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**Engage with Interactive Exhibitions and Diverse Artworks at July Gallery Hop**

*New exhibitions in Short North Arts District showcase thought-provoking artworks at local galleries*

**COLUMBUS, OH (June 22, 2023)** – Gallery Hop in the Short North Arts District is back again on Saturday, July 1, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For over 35 years, Gallery Hop has taken over High St., filling the district with new art exhibitions, local artists, performers, vendors, and more. This month, art lovers are invited to take a self-guided tour of local galleries, featuring new artworks on display, as well as explore local boutiques and public art throughout the Short North Arts District.

Studios on High Gallery invites art enthusiasts to an interactive exhibition by fiber artist Deb Johnson and mixed-media artist Ruth Ann Mitchell. . Intentionally untitled, gallery hoppers are encouraged to participate in the exhibition by writing on the walls, sharing their interpretations of the abstract works, and sparking thoughtful dialogue. Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio presents an additional thought-provoking exhibition, "Beauty in the Basement," by artist Lynda McClanahan, inviting viewers to explore the concept of beauty from different perspectives. Visitors can also enjoy a wide array of diverse artworks at Marcia Evans Gallery, Sharon Weiss Gallery, and Brandt Roberts Galleries, highlighting various artists on their rosters and providing a rich and diverse artistic experience for all.

In advance of Independence Day, July Gallery Hop welcomes "Parade as a Protest Artform: Photographs of Doo Dah 1990," showcasing a captivating collection of printed images captured by artist Carolyn P. Speranza on Kodachrome slide film. These photographs serve as a historical record of the events that took place during that year's Doo Dah parade in Columbus. This exhibition will be on display at The Short North Tavern from July 1st until August 4th.

Below is a full list of the July Gallery Hop exhibitions and events; corresponding photos can be downloaded [here](#). More information on Gallery Hop happenings and hours will be available at [shortnorth.org/](http://shortnorth.org/) and via maps available at local galleries during the event.

Gallery Hop is a project of the Short North Alliance with support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council , The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks, Art Makes Columbus, and Music Everywhere.

**July Hop Gallery Exhibitions**

### Brandt-Roberts Galleries

During the July Gallery Hop, Brandt-Roberts Galleries will be showcasing a miscellaneous array of work from each of their artists, as well as a small Summer feature exhibition.

Brandt-Roberts Galleries' July Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Hammond Harkins Galleries

Join Hammond Harkins Galleries during the July Gallery Hop to celebrate a great tradition that champions new voices and cross-cultural exchange. Since 1995, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and State of Saxony have sponsored artists to travel to their respective Sister City (either Dresden, Germany or Columbus) for a residency for up to three months. The time and modest financial support allow the selected artists to focus on research and art production. Several Hammond Harkins artists have received the distinction and are gathered together for the first time to commemorate their achievements.

Stop in, discover a breadth of talent, and see how art flourishes when one honors the vocation of the artist.

Hammond Harkins Galleries' July Gallery Hop hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Marcia Evans Gallery

For the July Gallery Hop, Marcia Evans Gallery will feature an exhibition titled "Summer Group Show" with various gallery artists exhibiting a variety of styles and sizes of artwork through August.

Marcia Evans Gallery's July Gallery Hop hours are 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art

"Greater Columbus" features work by artists in central Ohio who have been recognized for their outstanding talent. The exhibition represents a continuing partnership between the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) and the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC). Featured artists include Hannah Parrett, Benedict Scheuer, Matelli Graves, Roger Beebe, George Rush, and Joshua Penrose. Presented biennially, "Greater Columbus" features work by outstanding artists based in central Ohio.

Also on view: "Was It Your Trigger Finger?" featuring work by artist Bobby T. Luck. Focusing on decolonizing modern imagery and media, Luck's work re-imagines globalization and the self by breaking down diplomatic and emotional borders through film, collage, and sculpture.

Pizzuti Collection of the Columbus Museum of Art's July Gallery Hop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio

During the July Gallery Hop, Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio will feature the show titled "Beauty in the Basement" by artist Lynda McClanahan. There will an opening reception on July 1 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. as well as a mid-exhibition reception on August 5 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio's July Gallery Hop hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Sharon Weiss Gallery

For the July Gallery Hop, Sharon Weiss Gallery presents a Salon Exhibit of your favorite gallery artists. The exhibit will be on view the month of July.

Sharon Weiss Gallery's July Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### The Little Blue House by Sharon Weiss Gallery

There are four resident women artists of 24 Lincoln Street Art Studios, fondly known as "The Little Blue House by Sharon Weiss Gallery", Amy Adams, Lisa Parks Godfrey, Karen LaValley and Tamar Rudavsky. The foyer gallery showcases the individuality of each of these women artists, both in subject matter and artistic expression. Housed in 24 E. Lincoln St are 2 galleries and 4 working studios.

The Little Blue House's July Gallery Hop hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Studios on High Gallery

Fiber Artist, Deb Johnson and Mixed-Media Artist, Ruth Ann Mitchell anchor an interactive exhibition for the July Gallery Hop. Intentionally untitled, the viewer is invited to grab a pencil and write on the wall — what they see, what they think the title should be — forming their own interpretations of these abstract works. Patrons can then compare and maybe attempt to see something through someone else's eyes, perhaps sparking thoughtful dialogue. It's all left to viewer interpretation.

A commentary on our times, this show asks viewers to inquire into and consider how individuals can perceive very different things — albeit, having observed the identical image. How willing are you to try to see something from another vantage point? Once you've decided, what is your capacity to revisit and reinterpret based on new information or another point of view? The premise of this show is to spark discussion, foster understanding and explore a range of interpretations, allowing that what each of us sees and how each of us interprets, is unique.

Studios on High Gallery's July Gallery Hop hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **Other July Gallery Hop Events**

##### Art Spot

Art lovers are encouraged to explore Art Spot, a collection of 13 window installations designed by Columbus-area artists throughout the Short North Arts District and Downtown Columbus. Each installation is designed around the theme of Climate Conversations, encouraging conversations about the climate crisis and the role of art in science communication.

Four Art Spot installations are located in the Short North Arts District between E. 4th Ave. and W. 2nd Ave. along High St. Art Spot is a Greater Columbus Art Council project. For more information about participating artists and locations, visit [columbusmakesart.com/artspot](http://columbusmakesart.com/artspot).

##### Prologue Bookshop

Stop by Prologue Bookshop for another Sidewalk Sale happening during the July Gallery Hop! They will be outside slinging books from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are planning on having a ton of discounted books as well as some newly discounted books to browse through!

Keep an eye on their social media for details on the weather - the rain date is always the following Saturday!

Prologue Bookshop's July Gallery Hop Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Short North Tavern

For the month of July, Short North Tavern will be showcasing "Parade as a Protest Artform: Photographs of Doo Dah 1990," showcasing a captivating collection of printed images captured by artist Carolyn P. Speranza on Kodachrome slide film. These photographs document the Anti-Censorship Demonstration at the Columbus Ohio July 4th 1990 Doo Dah Parade.

Short North Tavern will be open from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. during July Gallery Hop.

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## **About Gallery Hop**

On the first Saturday of every month, hundreds of visitors converge on High Street in the Short North Arts District to celebrate art at Gallery Hop. Throughout the day, Gallery Hoppers enjoy new gallery exhibitions, street performers and artisan vendors, special events and promotions, plus food and drinks throughout the District. With dozens of galleries and non-traditional exhibit spaces, it's Columbus' favorite day of the month to celebrate art. Can't make it? Follow the day from home on the [@ShortNorthArtsDistrict Instagram](#).

## **About the Short North Arts District**

The Short North Arts District is the most vibrant spot in the City of Columbus, and is home to more than 300 exciting businesses, the majority of which are locally-owned or headquartered. It has received numerous national accolades, is considered a model for urban revitalization, and is known as the art and soul of Columbus. The Short North Alliance (SNA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving both the property and business owners of the Short North Arts District. For more information, visit [www.shortnorth.org](http://www.shortnorth.org).