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## Find the Art and Win Prizes

### 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](#)

**Congratulations to Bob Sulkin who won first place in the 2019 Roanoke College Biennial with his photograph *Landscape Intervention – Painted Desert*. Second place went to Federico Cuatlacuatl, and third place went to William Wylie. The show is on display in Olin Hall Galleries through March 17.**



## Exhibitions and Events

**Alexander/Heath Contemporary presents an exhibition of local artist William "Bill" Saari through February 23, 2019 with a closing reception Friday, February 22nd, 7 to 10 pm** Info [here](#)

**The Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins opened *20th Century Photographs from the Rugaber Collection* on February 21 and it runs through April 28. Also at the Wilson Museum the *Diane Edison: 2019 Frances Niederer Artist-in-Residence exhibition* runs through April 28, 2019, Info [here](#)**

**The Taubman Museum opened *Midwest Paint Group and Invited Guests: Self-Portraits* on February 16 and it runs through August 11, 2019**

The Midwest Paint Group is a loose association of painters that has mounted diverse exhibitions around the country since its establishment in 1999.

While most of the members live in the Midwest, some of them live in the Roanoke region or have close ties to it, such as Janet Niewald, Jan Knipe, and Bill White.

[Learn More about this exhibition](#)

**The Taubman Museum invites you to Family Class: Plush Potted Plants**

**Saturday, Feb. 23 | 10:30 am- 12:30 pm** 1 child and 1 adult \$30 (\$24 Members) \$5/ additional person in your family

**Southwest Virginia Ballet presents a Colette Fu Inspired Performance**

At the Taubman Museum on **Saturday, Feb. 23, 11:00 am - 1:15 pm** Free and Open to the Public. In honor of the new exhibition [We Are Tiger Dragon People](#) by artist Colette Fu will be in attendance. Southwest Virginia Ballet will perform twice at 11 am and at 12:30 pm.

**The Historical Society of SW VA kicks off the 2019 Kegley lectures on**

**Feb. 26 with a talk by Larry LeGrande** who was a star catcher and right fielder in the Negro Baseball League. LeGrande, who lives in Northwest Roanoke played with the legendary Satchel Paige. Info [here](#).

**Piedmont Arts in Martinsville is Celebrating Black History Month**

**Saturday, February 23, 11 am – 1 pm** in conjunction with the 29th annual National African American Read-In, Piedmont Arts invites the community to take part in a celebration of African American artists, performers and writers at its annual African American Read-In and Family Day.

**All ages welcome • Admission Free**

**The Little Gallery in Roanoke presents *Steel/ Wool* Featuring Photographer Jeffrey Stoner at Art by Night March 1, 6pm-9pm**

**2019** Additions include The Goats of Roan and Steam Locomotives- Stop by for Refreshments and Meet/Greet with Jeffrey Stoner Info [here](#)

## **Literary Artists Opportunity**

**The Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellowships** of \$50,000-\$100,000 enable poets laureate to undertake impactful projects that engage citizens of all ages with poetry, helping to address issues that are important to their communities. **DL March 3.** Application and Requirements are online, [here](#):

## **Young Performers Opportunity**

**Auditions for youth roles in MILL MOUNTAIN THEATRE'S 2019 SEASON will be held on Friday, February 22 from 4pm-7pm and Saturday, February 23 from 10am-3pm in the MMT Rehearsal Studio (20 Church Ave SE, Roanoke, VA 24011 – 3rd floor).** Learn more and register [here](#)


## **Visual Artists Opportunities**


**The Taubman Museum is now accepting applications for the 2019 Sidewalk Art June June 1 and 2. DL March 8, 2019** Submission categories include: original paintings, prints, watercolors, etchings, mixed media, photography, fine craft and sculpture. [Click Here](#) to apply online, or email [cbeckner@taubmanmuseum.org](mailto:cbeckner@taubmanmuseum.org) if you would like to receive the paper prospectus.

**[Spartanburg Art Museum](https://www.spartanburgartmuseum.org/callforart) is seeking proposals for solo and group exhibitions for 2019-2020. They are interested in all types of work that address contemporary issues and concerns, use traditional materials in unusual ways, and elevate visitors' experiences to new levels of participation and engagement. **DL March 7, 2019.** Info here <https://www.spartanburgartmuseum.org/callforart>**

The **[W. Eugene Smith Memorial Fund](https://www.smithfund.org/)** is accepting applications for the **W. Eugene Smith Grant in Humanistic Photography, the W. Eugene Smith Grant for Student Photographers, and the Howard Chapnick Grant.** These grants support documentary photographers or individuals who work in related fields that reinforce the impact of photojournalism **DL April 20** <https://www.smithfund.org/>

The **City of Coral Gables** requests **concept proposals** from professional working artists for consideration to create an inaugural artist designed temporary installation for the City's Giralda Plaza. Artwork is sought that incorporates environmental sustainability in concept and design. Environmental sustainability for the purposes of this opportunity refers to concept, design, and/or material that addresses reuse without harm to the ecosystem. **DL March 15** Info [here](#)

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