

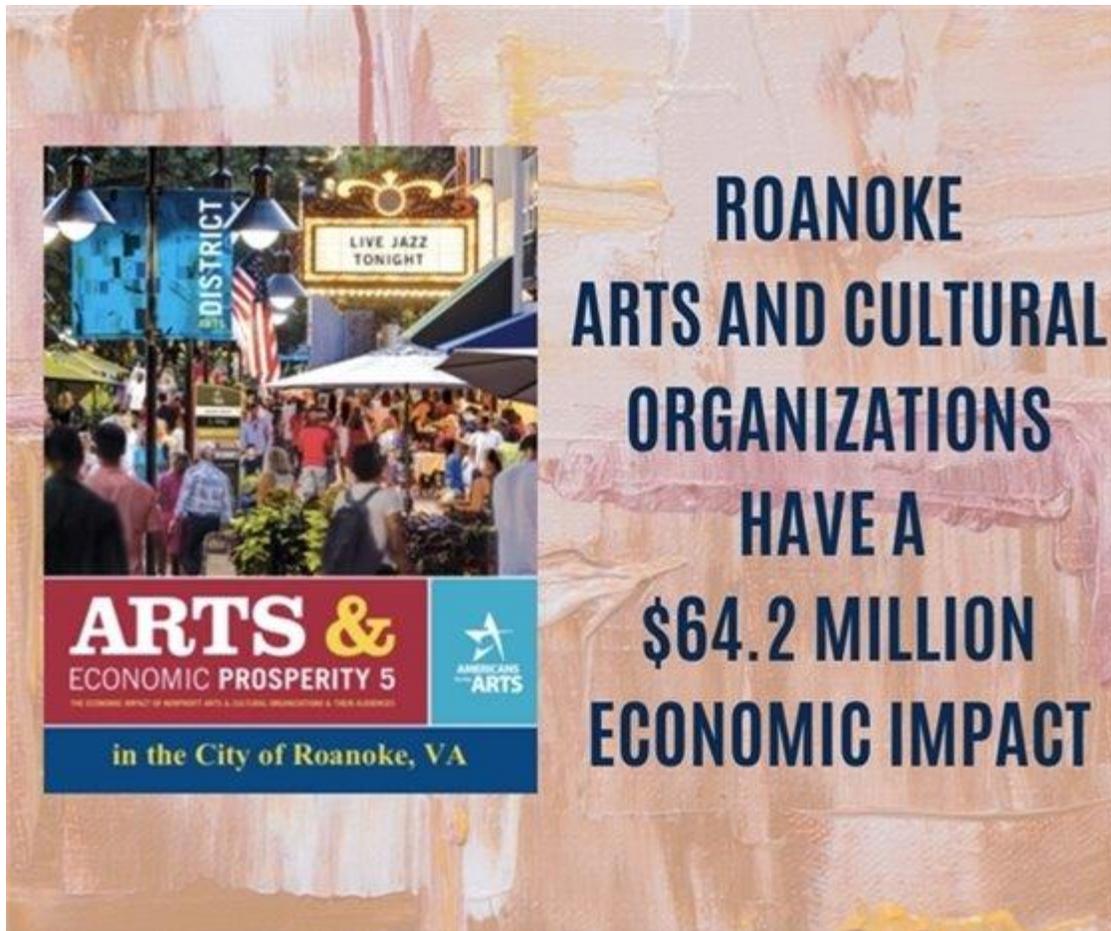


October's Mid-Month Update

October 14, 2019

Roanoke Arts & Culture is a service of the City of Roanoke's Office of Arts and Culture. We aim to gather information that advances our collective work as well as providing updates on opportunities for artists and creative changemakers throughout our community. [Click here](#) for more information. Submit potential content to Arts and Culture Coordinator [Douglas Jackson](#).

NEWS FROM AN ARTS & CULTURE CITY



Economic Impact Study Released

[Americans for the Arts](#) released their *Arts & Economic Prosperity in the City of Roanoke, VA* on Thursday. As part of the many community, education, and personal benefits we get from engaging with and creating artistic works, our cultural institutions have a 64.2 million dollar impact on the region's economy.

The data was presented by Randy I. Cohen, Americans for the Arts' vice president of research and policy. Community leaders from around the region attended the presentations and engaged in discussions sponsored by the [Roanoke Cultural Endowment](#).

Get advocacy tips here for promoting arts and culture in the community, [read the full report](#), and get the [one page summary](#).

See press from the day:

- [Roanoke Times](#)
 - [WSLS](#)
 - [WDBJ](#)
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OCTOBER IS ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

October was officially proclaimed Arts & Humanities Month at the October 10 City Council meeting before a room filled with arts leaders and supporters.

Locally we're marking the importance of arts and culture in building a stronger Roanoke. Throughout the month we'll celebrate the organizations, artists, and grassroots community leaders engaging in their neighborhoods, building a culture of lifelong learning, and fostering a strong regional economy through the arts and humanities.

Get involved by celebrating your favorite arts and cultural assets in the region. On Facebook you can **win tickets to cultural events and more** from our community of outstanding cultural organizations by following posts from the Roanoke Arts Commission at [ArtinRoanoke](#). (Pictured above, a scene from [Mill Mountain Theatre's](#) 2016 production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*.)

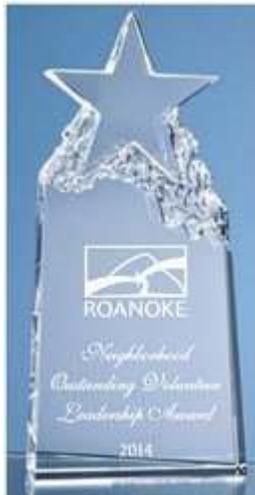
Congratulations to the following winners to date:

- A [Local Colors](#) tee-shirt: Candy Hess Verwey
- Two tickets to an upcoming show at [Mill Mountain Theatre](#): Casey Brozovsky
- Two tickets to POP Power at the [Taubman Museum of Art](#): Amiee Brydges
- [Grandin Theatre](#) gift pack including two passes, a tee-shirt, and a bumper sticker: Pamela Dodson

- An [Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#) tee-shirt: Julia Cahill Worley

Some comments from the posts:

- "I love that there are such great things going on in our community" - Ashley Overbay
- "I love to see the talent so many people have and are willing to share with our community. Roanoke does a fabulous job bringing all kinds of art forms to the community." - Candy Hess Verwey
- "Pop! POW!" - Jerry Cook
- "My first job! (The Grandin Theatre) At age 15 the gargoyles spooked m. At age 50 I love them and visit them every chance I get." - Wilson H. Weaver.
- "When I first moved to Roanoke my now husband and I saw 42nd Street. We enjoyed it so much we bought season tickets." - Anita Walker Finkle



NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS AWARD Nominations Open

Has your neighborhood had a big year? The annual recognition program for excellence in neighborhood engagement and action is [open for nominations](#). And remember, there's a [special category for art projects](#)! Celebrate an investment in your part of the city this year by nominating that mural, festival, art activity for an award. **Nominations are due October 18.**

The **Neighborhood Arts Award** recognizes a neighborhood project or activity which improves the quality of the arts in the neighborhood, enhances the character of the neighborhood through the arts or improves the surroundings through the visual or performing arts. The Roanoke Arts Commission is also interested in projects that use a creative approach to a community issue or topic. The neighborhood group can nominate their own project or an individual that has improved the neighborhood through the arts. It may be a project or activity which involved visual or performing arts. Your description of the project should focus on details of the planning, completion and membership involvement.

And [register today](#) for the annual 'Harvesting of the Fruits' Potluck Dinner and Awards Celebration on November 8, 2019. A past dinner is pictured below.



VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEADERS TOUR PUBLIC ART

Twenty elected and staff leaders from across Virginia toured downtown and Gainsboro neighborhood public art as part of the 2019 Virginia Municipal League Conference. Many of the guests are undertaking public art projects and developing programs in their own communities.

Public art is a catalyst for exploration and engagement in the world around us. It helps us ponder, discuss, and reflect upon our city's past and where we're headed. Between Mark Yale Harris' "Recoil" on Wells Avenue and Betty Branch's "Once Upon a Time" at the entrance to the main branch of the Roanoke Public Library, there's a lot to explore and talk about. Pictured above: "Global Harmony" by Stephen Fairfield (2019).

Interested in setting up a tour of public art for your group? Contact douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov.

Writer by Bus Reading

Featuring 2019 Writer by Bus Lucy Marcus

Tuesday, October 22nd: 7:30pm | Hollins University



WRITER BY BUS READING

Join Art by Bus partners for the 2019 Writer by Bus reading. Each year the Roanoke Arts Commission partners with Ride Solutions and Valley Metro for a spring arts celebration of public transportation. This year we had a special collaboration with Hollins University, producing original art and literature. Lucy Marcus, the 2019 Writer by Bus will read from the fifth chapbook in the series. Get yours by attending the reading on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM**. [Download the flyer here.](#)



GET ON BOARD IN A CREATIVE CITY!

We need creative thinkers and artists serving across the span of the City's operations. Serving on a [council-appointed board or commission](#) is a great way to get involved and give back.

The [Roanoke Arts Commission](#) partners across city departments and with other agencies. And you might be just the link to help us do even more with arts and culture in a creative city. Consider the creative efforts in planning, public works, the library, and architectural review, just for starters.

Here are the [current vacancies](#). You can include your top three choices, even if there is no vacancy on the top board of your choice. The City Clerk retains [applications](#) on file for one year.

"Include artists and creative sector workers on City decision making bodies" is a strategy of the [City of Roanoke's Arts and Cultural Plan](#). The plan identifies our arts and cultural

resources as building blocks in fostering a vibrant regional economy, engaged neighborhoods and a culture of lifelong learning.

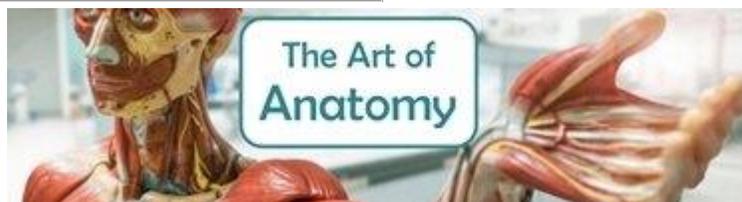
The Dr. Robert L. A. Keeley
**HEALING ARTS
PROGRAM**

ALL-AGES, ALL-ABILITIES: PATIENT ART SHOW

If you've been a patient at a Carilion Clinic Facility in the past two years, you qualify to submit work in the patient art show. **Just register by October 31st** and share what you've been working on! [Get full information here.](#)

The Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Healing Arts Program offers a variety of experiences for patients, visitors and staff focused on improving health. In general, healing arts programs have been shown to:

- Shorten post-operative recovery and hospital stays
- Raise pain thresholds and reduce need for pain medications
- Improve mood
- Lower blood pressure and heart rate
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Enhance sleep patterns, alertness, and growth in newborns



THE ANATOMY OF ART

Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is opening up the Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab to artists and art students in the Winter and Spring of 2020. Appointments are required, classes are welcomed, and a show will be produced from the results. [Get all the information here.](#) Reservations will be taken beginning today.

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS



- [POP Power at the Taubman](#). What?! Works on paper by leading pop artists all in one well curated show. Right here in your hometown?
- Landscapes by Kim Gibbs at [The Little Gallery](#).
- Our Side of the Mountain: Visual Essays by Greg Osterhaus at [LinDor Arts](#).
- Elaine Fleck and Max Mitchell at [The Market Gallery](#).
- The Woods by Sam Krisch at [The Grandin Theatre](#)
- Meet the Makers + Free Moon Pies at [Crafteria](#), Oct.19.
- Faculty Art Show and Flaws in Flatness by Claire Stankus, [Olin Hall Galleries at Roanoke College](#), Oct. 26
- Gibby Waitzkin at the [Eleanor D. Willson Museum at Hollins University](#)
- Pictured: Opening show at [Left of Center Artspace](#)
- Link into Landscape and Roanoke by Air at [O. Winston Link](#)
- [October book events](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

- Get listed on the [Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Artist Directory](#). Free for local artists.
- Sign up for an [Anatomy of Art lab appointment](#) (Jan 13 - April 17, 2020) at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.
- Apply for to serve on one of the [City's appointed boards and commissions](#).

VISUAL ARTISTS

- [Curator Off Duty](#): Olin Hall Galleries' open exhibition for VA artists at Roanoke College- open now.
- [Carilion Clinic Patient Art Show](#): An annual all-ages, all-abilities celebration of local talent - Register through October 31.
- [Arlington Art Center: Spring Solos 2020](#). Call open through November 12.
- [Charlottesville City Art Bus](#). Call open through November 30.

WRITERS

- Get prepped to submit your own application for the Writer by Bus call by attending the [Writer by Bus reading featuring Lucy Marcus](#) and others on October 22.
- [Get listed](#) on the writers inventory.

PERFORMING ARTISTS

- Send opportunities to douglas.jackson@roanokeva.gov

ARTS LEADERS

- Mid-Atlantic Arts [Alan Cooper Award Program](#): Nominations by Nov. 5.
- Conversation Starters: [Public Art Resources](#) from Americans for the Arts.
- Apply for to serve on one of the [City's appointed boards and commissions](#).

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