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SATURDAY, APRIL 20 · 4-9 PM

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***WELCOME TO SPRING ARTSCENE ROCKFORD
RESIDENTS AND VALUED VISITORS!***

Spring ArtScene 2024 is April 19th & 20th

Friday 5-9 p.m. Saturday 4-9 p.m.

All venues have ArtScene booklets that contain venue locations + artist information; additionally, all booklet information is hosted on our website: artsforeveryone.com/artscene or scan the QR code on this page.



Scan to view the
digital booklet

ArtScene is a biannual gallery walk, hosted by the Rockford Area Arts Council, featuring new and established artists of the Rockford Region. Visitors to ArtScene are welcome at any of the venues listed in this booklet—there is no admission fee, and all are welcome.

ArtScene offers a wide variety of art for purchase including paintings, sculpture, prints, photography, jewelry, quilts + fiber art, and more! Artists are available for conversation—sharing their unique approach and inspiration for their work. Surrounding restaurants and shops are open for your retail enjoyment and hunger solutions!

ArtScene has been a tradition since 1987. Enjoy!

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HOME

124 N Main Steet

ARTIST: Kelvin Candie II

Home is an art collection by Kelvin Candie that explores what the term HOME means to different people. To explore this idea and bring it to life, Kelvin Candie has chosen to not only collaborate with fellow Rockfordians but also people from different countries to emphasize that this planet is home to us all. None above the other.

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304 N. MAIN ST &

WORKS FROM THE MIND

304 N Main St

ARTISTS: Annealing One, Jill Martin-Golden, Chuck Gregory, Timothy Griffith, Cora Hutchison, Kathy Justis, Joanne Maggio, Leslie Maggio, Paula Marsh, John Naretta, Sandy Reavis, Beth Wemmer, John Wemmer.

Another great collection from our artists this spring. 304 N. Main St, which will host our work, is a magnificent old building originally housing the American Insurance Company and later becoming the Pioneer Life Building. The second floor will feature our art works. Enter on the Jefferson St side of the building. An elevator is available for use to the second floor.

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THE 662 COLLECTIVE ART GALLERY & EVENT SPACE (partial ADA)

GRAND OPENING

317 Market St.

ARTISTS: Bret Whitacre, Listo, Rachel Bonaquisti, Kelvin Candy and Kathy Justis on Display. Live Art by Listo, Chris Geebus & Special Guests. Music by DJ Billi Hendrixx.

Cozy Tufts "Rockford" logo by Vic Monsta custom rug raffle. Live Art by Listo, Chris Geebus and Others. Live Art "Painting of the Photobooths" Surprise Vendors. Vintage & Vinyl Sale / Select Wellness Products on Sale.



ABREO (*partial ADA*)
I DON'T WANT A NAME
515 E State St.

ARTIST: George Sletten

A million Bajillion quadrillion little people on one piece of paper.



AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL &
6870 Rote Rd.

ARTISTS: Carly Rose, Cindy Linnaberry, Drew Eurek, Fatherless, Helen Linden, Jeremy Klonicki, Jim Reginer, Joe Williams, John Lamar, Karen Gines, Kate May Fitch, Kenzie Zeller, Molly Carter, Nancie King Mertz, Sue Abare, Sue Wild, Therese Rowinski, Tom Holoubek, Tom Linden, Zizi Altamore

A vibrant and diverse collection of art. Come celebrate Spring!



ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS &
POSITIVE DISTRACTIONS
318 Spring Creek Rd.

ARTISTS: Jeremy Klonicki, Tim Hawley, Scott Long, and John Verl McNamara

An outdoor installation of artwork created by regional artists Jeremy Klonicki, Tim Hawley, Scott Long, and John Verl McNamara creates an experience of Positive Distractions in the Garden. Positive Distractions help us peel away preoccupations, finding our way to experience our environment in open and receptive ways.

April 19 & 20, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (last entry 7:45 PM).

Admission is free during ArtScene event hours. Regular admission rates apply before 4:00 PM.

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ARTDETRIUMPH *(partial ADA)*
NEW WORK OF ROCKFORD & THE US
905 Ridgewood Rd.

ARTIST: Nancie King Mertz

“Original Oil & Pastel Paintings hung salon-style throughout this historic Barloga home/gallery/frameshop/learning center.

Guests are treated to refreshments while exploring the art from basement to attic!”

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BENNIE'S CLEANERS &
IMMACULATE MISCONCEPTION
126 N 1st St.

ARTISTS: Rudy Galindo, Drew Eurek, Marsha Goodheart, Norm Knott, Manny Tang, Mic Steede, Tom Linden, Karl Jahnke, Scott Mount, Sue Mount, Rachel Bonacquisti, Rico Alvarado, Susan Berry, Jeff Ward, Myles Ward, Greg Lamont, Barry Dock, Jaymes Fedor, Kurt Schabell, Daniel Burks, Pam Palmer, Mario Duarte, Nicole Wendt, Kathryn Robert, Javi Azuna, Melinda Cook, Lucian Krow, Sheila Hecox, Karen Arthurs, Hellen Linden, Ingrid Hyde, Julianna Choe, Natile Laue, Michaela Foreman

A cross medium, diverse, eclectic offering of artists and images. From 2d to 3d, poetry to performance, Bennies continues to expand its breathe of work and provide a little bit of something for everyone, To be as inclusive, not in our rhetoric but in our actions.



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
NORTHERN ILLINOIS &
VIVID VOICES**

946 N Second St.

ARTISTS: Participants in the “Project Art” program, offered by The Arc of Winnebago, Boone, & Ogle Counties. All artists are adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Vivid Voices is an exciting exhibition featuring work from The Arc of Winnebago, Boone, & Ogle Counties “Project Art” program, drawing inspiration from Pop Art’s vibrant aesthetic. The collection is full of bold color and diverse compositions, as well as an array of other creations from intricate sculptural to beaded artworks.

This venue will close at 8:00pm each evening. Artwork is for sale with proceeds benefiting the artists as well as The Arc’s “Project Art” program.



**DISTRICT BAR AND GRILL & RKFD/CO &
SPRING ART SCENE DAZED
& CONFUSED ART SHOW**

205 West State St.

ARTISTS: Alvarado Sauce, Art By Tempest, Balta Ramirez, Brett Whitacre, Kelvin Candie, Nancy Villa, Melinda Cook

Immerse yourself in a psychedelic display of creativity and expression. Let’s celebrate Art, Music, and Good Vibes together in a truly unique way.

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**GUYSIE JENKINS COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER &**

SOUTHSIDESCENE 2024

911 Michigan Ave.

With a gift card giveaway, music, art and heart resources, SouthsideScene is a must-see stop during ArtScene Spring 2024! This event will be held right across the street from Providence Baptist Church at the new Guysie Jenkins Community Resource Center on Michigan Ave. Saturday, 4/20 From 4-7 PM

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IMPROVED COMFORT

EVERYONE DESERVES HEALTHY AIR

103 Hall St.

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INSCAPE COLLECTIVE *(partial ADA)*

SPRING INTO ART

201 7th St.

ARTISTS: Inscape Collective artists are springing into art! Our exhibitors: Barbara Berney jewelry/glassware/digital collage; Aaron Carlin, woodworking; Dustin Damiani, collage/notecards; Julie Kennelly, painting/notecards; Nancy O'Neil, ceramics; Phyllis Peterson, jewelry/books; Jeremy Robey, crocheted plushies; Nadja Schutt, painting.

Inscape Collective is a unique social enterprise. Our retail shop/gallery sells products from a range of diverse, primarily local, artists, artisans and entrepreneurs. Proceeds from our sales go toward subsidizing a wide spectrum of self-development programming accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status. Inscape will be open from 5-9 on Friday, Saturday from 11-9.

We offer our community room as a space to gather for meetings, programs, classes, and selected events such as ArtScene, with an emphasis on self-expression and development.

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**JUJU REY'S ART CLUBHOUSE &
BLOOMS AND BRUSHSTROKES:
EXPLORING FLORAL, ABSTRACT,
AND PORTRAITS**

324 E State St.

ARTISTS: Judith Goudy and Daphne McDowell

Discover an exquisite collection of floral art, portraiture, and abstract art. Each painting is a captivating masterpiece, showcasing abstract blooms, delicate brushstrokes, and more. The gallery is alive with the beauty of nature, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in each painting.

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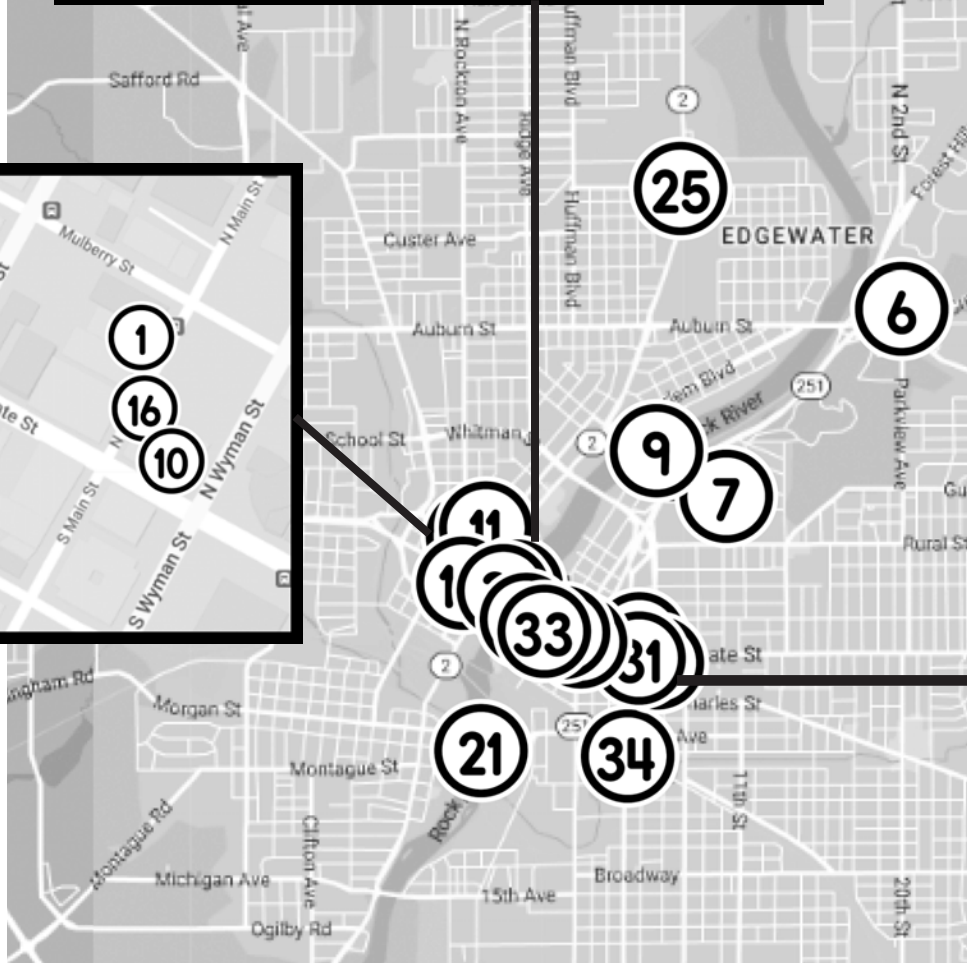
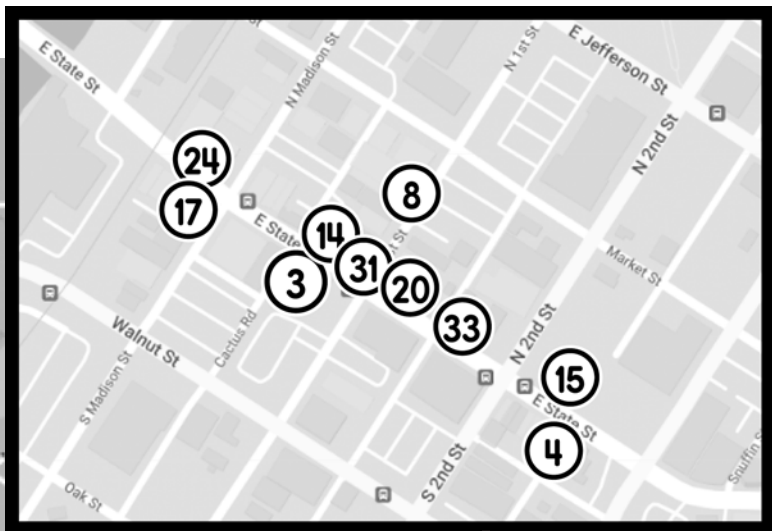
**KITH AND KIN ART COLLECTIVE
GROOVES**

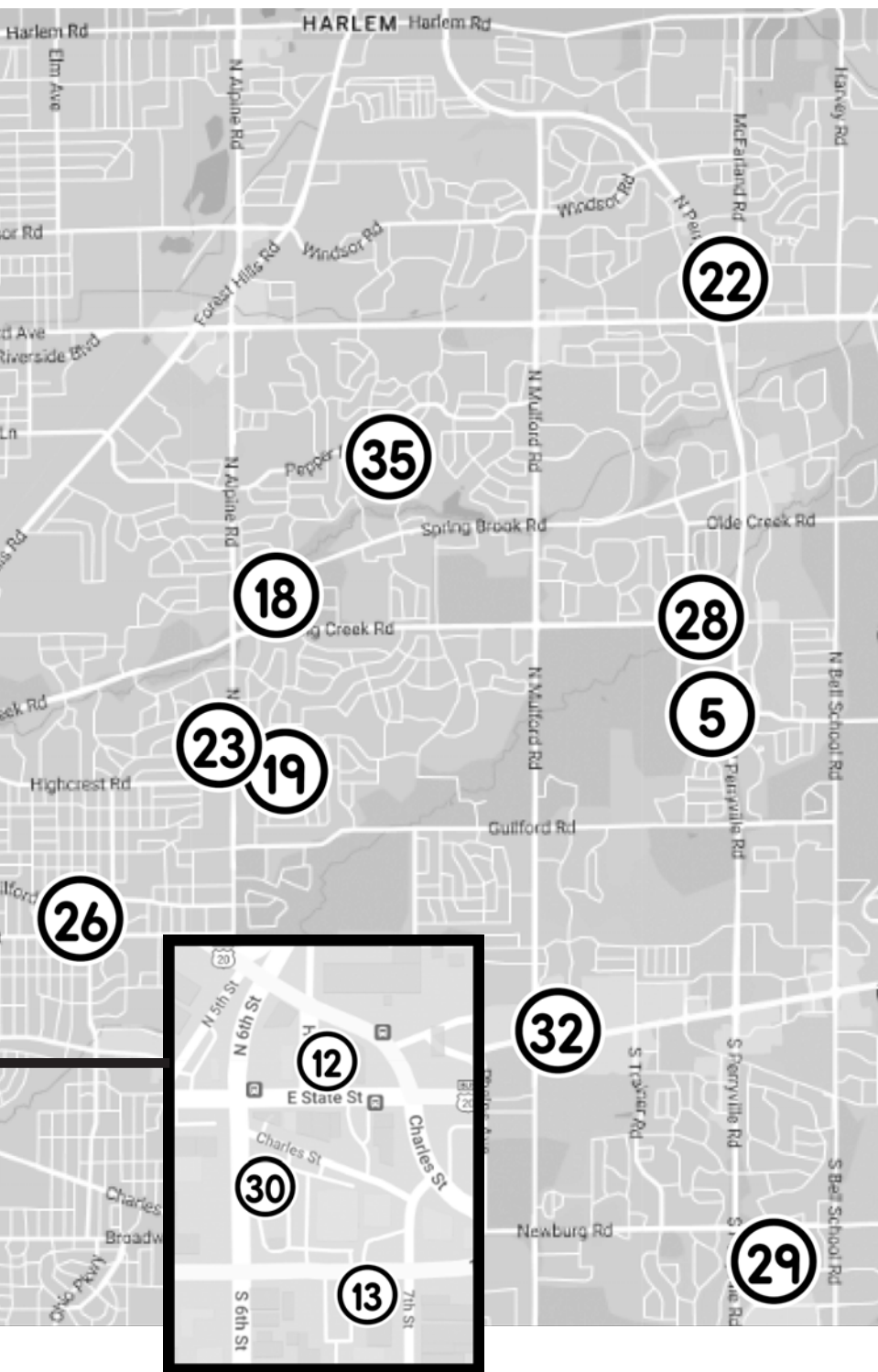
510 E State St.

ARTISTS: Jessica Quam, Drew Eurek, Carrie Johnson, Bret Whitacre, Val Olafson, Drew Helge and Pablo Korona

Get ready to step back in time with “grooves,” an electrifying exhibit which will transport you to an era filled with funky beats, vibrant colors, and boundless creativity. Step into our immersive gallery space and prepare to be captivated by an array of artworks that pay homage to the iconic 1970s aesthetic.

From psychedelic paintings to retro-inspired sculptures, each piece is a testament to the boundless imagination of our collective. During Grooves the unveiling of seven stunning collaboration pieces inspired by Polaroids from the 70s, created by artists Drew Eurek and Jessica Quam. These unique artworks blend nostalgia with contemporary flair, offering a fresh perspective on a timeless era.





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**KORTMAN GALLERY @ J.R. KORTMAN
CENTER FOR DESIGN** *(partial ADA)*

JOHN'S BIRDS

107 N Main St.

ARTIST: John Bell

John Bell takes found objects from nature to create sculptural representations of birds. His natural materials include driftwood, fossils, tree branches and other intriguing earthly finds. He manipulates nature to create art that whimsically mimics nature!

John Bell is a Rockford native now living with his wife Ali in St. Paul, Minnesota

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**LIMAMAR RESTAURANT AND
COCKTAIL BAR** &

221 E State St.

ARTISTS: Rudy Guliano and Nancie King Mertz

Impressionist and abstract.

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LUCHA CANTINA &

641 N Alpine Rd.

ARTISTS: Carly Marinaro and Jenny Matthews

A sensory celebration that engages the eyes as well as the taste buds.

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THE LAURENT HOUSE &

4646 Spring Brook Rd.

ARTISTS: Ellen Austin (local photographer), Paul Eshelman (potter), Jonathan Leck (Frank Lloyd Wright master craftsmen/woodworker and artist from St. Paul, MN), Kari McDonald/Lemuette Prints, Sarah Reed McNamara, Chase Melendez (abstract painter), Terry Poffinbarger (copper metalsmith)

The Laurent House will be open for tours by donation and we are hosting the above artists at our visitor center.

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MAZE BOOKS ♿
ART ZINE FOR ART SCENE
406 E State St.

ARTIST: John Porcellino

This Spring Art Scene, Maze Books is proud to host cartoonist and indie comic book artist John Porcellino. John will give a presentation on his past and current work on Friday 4/19 (6pm) and will conduct a public zine workshop on Saturday, 4/20 (3pm).

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THE MCPHERSON (partial ADA)
HIGH MAGICK
1210 Buchanan St.

ARTISTS: Angeles Meyers, Armoire Of Venus, Art By Colleen, Ashanti Assata Art, Bryan Douglas, David Margolis Photography, Down to Earth Pottery, Dustin Damiani, Dylan Rose, Hardrick Gulley, Jason Gough, Jess Alessandra, Joe Bruce, Kate Mayo, Kelly McKee, Lincoln Ash, Lyric Ellis, Monica's Creationz, Oddities of Jade Rose, Opal Soul, Sandy Reavis, Teresa Arenas, Violet Alana Munoz, and Wild Wire Press.

High Magick invites you through the doors of perception, on a stroll through the eccentric corridors of the artistic mind. The multimodal pieces featured in this show dabble in themes of spiritual awakening, the maddening quest to understand the esoteric, and our interconnectedness in both life and death.

Open at 12pm Saturday for Record Store Day. Live Music by: Disco Demolition, Gavin Akerman, Jeremy Akerman, Adrian Brunett and Verónica Soria Martínez. Saturday 9pm Performance by Fuzzy Kitty Tarot Reading by: Lyric Ellis



MILESTONE &
WINDS OF SPRING

4060 McFarland Rd. - Loves Park

ARTISTS: Chelsea Baker, Chris Coletta, Brandon Ketchum, Jonathon Louch, Charlie Meyers, Justin Norman, Shelley Putnam, Mike Rizzo, Taris Schott, Angel Stinnett, and other artists from Milestone Industries' Day Training.

The Milestone Artists are an enthusiastic group of individuals of varying abilities that attend a weekly art class with Angela Scordato, a professional artist from Roscoe Illinois. Defying traditional art, the artist's contemporary art includes a diverse variety of mediums, with an eclectic style like no other.

Milestone's Mission - "Everyone has the right to be treated with respect, to participate in community life, to develop and exercise personal competence, to have family and friends, and to make decisions in their lives."

Milestone, Inc. exists to ensure that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities can exercise those same rights.



MT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH &
A MIXED MEDIA EXTRAVAGANZA

2001 N Alpine Rd.

ARTISTS: Rockford Lutheran Art Club students 6th-12th Grade Art Guild Members

This exhibit will include: Prints, ceramics, Jewelry, laser cut items, sculptures, drawings, 3-D Printed Items, misc. crafts, and even fishing lures airbrushed by the students, and more.

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THE MUSIC BOX ♿
DEAR HEMISPHERE
218 E State St.

ARTIST: Jeremy Klonicki

A look at the invisible lines in space that connect all living things through pheromones, metempsychosis and brain to brain telepathies
This will also be a very soft opening for the new listening music lounge
The Music Box.

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THE OLYMPIC TAVERN ♿
SPRING ARTSCENE
@ THE OLYMPIC TAVERN
2327 N Main St.

ARTISTS: Ben Larson / Losing Skateboards, Rudy Galindo, Scott Wenstrom, John Messley

New paintings, screenprints, photographs, and custom skateboards from our favorite local artists.

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OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH ♿
SPRING ART SCENE AT OSLC
3300 Rural St.

ARTISTS: Rosemary Bieck, Joanne Hudson, Lynn Townsend, Pam Shaver, Robert Coleman, Deb Dobzien, Bob Halstrom, Sarah Kimball.

A collection of Visual and sculptural arts at OSLC.

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**ROCKFORD UNITED LABOR,
SECOND FLOOR &**

***PRACTICE: ROCKFORD ART EDUCATORS
STAFF SHOW***

212 S 1st St.

ARTISTS: Marco Basurto, Ben Borhart, Joy Bruno, Michael Cermak, Jasmine Chavez, William Haun, Brian Hierstein, Julie Hoyer, Lisa Jimenez, Jennifer Keener, Therese Moncelle, Jillian Myers, Heather Nicholls, Bailey Sullivan, Kyle Wolfe, Beth Wood

In this group exhibit, 16 Rockford art educators bridge the divide between art teacher and working artist by introducing their personal work to the community.

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SALT. &

6860 Spring Creek Rd.

ARTISTS: Carly Rose and more artists to be announced.

We will be showcasing the work of several local artists in our bar and restaurant space! Total local art takeover.

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**SANCTURY COLLECTIVE TATTOO AND
PIERCING STUDIO &**

***SANCTUARY COLLECTIVE
GRAND OPENIN***

7164 Cherryvale N Blvd Unit G

ARTISTS: Devin Hitch, Laz Eco, Dalton Thompkins, Ravyn, Haley Kruger, JR Broshous

Sanctuary Collective Tattoo and Piercing Grand Opening event doing tattoos and piercings along with a food truck in the parking lot.

Our space has a little over 2,000 square feet of wall space. We plan to run bi monthly art shows and events now that we are open! Sanctuary Collective Tattoo and Piercing Studio

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**SCAVENGED PARTS ANTIQUES &
ODDITIES &
ANATOMICAL ANOMALIES**

1001 Charles St.

ARTISTS: Tim Prince, Gregory DaBaere, Sarah Thistle, Bethany Baumann, Joey Krutza”

Bizarre displays of anatomy and natural history.

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**SRM PRINTS STUDIO AND GIFT SHOP &
SPRING ART SCENE AT SRM PRINTS -
PRINTMAKING, CERAMICS
+ HAPPY HAUS ART**

330 E State St.

ARTISTS: Sarah Reed McNamara (SRM Prints), Emily Rangel-Cascio, Alyssa Noonon, Nadja Schutt.

SRM Prints will have a full printmaking display, spanning over 10 years of her print design work - from linocut prints, textiles to letterpress prints. Nadja Schutt will be showing her Happy Haus paintings and Alyssa Noonon + Emily Rangel-Cascio will be showing their colorful, handmade ceramics along the back work counter.

NEW THIS YEAR - Artist talks will be Saturday April 20th from 1-4pm at the shop. This will be a chance to have Q+A with the artist to learn more about their work, process and inspirations.



TAD MORE TAILORING &
SOWING SEEDS OF SUSTAINABILITY
THROUGH CREATIVITY

6116 Mulford Village Dr.

ARTISTS: Elaine Pedersen, Tempest Jones & local artisans.

Art takes many forms- from gorgeous fabrics, artisan jewelry and beautiful artwork at Tad More Tailoring. One of our featured artists this spring is Elaine Pedersen, a local artist who creates vibrant one of a kind paintings. Her floral and colorful pieces express motion, passion and catharsis. Her fascination continues to grow as new life experiences and growth continue to be incorporated in her work. You can find Elaine's work at various locations like 317 Art Collaborative, Greenwich Art Fair and the Coronado Performing Arts Center.

We are also hosting one of our own fashion stylists, Tempest Jones. She is local artist who creates jewelry, resin pieces and paintings. Tempest will have her jewelry collection here in the boutique. She creates earrings with recycled materials and florals. You can find her at various art shows/markets in the Rockford area like the Female Energy show, Greenwich Art Fair, 317 Art Collaborative, RKFD/CO events and singing at Dominigos en el Parque. She is currently working on a mural at Half Baked Bar.

You can find a variety of artwork at Tad More Tailoring from local artists that weave together functionality, beauty and sustainability from wooden bow ties made by Chris Graceffa to jewelry and goods created from auto parts by abuse survivors in Detroit by Mend and beautifully curated planters. Come enjoy art and fashion in a beautiful environment. Amanda Johoen, our store manager, will also be doing on the spot visible mending, come see the magic of alterations in person!

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THE UNDERGROUND ART STUDIO

418 E State St.

ARTIST: Roni Golan

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THREE RAVENS POTTERY



POTTERY FOR THE PEOPLE

1009 5th Ave.

ARTISTS: Thomas Harrison- Potter, Emily Rangel-Cascio- Potter, Alyssa Noonan- Potter.

Three Ravens specializes in handmade and hand thrown pottery. Our work is made of stoneware and high fired to be used in every day life. We feature a new batch of work by our staff that includes: Mugs, dishes, lamps, ceramic jewelry, whiskey tumblers, cocktail glasses, shot glasses, wall pockets, and more!

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WOMANSPACE *(partial ADA)*

THE WHIMSICAL WORLD OF A WILL

3333 Maria Linden Dr.

ARTIST: James Will

Celebrate a lifetime of “Will family weirdness” at this posthumous art show of James Will. From gizmos to Geezors, there’s a little joy for everyone in these strange and fun creations.

CURRENT RAAC PROGRAMS



SUMMER PROGRAMS

www.artsforeveryone.com/programs/summer-programs

Registration is open!

SPARK! is the Rockford Area Arts Council's summer arts program that provides an intensive, hands-on, skill-building, apprenticeship program to youth who demonstrate an interest in the arts. Youth have the unique opportunity to work closely with local artist instructors in a variety of mediums.

Elementary Students

July 15-26, Monday-Friday, 9am-12:30pm

Middle & High School Students

August 5-16, Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

High School Students

June 17-July 5 (no camp July 4), Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm



ARTS & CULTURE DIRECTORY

artsforeveryone.com/artists

From musicians and poets to actors and painters, this directory provides a unique opportunity for community members – both established performers or up-and-coming talent – to connect in an enriching way that brings beauty into our lives! Cultural Plan



CULTURAL PLAN

www.artsforeveryone.com/cultural-plan

The Rockford Region Cultural Plan includes neighborhood asset mapping, an overall vision for our region's arts and culture community, and strategies for public art and increased access to arts and culture events, programs, and initiatives. The Rockford Region Cultural Plan will lay the foundation to develop priorities to support arts and culture in Rockford, while encouraging a sense of community among all who participate.