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## June 2022 Newsletter

Planning for the 2022 NEON Festival is off and running! Save the date for the 7th annual celebration of all things in the district: the evenings of October 20 and 21, 2022. As always, the festival will be a forum for all creatives in Norfolk and beyond. Watch for opportunities coming your way later this summer to plan your own activity or event or exhibition. For now, sponsorship support is needed to create another amazing year of creativity and fun. Interested sponsors can click [here](#) for details or contact [info@neonnfk.com](mailto:info@neonnfk.com).



Ages: 10+

Pay-what-you-can. Pre-registration required.

Sundays from  
9am-2pm

**July 31: SCULPTING WITH CARDBOARD**

feat. Pat Langley, Artist

feat. Margaret Eppes, Resilience Fellow, City of Norfolk

**August 7: POTHOLE MOSAICS**

feat. Suzy Peterson, Artist

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**August 14: HORTICULTURAL DIY**

August 28

**LIL TRUCK PLOT SOCIAL / OPEN STUDIO**

Join us for an open-ended making session at the plot featuring local makers, local snacks, & opportunities to get involved!



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## Summer with Lil Truck of Tools

Lil Truck of Tools rolls back to the Plot this summer for a new series of art and maker classes. In the truck's inaugural year, artist Suzy Peterson established a pay-what-you-can mobile program designed to teach young people how to use power tools and create DIY projects. Suzy and her team return to the Plot with Late Summer Sundays, summer camp-style maker classes led by local artists. Classes kick off on **Sunday, July 31**, from 9am-2pm and run each Sunday until August 28, culminating in an open studio celebration for the whole family. All classes are donation-based and require pre-registration. Click [here](#) to sign up.



## The Campaign for Chrysler

After the 2021 celebration of the landmark gift from Walter P. Chrysler, Jr. that permanently altered the Chrysler Museum of Art's course fifty years ago, the Museum is now embarking on another significant campaign. A new generation of donors are poised to transform Norfolk's most well-known art institution for the next fifty years. Priorities like the Perry Glass Studio expansion, a center dedicated to works on paper by the Hague, and endowments for technology, education and exhibitions will change the face of the Museum and deepen the importance of the NEON District as a supportive environment for the arts. Chrysler's incredibly dedicated community kicked off this sea change with a groundbreaking for the Perry Glass Studio this week. Stay tuned for details on the next phase of glassmaking, education and performance from CMGS! Click [here](#) to join in the campaign and contribute to the future of the Chrysler Museum of Art.



## Neighborhood News

Fans of the NEON District and historic architecture were treated to two insider previews of significant buildings this month. Norfolk Preservation Collective provided a deep dive on the [Atlantic-Permanent Building](#) (home to d'Art Center) and the Duke-Grace Building (the former home of d'Art Center). Both are fascinating examples of Norfolk's urban mid-century architecture in the Auto Row Historic District, that have found new life decades later.

Legend Property Group hosted an open house for [Pilot Place](#), to show off the renovation of the former *Virginian-Pilot* headquarters into a unique multifamily development with a pool, co-working space, gym and unique front lobby. The maze-like building, added to over decades, is like a record in time of downtown Norfolk. With such a vast space no longer needed for the local press, it's a saving grace that hundreds of new neighborhood residents will be able to enjoy such a historic property, right in the middle of NEON.

## Programs and Events

- [Date Night](#), Push Comedy Theater, July 2
- [Kurtis Conner Live](#), Harrison Opera House, July 7
- [Portrayed Exhibition Opening Reception](#), d'Art Center, July 8
- [M.C. Escher Drawing Workshop](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, July 9
- [Chrysler Book Club](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, July 10
- [NEON Art Tour](#), The Plot, July 15
- [Bhav Brigade Yoga](#), The Plot, July 16
- [The Guiding Hand Gallery Talk with Clay Barr](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, July 16
- [Off-Granby: The Musical!](#), Push Comedy Theater, July 16
- [Curator Series: Art and the Environment](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, July 17
- [Late Summer Sundays](#), The Plot, July 31

See all upcoming events in and around the NEON District [here](#).

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions

*School Girls, or the African Mean Girls Play*, Generic Theater

*M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*The Totality of Time Lusters the Dusk*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*The Guiding Hand: The Barr Foundation Collection of Torah Pointers*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Surface: A Juried National Exhibition*, d'Art Center

### Press

[Philanthropist Joan Brock Gifts \\$34 Million to Chrysler Museum of Art](#), The Virginian-Pilot

[d'Art's New Exhibition Goes Beyond Scratching the Surface](#), Norfolk Currents

[7 Fantastic Restaurants to Try in Norfolk](#), Travel Awaits

[Chrysler Museum of Art Names McKinnon Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art](#), ArtDaily



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