

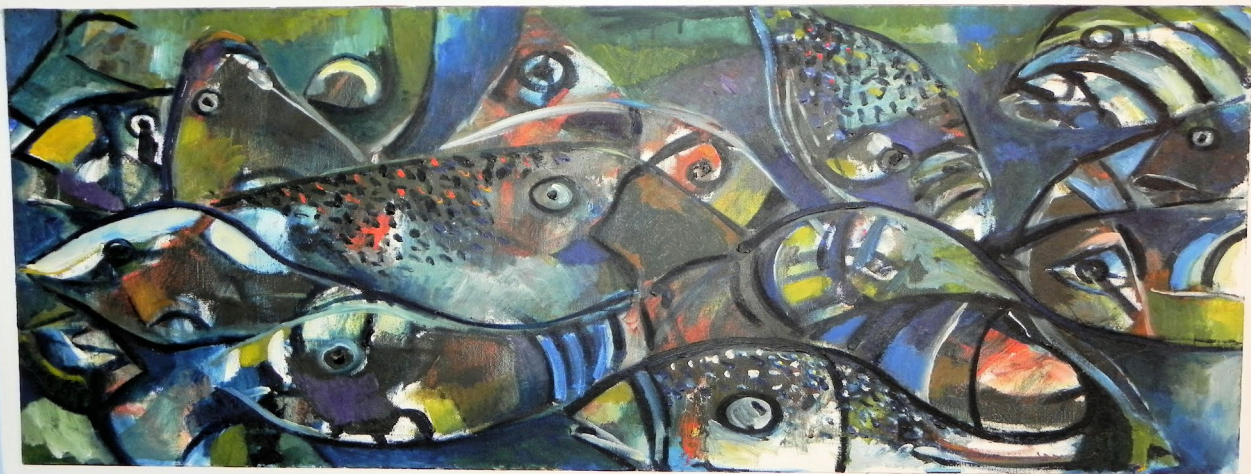
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"Untitled" By Curtis Barnes Sr., in the private collection of Clifford and Marva Darrett

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Membership meeting APRIL 26, 2025

Our next membership meeting will be at CSUD, 2 pm to 4 pm, 840 Germantown Street. Bring in some of your artwork, finished or works in-progress to share with the membership. Member Joslynn Harris will give a presentation "Wonder Spaces, Austin, Texas". Also, we will discuss two important member exhibits for AAVAG members scheduled for this summer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Curtis Barnes Exhibit

At The Dayton Art Institute, Join the Barnes family for a private reception and celebration of Curtis's life and art to honor the 90th anniversary of his birth year. This reception will take place on July 9, 2025, 6- 8 pm at The Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North, Dayton, OH 45405.

Members Exhibiting: Craig Screven is exhibiting at: **NOURISH! Official Webpage Link**
<https://www.artimpactinternational.org/nourish>

Exhibition dates: April 7, 2025 - May 30, 2025

2nd Annual of Abstraction 2025
 April 26 to June 26, 2025.
<https://www.gallerium.art/>



Upcoming AAVAG Exhibits:

AAVAG Gallery (2nd floor CSUD) Marsha Pippenger-May/June 2025.

Traveling Expo Thru Art: "What's New"

Mrs. Spina's Mansion (tentative) - May/June 2025

Kettering Recreation Center (July 2025).

Rosewood Art Center (August/September 2025).



TRAVELING EXPO THRU ART

Is now at The Fitz Center until the end of April 2025. The Fitz Center is located at 1401 S. Main Street and Stewart Street, Dayton, 45409. The center is open M-F, 9 am to 4 pm.

Mark Your Calendars

The 6th Biennial Juried Exhibition, hosted by the **Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) Riffe Gallery**, is coming up later this year and the call for entries begins on February 18. The Biennial is a premier and competitive contemporary art exhibition featuring selected works submitted by Ohio professional artists. Our jurors this year are Wendy Earle, Charlotte Gordon, and Deidre Hamlar. Works selected for the 2025 Biennial Juried Exhibition will be on display in the OAC Riffe Gallery, located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in downtown Columbus from October 25, 2025, to January 9, 2026.

[View More Details and Apply](#)

Learn more and register for Crafting Your Bio & Artist Statement





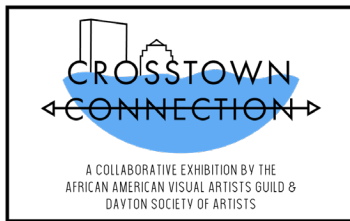
WRIGHT DUNBAR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT CALL TO ARTISTS!

Wright Dunbar, Inc. is asking for artists to submit designs that will be used to beautify the Historic Commercial District, by wrapping the “silver” utility boxes! Four different designs will be chosen. The designs should be Wright Brothers/Aviation Inspired, Paul Laurence Dunbar inspired or an inductee listed on the Walk of Fame (www.daytonregionwalkoffame.org)! Each artist that has a design chosen will receive \$500 & credit for the design, be listed on marketing materials & receive a spotlight on the Wright Dunbar Business District Association website www.wdbd.org. The top 10 designs will be chosen through voting on social media. The final designs will be chosen by Wright Dunbar, Inc. and then approved by the City of Dayton. Artists must be Ohio residents to submit. Artists under the age of 18 will need their parents’ permission to enter their design. Designs should be submitted in Resolution 300 dpi (scale image/require) or 150 dpi resolution (full image/accepted) in PDF format. Each utility box is a different size and the artwork will need to be resized to accommodate vents, hinges, doors and knobs. If your design is chosen, we will provide a template for your particular box. One design submitted per artist. No logos, advertisements or names can be on the design. We encourage artists to submit their design to info@wright-dunbar.org. The **deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm Thursday, May 1st**. The chosen designs will be announced Wednesday, May 7th. This beautification project is being funded by the City of Dayton Mini Grant Program & the National Aviation Heritage Alliance Small Grant Program.



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The Dayton Society of Artists (DSA) and the African American Visual Artists Guild (AAVAG) are thrilled to present **Crosstown Connections: A Collaborative Exhibition**. This group exhibition brings together two of Dayton's vibrant art organizations in a celebration of shared creativity, artistic mediums, and the connections that unite us. Through this partnership, we honor our commonalities, reflect on past collaborations, and look forward to future opportunities to uplift and support artists in our community.

Showcasing a collection of works from both organizations, this exhibition will be held at both galleries, celebrating the rich artistic talent within our community. Artwork will be displayed at **AAVAG (840 Germantown Street, Dayton, OH 45402)** and **DSA (48 High Street, Dayton, OH 45403)**. There is no entry fee; however, **participating artists must be members in good financial standing (dues up-to-date) of either AAVAG or DSA.** Artwork will be juried by the AAVAG programming committee and board and DSA director and board. Be part of this vibrant showcase of talent from both organizations and help foster a deeper sense of artistic unity throughout Dayton.

Submit by Google Form by Saturday, May 31st, 2025: <https://forms.gle/gHCoyko4Q6hJGs3k9>

CALENDAR

Submissions Due: Saturday, May 31st by midnight

Jurying: Monday, June 1st - Saturday, June 7th

Juried Results via Email: Sunday, June 8th

Art Drop off: Sunday, June 29th 11-4 PM or Monday, June 30th 3-8 PM

Opening Reception: Friday, July 11th, 5-8 PM at DSA

Closing Reception: Sunday, August 24th 2 - 5 PM at AAVAG

Exhibition Runs: Fri. July 11th - Sat. August 24th, 2025

Art Pick up: Sun. August 31st, 11-4 pm and Mon. September 1st, 3-8 pm

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 26**



Dayton African Culture Festival

August 16, 2025 at Island Park

Art Drop Off - August 9, 2025

We are Back!! AAVAG will have the Art tent this year, so start working on your art pieces. We will be inviting AAVAG members and non-members for this annual juried event. Look for a call in June to remind members of dates to drop off your art, as always, the theme for the exhibit will be "African American Life". There will be more information in the June newsletter.



Introduce your children to the world of art through Summer Art Camps at the DAI.

Campers explore the museum with fun gallery games, new interdisciplinary art lessons, creative art projects and more. These half-day or week-long camps, taking place during June, July and August, are tailored to a variety of age groups and feature many different art activities.

Children will learn and get inspired by the museum's collection and create their own masterpieces using 2D and 3D art-making techniques in our studios. Kids entering 1st grade through 5th grade will have fun all summer long in weekly, mixed-media art camps.

How soon should I register?

Early registration is encouraged to ensure space in the camp of your choice. Once camp sessions are full your child's name can be placed on a waiting list. Online registration typically begins in April. Watch our website for updates and more information.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, there are a limited number of need-based scholarships available each year. You may call 937-223-5277, ext. 335 or email artcamp@daytonart.org with questions or for more information.