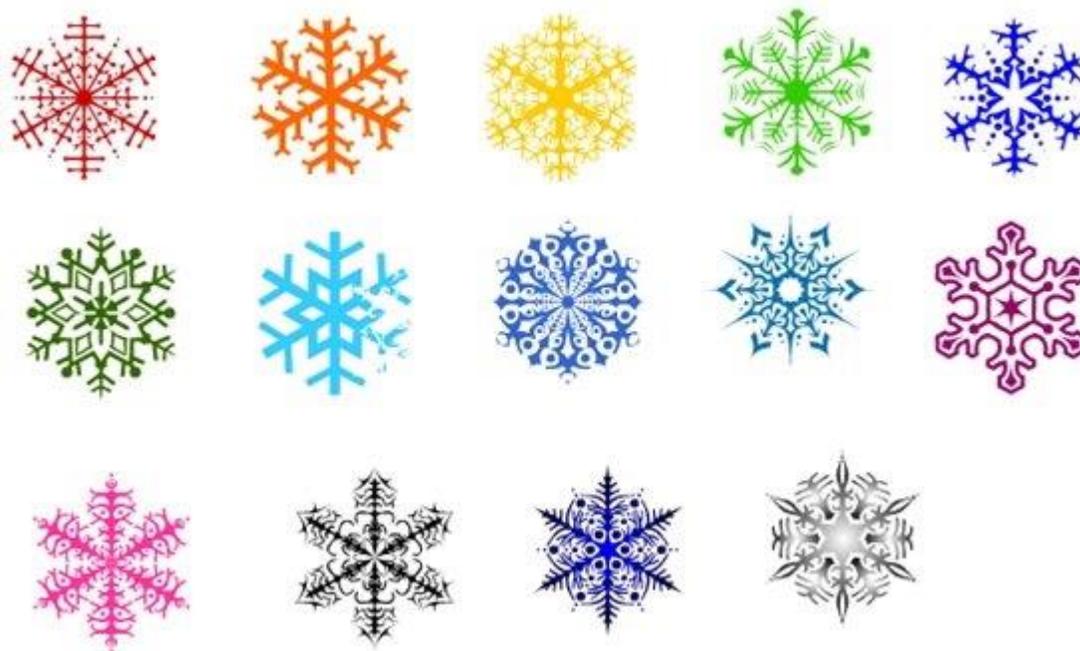


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## Announcements

### **City Seeks Community Input on New Public Art Project in Northwest**

**On Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 PM at the Goodwill Center at 2502 Melrose Ave. The City and the Roanoke Arts Commission** invite residents, artists, business owners, and other stakeholders in the city's Melrose-Orange Target Area (MOTA) to provide feedback on a public art installation at the new Melrose Branch Library. Susan Jennings, the city's Arts and Culture Coordinator, will introduce Napoleon Jones-Henderson, the artist who was selected to design and construct public art sculptures for the new Melrose Branch Library, which is anticipated to open this spring. Jones-Henderson is a renowned artist with the Research Institute of African and African Diaspora Arts, Inc. Traveling from Roxbury, Mass.; he wants to involve MOTA community members in the creative process by gathering feedback and ideas on Dec. 10. **No RSVP required and if City Schools are closed due to weather the event will be rescheduled.**

### **Writer on the Bus DL December 17, 2018**

The Roanoke Arts Commission is now accepting applications for the 2019 Writer by Bus. A writer or writers will be provided a bus pass and paid an honorarium of \$1,000 to create a unique work of literature while riding different bus routes. The work may be any genre including short stories, poetry, essays, plays, etc. and may also be multimedia and include art, music or photography. The work will be published on the participating organizations web sites and other venues as possible. Full program details and application form can be found on [here](#).

### **Community Invited to 'Find the Art'**

The Roanoke Arts Commission has launched a new campaign, "Find the Art," to promote the City of Roanoke's extensive public art collection. Each month, the city will promote a new piece in the collection by posting an image on the Arts Commission's Facebook and Instagram pages. Community members who correctly guess the work's title, artist, or location will be entered to win a gift card for various local businesses throughout the city.

The Public Art Program brings art into our community through a number of different initiatives including temporary works of art displayed on Elmwood Park's Art Walk; works from the city's art collection wrapped on Valley Metro buses; murals located in or near city neighborhoods, and original art painted on city storm drain inlets. To participate in the campaign, follow the Arts Commission's Facebook or Instagram pages. For more information about "Find the Art," click [here](#)

**Thinking about starting a new business such as a gallery or artists co-op?** Don't miss this workshop on **Tuesday Dec 11 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** hosted by the Small Business Development Center, **free attendance this month only**. Business Smart Start is an introduction to owning your own business. Topics covered include deciding on a legal entity structure, basic accounting and tax issues, steps you need to take for permits and licensing, steps to writing a business plan and basics of marketing and market research. Info and registration [here](#)

## **Events and Exhibitions**



**Tonight is Art by Night** in downtown Roanoke and there is a lot happening! Map and participating galleries can be found [here](#).

Check out these openings:

**Alexander/Heath Contemporary Art Gallery presents *Recent Work* by Sarajane Lee with an opening on Art by Night from 6 to 10 PM.** Info [here](#)



**The Market Gallery featured artists for December are Anne Pfeiffer and Winn Ballenger.** The exhibition runs through Dec. 29 with the opening reception on Art by Night, **Artists talks are at 6:15 PM.**

**The annual Roanoke Times "Dicken's of a Christmas" kicks off tonight.** Enjoy holiday entertainment from local groups and organizations along with roasted chestnuts, family activities and more for free!  
**Dec. 7: Christmas Tree Lighting**

**The Taubman Museum** is open late and will feature music by *The Let's Dance Band* with old standards and new joy as we dance the night away for the 2018 holiday season. Free admission! Info [here](#)

## Other Events and Exhibitions

### The Taubman Museum presents a new exhibition: Tara Donovan Installations

In the museum's theater lobby, visitors will encounter an exciting new contemporary installation.

Now on view are two untitled pieces by Brooklyn artist Tara Donovan—a three-foot cube of thousands of densely compacted toothpicks and a similarly sized cube of straight pins.



### Family Class: Ceramic Handbuilding Friday, December 7 | 12 -2 pm

Inspired by the exhibition [Hear My Voice: Native American Art of the Past and Present](#), class participants will be looking at ceramic pieces from the exhibition, then learning hand-building techniques used in the past, and still being used in the present to create their very own ceramic vessels! Sign up as a family or your child individually!

**Click Here to Register**



**FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION**  
*Sunday, 12/9, 1:00pm - 5:00pm*

Celebrating Center in the Square's 35th anniversary beneficiary museums offer free admission. Info [here](#)

**Opening Reception, Lisabeth Weisband Holtzman Alumni Center Gallery, Virginia Tech • December 12, 5:30–7 p.m.** This “Faces, Places and Spaces” exhibition features 31 acrylic and oil paintings. Works will be displayed through May.

**Roanoke Children’s Theatre Presents [ANNIE](#) December 20-23, 2018**  
At the Jefferson Center

**Mill Mt Theatre Presents *A Christmas Cupby* Nancy Ruth Patterson Dec 5-23.** Info [here](#)

**Southwest VA Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* Dec 8 and 9** Info [here](#)

## Literary Artists Opportunities

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**The Sejong 2019 Writing Competition is now open. DL March 31, 2019 (11:59pm CDT)**The goals of the Writing Competition are to discover children and young adults talented in writing and to encourage them to learn and write about Korean and its culture. Through this writing competition we hope to increase the awareness and understanding of Korea’s cultural heritage among the younger generations growing up in the United States. This competition is open to all residents of the US and Canada regardless of ethnic background. Info [here](#)

## Performing Artists Opportunity

Are you interested in being on stage with Roanoke Children's Theatre

Auditions are **January 6 2-7 p.m. Scottish Rite Auditorium**

**(622 Campbell Ave SW)** Adults and Youth (ages 8-18) are encouraged to audition, casting Equity and Non-Equity roles. Call 540.400.7795 to schedule an appointment! Callbacks will be held January 11

## Visual Artists Opportunities

**Roanoke Arts Commission Posts new Call to Artists for Temporary Sculpture Deadline**

**January 14, 2019** The Roanoke Arts Commission (RAC) is seeking up to eight artists to exhibit in the fifth *AIR: (Art in Roanoke)*, a temporary sculpture exhibition now running two years **May 17, 2019 through April 26, 2021**. The RAC is accepting submissions now through **January 14, 2019** from experienced artists for freestanding sculpture. Artwork may incorporate interactive as well as functional elements. This invitation is extended to all artists 18 and older regardless of where they live. In addition to finished pieces, proposed work will also be considered. There is no entry fee. Artists chosen to participate will receive **a stipend of up to \$4,000 per selected artwork**. In addition, one artist will receive a \$1,000 Best in Show Award. The RAC will also produce publicity materials and will promote the exhibition with local media. All artwork will be sited in Elmwood Park, a pocket of nature and vibrant urban space, in downtown Roanoke. The theme of the show is **Roanoke Rising**. To view the current exhibition click [here](#). Applications are being accepted through CaFE' [here](#).

**Carilion Clinic Foundation invites professional artists to create an original work of art for *The Power of Art in the Palm of the Hand***, a silent auction to be held during an annual fundraising event the evening of **January 31, 2019**. Art is powerful medicine, even in small doses, and works of art that are small can have a big impact on viewers. This is an opportunity for local artists to create small scale works of art that are meant to be treasured as closely as that which is held in the palm of one's hand. They invite submissions of different mediums and forms, including sculpture, pottery, painting, illustration, photography, and woodwork. Art products should be small enough to be held in a single hand with the overall area of a two-dimensional image not to exceed 25 inches and the area of any frame not to exceed 39 square inches. Sculptures may not exceed 5 inches in any direction. The artist will receive 50% of the realized sales price (before sales tax) for the creation; the remaining 50% of the realized sales price will benefit the Dr. Robert L. A. Keeley Healing Arts Program at Carilion Clinic. Any items not sold will be returned to the artist. To participate, [email](#) , to receive an entry form. **DL is Dec. 31, 2018**

***Women's Work Reimagined presented by The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg December 15***

This exhibit team seeks artwork by women about women, with a contemporary spin on women's work. The application is available [here](#) .**DL December 8**. Artwork drop off date is December 11 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Artwork pick up date is December 23 from 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact [Nikki Pynn](#) or 540-230-3844

***Figure Drawing Class at The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • December 9, 6-8 p.m.***

The model, easels and drawing boards are provided and the cost is \$10. Reserve your spot online by the Friday before each session [here](#)

***Whet Your Palette 2019 Exhibitions The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery Inc, 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg January 30 – April 17 • Abstracts***

Application deadline: **December 28**

For more information, visit [here](#) or email [diana@creekmorelaw.com](mailto:diana@creekmorelaw.com).

**Huntersville NC Public Art Commission Department of Parks and Recreation  
Public Call for Artists and Request for Submissions to RFQ**

Town Center Community Tile Project

**DL Tuesday January 8, 2019 5:00PM** The HPAC has partnered with Atrium Health to seek a qualified artist to commission a permanent public art display located at the Huntersville Town Center town owned property located at 105 Gilead Road Huntersville, NC 28078. This project will utilize 500 ceramic tiles crafted by citizens of Huntersville and painted to reflect the personal meaning of: **What Does Huntersville Mean to You?** Info [here](#) or contact [Alison Ahrens](#) or 704-766-2253

**Tampa FL [Hillsborough County Public Art Program](#) routinely hold Calls for Artists to submit work to be featured that will reflect the county's diversity, and complement each site's environment and structural design.** A short-list of artists are selected by the County's Public Art Committee and the Site Advisory Committee, comprised of members of the public, county staff and project managers. **DL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018 AT 5:00 PM** Info [here](#)

**Washington State DOT Announces artist-in-residence Program** This will be the first statewide artist-in-residence program in the country. With this pioneering new program Washington DOT (WSDOT) will bringing a creative approach to advancing the agency's goals like improving safety, reducing congestion, promoting economic vitality, supporting multimodal transportation systems, and creating healthier communities. Applications are now open for artists interested in the year-long position, which will be located within WSDOT. This artist-in-residence program was created by Transportation for America, a program of Smart Growth America, and ArtPlace America.

Know someone who might be interested or like the newsletter? [Signing up is easy.](#)