



Lawrence ArtWalk 2004

The 10th annual Lawrence ArtWalk

October 23-24, 2004

A self-guided tour of Lawrence artists' studios and other art spaces featuring the visual artists of Douglas County, KS.

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Lawrence ArtWalk celebrates 10 years of community support for the arts

One of the city of Lawrence's favorite art events is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year! What was started in 1995 by Lawrence artist Diana Dunkley and bookstore owner Pat Kehde as a weekend walking tour of downtown Lawrence galleries and studios has now blossomed into a city wide showcase featuring the dazzling artistic talent of Douglas County! During this year's event, Lawrence ArtWalk 2004, the incredible artwork of over 90 artists will be exhibited either individually or as part of artists' groups or collectives at 41 locations in and around Lawrence!

Hosted by a city recently ranked 12th by the National Endowment for the Arts among cities in the United States with the largest percentage of professional artists in the workforce, the Lawrence ArtWalk promises something for everyone. The ArtWalk features a diverse range of media, styles and prices; and includes ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metalworks, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and more!

With the University of Kansas adding to Lawrence's relaxed, college-town vibe, the ArtWalk is also known for being an easy-going and friendly experience. People can wander comfortably into private artists' studios, become more familiar with their artwork, and possibly buy work after meeting the artist in person. "This experience is something that adds to the joy of purchasing and collecting art," Lawrence ArtWalk Director, John Wysocki, said.

To celebrate the ArtWalk's milestone the event has been reintroduced by Wysocki as a month-long celebration, starting with a special preview exhibition featuring participating artists' works between October 2-24 at ad astra eclectic galleria, which is located downtown at 205 W. 8th St. The preview exhibition kicks off with a special opening reception between 6-9 p.m. on October 2 at the gallery, and includes a retrospective display of promotional artifacts from the ArtWalk's first nine years. The reception is followed by a concert featuring one of Lawrence's favorite folk-rock bands, Uncle Dirty Toes, whose lead singer and songwriter—Maria Anthony—has participated as an ArtWalk artist herself.

Even though one can start the tour of ArtWalk studios at any location, a good place to start is the ad astra eclectic galleria. Samples of artists' work may be reviewed at the gallery—and even purchased—which also has guidebooks and maps available that identify the locations of artists' studios.

To make it easier to get around town on Saturday's ArtWalk day, the day has been designated as a free ridership day by the city's T bus system! Many artists' studios are located either on or within a block of T bus routes while the gallery hosting the preview exhibition is located just a block away from the T's main Downtown stop.

Whereas in past years the Lawrence ArtWalk has also featured art galleries, the ArtWalk now focuses on individual artists and their creative work environments. However, art lovers can warm up for the weekend's main event by enjoying the Fall Downtown Gallery Walk on the Friday evening immediately preceding the ArtWalk (October 22, 7-9 p.m.). About a dozen galleries and other venues will hold opening receptions, artists' demonstrations and special events in what has become a tradition during each season of the year.

The ArtWalk's 10th anniversary year is also marked with a new logo that was illustrated by Lawrence artist and ArtWalk regular Dale Martin. The logo features an art buyer-type character named Arthur Walker, Esq. Art Walker is sold on art. Are you?

Further details about Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 may be viewed online at www.lawrenceartwalk.org.

Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 Calendar of Events

LAWRENCE ARTWALK 2004 PREVIEW EXHIBITION: OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, October 2, 6-9 pm

Featuring a public reception for the artists participating in the annual Lawrence ArtWalk and the Lawrence ArtWalk's 10th anniversary birthday celebration.

Location: ad astra eclectic galleria, 205 W. 8th St., Lawrence (785.856.4653). Upstairs.

UNCLE DIRTY TOES

Saturday, October 2, 10 pm

Concert featuring one of Lawrence's favorite folk-rock bands, Uncle Dirty Toes, whose lead singer and songwriter—Maria Anthony—has participated as an ArtWalk artist herself.

Location: ad astra eclectic galleria, 205 W. 8th St., Lawrence (785.856.4653). Upstairs.

Admission Charge: \$

LAWRENCE ARTWALK 2004 PREVIEW EXHIBITION

October 2-23, Wed-Sat 1-9 pm; October 24, Sun noon-6 pm

Featuring representative samples of artwork by artists participating in the annual Lawrence ArtWalk as well as a retrospective display of promotional artifacts from the event's first nine years.

Location: ad astra eclectic galleria, 205 W. 8th St., Lawrence (785.856.4653). Upstairs.

DOWNTOWN LAWRENCE GALLERY WALK

Fri October 22, 7-9pm

Downtown art galleries stay open late for the Fall occurrence of what has become a seasonal tradition.

About a dozen galleries and other venues will hold opening receptions, artists' demonstrations and special events. Guide maps available at downtown galleries.

LAWRENCE ARTWALK 2004

Sat, October 23, 10 am-6 pm; Sun, October 24, noon-6 pm

10th annual, self-guided tour of Lawrence artists' studios and other art spaces. Visit over 90 Douglas County visual artists in their creative work environments, see demonstrations of their crafts and purchase locally produced art! Guidebooks and maps (free) available by October from ad astra eclectic galleria, 205 W. 8th St., Lawrence (785.856.4653), the venue for the Lawrence ArtWalk Preview Exhibition. Maps also available from the Lawrence Visitor Information Center, 402 N. 2nd, Lawrence (785.865.4499) and the Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire, Lawrence (785.843.2787).

Location: 41 venues in and around town.

Saturday: Free ridership day on the city's 'T' bus system! Many studios located within one block of a city bus route.

FURTHER DETAILS

Further details about Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 may be viewed online at www.lawrenceartwalk.org.

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