

# NEWSLETTER

## ARTS FORUM



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### AAVAG RECEIVES "PARTNER IN ACTION AWARD"

The Dayton Chapter of the Links, Incorporated honored AAVAG by giving us this community service award that recognizes and acknowledges our distinguished contributions to the enlightenment and empowerment of the Dayton community. Andrea (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Board of Trustees) attended the award ceremony representing AAVAG and received the award. AAVAG was one of 4 other organizations that received this cherished award.

### SHARE YOUR ART INFO LOOK FORWARD FOR YOUR MONTHLY ART NEWS MONTHLY

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 31, 2025

Our next membership meeting will be at CSUD, 2 pm to 4 pm. Bring in some of your artwork, finished or works in progress. Let us know if you need help submitting your work to the DSA - AAVAG Cross Town exhibit. This exhibit will be discussed at this membership meeting.



### AAVAG MEMBERS!

The AAVAG Program Committee is at it again - or at least one more time. We have started the tasks for the next travelling exhibit with its associated 24-month calendar to be ready for its first showing in October of this year. Then as usual it will hit the road in January of 2026. This time we are asking you to look back at artwork created for the previous 4 exhibits, pick out a favorite or two created by other artists and use it as inspiration to either expand upon the original artists intent or to interpret it as you see it. Once we receive your intention to participate you will receive a packet with thumbnails of the previous works for your reference. For more info contact Andrea Cummings at [asc2507@yahoo.com](mailto:asc2507@yahoo.com).

**Artist Opportunities:** Unity in the Community, a group of south Dayton organizations who are working together to host a JUNETEENTH Celebration at Lincoln Park (the Frazee) in Kettering on Thursday, June 19, 4-7 pm. We would love to have more artists and craft persons represented in booths at our festival. Please contact Missy Frost, Kettering Community Development Program Coordinator at 937-296-3308 or email [missy.frost@ketteringoh.org](mailto:missy.frost@ketteringoh.org) if you'd like to learn more about the opportunity. More info about our event can be found

at <https://www.ketteringoh.org/juneteenth/> and on Facebook

at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575669873057>



Call for a vendor application that will need to be completed for each vendor, a booth space rental is \$50. The space is a 10x10 and we will provide a table with 2 chairs. - you are welcome to bring your own tent, but we can provide one if necessary. Set up can begin by 2:30 and tear down would need to be done by 7:30. No need for a vendors license. All alcohol and inappropriate materials are not allowed. For more information call, **Missy Frost**, Community Development Program Coordinator her number is 937-296-3308.



## SPRINGBORO JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Join us as Springboro transforms into a hub of entertainment and celebration for Juneteenth! This special day is all about honoring our history, spotlighting Springboro's pivotal role in the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement, and reaffirming our unwavering dedication to equity and inclusion for all.

Celebrate freedom and commUNITY this Juneteenth in Springboro! Join us for a series of exciting family-friendly events commemorating this important historical milestone. The festivities begin on Saturday, June 14th, with the Springboro Juneteenth Jubilee Dinner. We'll continue the celebration with a vital community blood drive in partnership with Versiti and Southwest Church on Thursday, June 19th. The celebration culminates on Saturday, June 21st, with a full day of activities. Enjoy live music savor delicious food from local food trucks, and explore a variety of vendors. History buffs can join our Underground Railroad tour and learn about Springboro's important role. For sports enthusiasts, we'll be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of these events as we celebrate America's history and Springboro's legacy. For more information call Alexandra Blood at 937-673-0177

**June 14, 19, 21, 2025**

JUNE 14	<b>Juneteenth Jubilee Dinner</b> In partnership with Springboro United Church of Christ
JUNE 19	<b>Blood Drive Event</b> In partnership with Versiti and Southwest Church
JUNE 21	<b>CommUNITY Celebrations with Live Music, Food Trucks, and Local Vendors</b> East North Street, Historic Springboro
JUNE 21	<b>Underground Railroad Tours</b> Historic Springboro - Hosted by the Springboro Area Historical Society
JUNE 21	<b>3-on-3 Basketball Tournament</b> In partnership with Southwest Church & Dayton Area YMCA

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Mark Your Calendars

## CURTIS BARNES, SR., DAYTON ICON

A Dayton Art Institute Exhibition

Mark your calendars and save the date for an extraordinary event that you won't want to miss! We're excited to invite you to join us for a private reception at DAI honoring the work and legacy of Curtis Barnes, Sr. through the Dayton Icon Exhibit.

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025  
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm  
456 Belmonte Park North,  
Dayton, Ohio 45405



*Curtis Barnes, Sr.*  
A DAYTON ART INSTITUTE EXHIBITION

Open to the Public:  
July 12th - September 14th  
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Dayton, Ohio 45405



## Dayton African American Culture Festival, Island Park - August 16, 2025

your website, grant applications, artist



registries, and media inquiries. In this webinar, Robin demystifies the writing process,

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## AAVAG's Annual Art Day

September 13, 2025, all day Saturday from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Preregistration required, there will be 3 workshops running concurrently. Participants must be 11 years old to senior citizens, workshops and facilitators will be announced later

## In The Gallery



Nathan Conner, *Ketanji Brown Jackson*, acrylic painting



Clarice Moore, *Paul Laurence Dunbar "Reflections,"* oil on canvas

## Kettering Health Art Gallery

### At The Rosewood's Art Center

#### Presents

AAVAG's "What's New" Exhibit August 4 - September 13, 2025. This exhibit features a wide- range of styles and materials by 12 different artists. Join us in honoring these amazing creatives by visiting the gallery through August and September. Stay tuned for special programs, including artist talks which will be announced on the website [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org).



**Collage and Collage Tapestries** "Collage is a process of building and layering, of adding and taking away." - Marsha Monroe Pippenger

Now at AAVAG's Gallery from May 7 to June 28, 2025. Collage is an art form that was once regarded as one of the "low arts"; its origins are rooted in piece quilts, scrapbooks, and other traditionally feminine handicrafts. Elevated to the status of a fine art in the early part of the 20th century, collage still makes use of humble materials - discarded mail, fabric scraps, string, old wire, stamps, newspapers, found objects - as well as the materials of fine art - handmade papers, ink, paint, and the like.




**The University Of Dayton's  
Roger Glass  
Center For The Arts**

May 15 - June 30, 2025  
Gallery Hours M - F 2 PM - 8 PM  
29 CREATIVE WAY  
DAYTON, OH 45479  
(South Main at East Stewart Street)

**ARTIST RECEPTION JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>  
5 to 7 PM**

**ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL ART COMPETITION/EXHIBIT – MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER****DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday, June 3	Open for Submissions of Digital Images via website – <a href="http://www.middletownartscenter.com">www.middletownartscenter.com</a>
Thursday, June 20, 8:00 p.m.	Deadline for Submission of Digital Images via website – <a href="http://www.middletownartscenter.com">www.middletownartscenter.com</a>
Monday, June 24	Acceptance Notifications
July 28 - 31	Delivery of work
Friday, August 8	Preview Event, Friday, August 8 from 6-8 pm
	The exhibition will open with awards placed next to winning works.
Thursday, October 2	Exhibit Closes
October 6 - 9	Pickup exhibited work (regular business hours)
	<b>*Work not retrieved within 60 days becomes the property of MAC.</b>

The  2025 Exhibition Season is supported by:

**The Miriam G. Knoll Foundation and  
The Middletown Community Foundation**

More info at: [www.middletownartscenter.com](http://www.middletownartscenter.com)