pennsylvania. They have also been acquired by several private collectors including university libraries.

During Artwalk Jennifer will be demonstrating and talking about her favorite book binding method, the long stitch, that she uses to make all of her functional journals and sketchbooks. She will also have a variety of journals, sketchbooks, and small sculptures available for purchase.

Upside Down Mercantile



Upside Down Mercantile is a retail development project of **Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks**. Located on Historic C-Street in Springfield, Missouri, their product lines are developed, branded, and sold by individuals with Down syndrome and their families. **Upside Down Mercantile** will be open from **5:00-8:00 PM** on First Friday featuring work from artists **Serah Jeppsen** of **Serah's Rainbow**, **Gracie Fesler** of **Mae Mae**, and **Annalynn's Mandalas**.





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C-Art Gallery
208 & 212 E. Commercial St
Open 5-8 pm for FFAW.



Commercial Club
299 E Commercial St
Starts at 5:30



Eurasia Coffee Co
445 E Commercial St
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Map showing the route of the First Friday Art Walk on Commercial Street, with various venues marked along the street from Campbell to Washington.

VENUES MARKED ON MAP:

- Flora & Forge
- Upside Down Mercantile
- C-Street Art Gallery
- The Coven Collective
- Historic Firehouse
- Commercial Club
- Eurasia Coffee Co
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- The GLO Center