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November 2022 Newsletter

This holiday season, score unique gifts from the eclectic selection of locally owned, small businesses that make the NEON District a must-shop destination. Here are eight of the best spots to browse this year.

Cardinal Skate Shop

Visit Cardinal Skate Shop this holiday season for all your skateboarding needs! Locally owned and operated for 19 years, Cardinal has everything you need to get rolling. Boards, shoes and apparel from the finest companies in the world.

Chrysler Museum of Art and Glass Studio

Shop the special Chrysler Museum of Art “**International Year of Glass**” Ornament, made at the Perry Glass Studio by glassblower Kelsey Finnie. It is 4 inches in diameter, made of blown glass in iridescent gold, with a special gold “Chrysler 2022” charm attached. Kelsey also made the **annual Snowperson ornament**, always a best-seller.

d’Art Center

Launching December 1, the d’Art Boutique & Gift Shop offers handmade and uniquely creative gifts. The boutique will be open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Thursdays until 7pm and

Sundays 12pm-5pm. As always, d'Art Center also has unique and original fine art for sale from both local and national artists.

Hummingbird Macarons & Desserts

Each fall and winter, Hummingbird Macarons & Desserts creates a unique collection of macaron flavors that embrace the season's very essence. Stop by and purchase these special macarons while they last.

La Brioche Bakery & Coffee

With everything in house made from scratch, you can't get a more authentically French prezzie than a gift basket from La Brioche. Throughout the holidays, treats and fresh baked breads are available for the gourmand in your life.

Plant Norfolk

At Plant Norfolk, find the perfect gift for those looking to enter the world of houseplants as well as the experienced green thumb. This holiday season get an adorably decorated Norfolk Island pine or Christmas cactus. And if you just can't decide, grab a Plant Norfolk gift card!

Stark & Legum

Serving Hampton Roads since 1924, Stark & Legum is essential to dressing well during the holidays. With beautiful hats, clothing and shoes available, step up your attire for festive nights on the town this season or give the gift of style.

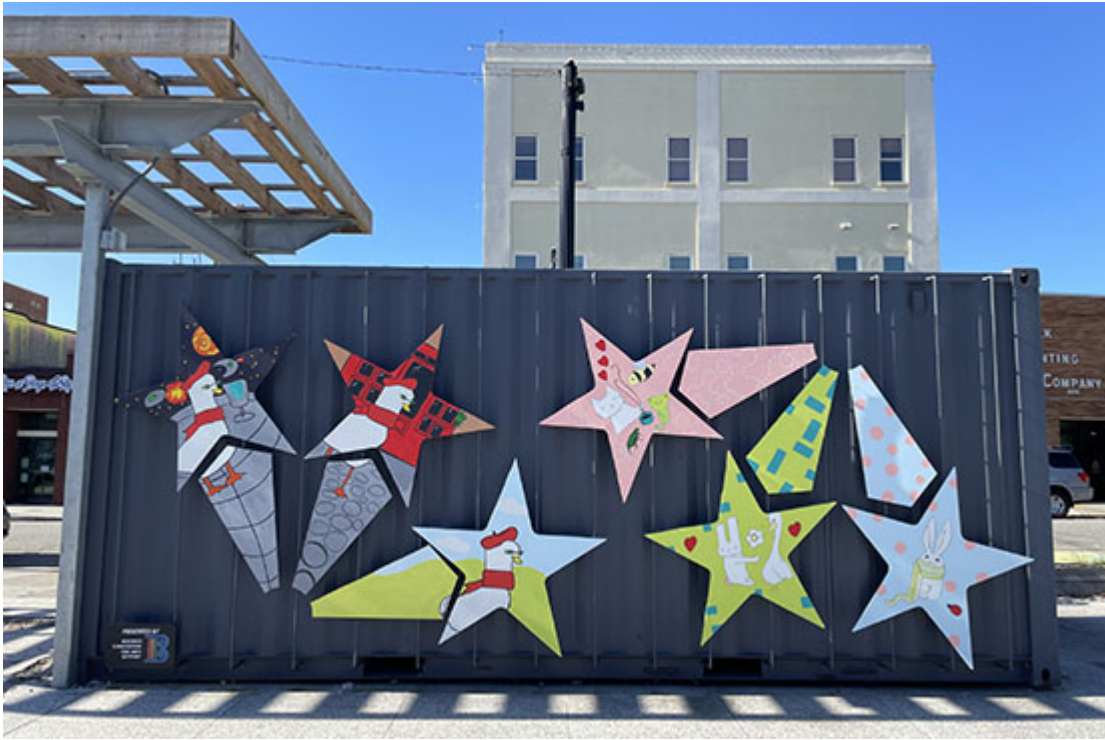
Xchange

Happy Holidays from the Xchange family! Throughout the holiday season, Xchange will be offering plenty of steals and deals, from the latest Dunks to choice vintage T's.



NEON Holiday Market

The **NEON Holiday Market** is shaping up to be one of the biggest ever on Saturday, December 10. This year, almost 50 unique vendors will be selling their creative wares at the Plot from 12pm-4pm. From original artworks to hand-poured candles to vintage records, you'll have your holiday shopping done in no time. With festive tunes provided by Ann Gray, the Santa Brass Band, and Jason Brown, the Plot will be rockin' around the Christmas tree.



NEON Stars

This year's custom holiday star décor for the neighborhood was hand-painted by [The Governor's School for the Arts](#) students. Fresh off their [Gourmandizing](#) mural, the ten art students had a few weeks left of the semester to tackle another paint project. The cheerful and colorful designs can be found at Retail Alliance's parking lot, the Plot and on Bob's fence, and will be on view until early January.



Neighborhood News

Residents and businesses, mark your calendars. On Wednesday, December 7, the City of Norfolk will be attending the **NEON District Committee meeting** to brief the neighborhood on the final planning phases of the streetscape project. This will include details on alternate traffic routes, parking accommodations during construction and business communications. Outreach will begin this winter as the major construction project is slated to begin in spring 2023. Please attend or send a representative to d'Art Center on December 7 at 5:30pm.

Programs and Events

- **Wine-ter Wonderland**, d'Art Center, December 1
- **First Friday with Mike Watts**, Zeke's NFK, December 2
- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, December 3
- **Photos with Santa**, d'Art Center, December 3
- **A Storyland Christmas**, Harrison Opera House, December 3
- **NEON Committee Meeting**, d'Art Center, December 7
- **Mbari Night**, Chrysler Museum of Art, December 7
- **Attack of the Rookies**, Push Comedy Theater, December 8
- **VSO Holiday POPS!**, Chrysler Hall, December 9
- **Glass Studio Holiday Sale**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, December 9-11
- **Holiday Vendor Market**, d'Art Center, December 10
- **The Unusual Suspects**, Push Comedy Theater, December 10
- **Interfaith Tour: Mother and Child**, Chrysler Museum of Art, December 11
- **Vienna Boys Choir**, Harrison Opera House, December 12
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, December 15
- **Chrysler Bake Off**, Chrysler Museum of Art, December 18
- **RnB Block Party**, Scope, December 31

For more NEON District events, click [here](#).

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