



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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The City of Lawrence Puts the "T" into Art!

One of Lawrence's favorite annual weekend art events is getting support from the city this year. To make it easier to take the tour of private artists' studios on Saturday, October 23rd, the first day of two during Lawrence ArtWalk 2004, the day has been designated as a free ridership day by the city's bus system or "T!" Up to 10 such free ridership days were authorized by the City Commission earlier in the year. "The ArtWalk is the perfect event for the city to partner with to promote a much-needed community wide public service," Lawrence ArtWalk Director John Wysocki said.

The 10th annual Lawrence ArtWalk—or Lawrence ArtWalk 2004—features the incredible artwork of over 90 visual artists who will be exhibiting their work either individually or as part of artists' groups at 41 locations in and around Lawrence! Many artists' studios are located either on or within a block of "T" bus routes while the gallery hosting the Lawrence ArtWalk Preview Exhibition—ad astra eclectica galleria—is located just a block away from the "T"'s main Downtown stop.

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, Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 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!

In celebration of the Lawrence ArtWalk's ten-year milestone the event was reintroduced by Wysocki as a month-long celebration, which kicked off on October 2 with a special preview exhibition of participating artists' works at ad astra eclectica galleria, located downtown at 205 W. 8th St. The exhibition will run through the Lawrence ArtWalk weekend and includes a retrospective display of promotional artifacts from the ArtWalk's first nine years.

Even though one can start the tour of ArtWalk studios at any location, a good place to start is the ad astra eclectica galleria. "An out-of-town visitor, or even anyone from Lawrence, should first visit the Preview Exhibition at ad astra to see samples of artists' work and pick up the guidebook or a guide map before taking the tour, whether by car or bus," Wysocki said. "The artwork on display may also be purchased." Guidebooks include detailed maps and information about artists as well as a guide to the visual arts in Douglas County and cost less than \$10.00. Guide maps, which are free, feature an overall city map and basic information about artists. Maps for the city's "T" bus system are also available.

With the University of Kansas adding to Lawrence's relaxed, college-town vibe, the Lawrence 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 perhaps buy work after meeting the artist in person. "This experience is something that adds to the joy of purchasing and collecting art," Wysocki said.

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 Lawrence Gallery Walk on the Friday evening immediately preceding the ArtWalk (October 22, 7-9 p.m.). About a dozen downtown galleries and the Lawrence Public Library will hold opening receptions, artists' demonstrations and special events in what has become a tradition during each season of the year.

Further details about Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 may be viewed online at www.lawrenceartwalk.org, where Wysocki has created and developed a comprehensive Web site devoted to the ArtWalk. Art lovers can view images of artists' works, read about the event's history and find the latest information available about the event.

Lawrence ArtWalk 2004 Calendar of Events

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 eclectica galleria, 205 W. 8th St., Lawrence (785.856.4653). Upstairs.

Admission Charge: no.

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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 free maps available from ad astra eclectica 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.

Admission Charge: no.

Saturday: Free ridership day on the city's bus system or "T!" Many studios are 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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