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## March 2023 Newsletter

The NEON District and Norfolk Tour Company are proud to announce a new season of monthly walking tours of the district's public art collection. The tours begin this **Saturday, April 1** at 2pm and run through the end of next winter. Leaving from The Plot, each tour explores the dozens of public artworks that make the neighborhood unique. New content for the season includes a Juneteenth Black artist tour and features on the new murals added to the district in 2022. The best part is, it's totally free! Wear comfortable shoes and bring a friend (furry ones welcome too!). Click [here](#) for more information and a full schedule.



## Volunteer at the Plot

The signs of spring are all around as days get longer and yellow pollen coats Norfolk. In NEON, that means it's time to refresh The Plot's landscaping and planters. Join the neighborhood for weeding, planting and cleaning on **Saturday, April 15** from 10am to 1pm. Commune NFK will also be out building new raised beds for herbs and could use a hand or two. Please register [here](#) for a volunteer shift and don't forget to bring your gardening gloves.

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**ARTIST  
MEET & GREET**  
**04.16.23**  
**2:00-3:30PM**

## Artist Meet & Greet

New NEON business **GypSea Roots Collective** is hosting an **Artist Meet & Greet** on Sunday, April 16 from 2 to 3:30pm. Owner SB Smith is a photographer and health and wellness practitioner with a large second floor space in the Ghent-Olney Building at 801 Boush Street. Her walls need your art! Bring a portfolio or business cards, check out the space, network and find out about upcoming opportunities to display local art.



## Neighborhood News

The **Chrysler Museum Glass Studio** expansion is now underway! This week, contractors broke ground on the project which is expected to take 19 months and will be completed in two phases. The expansion will effectively triple the size of the glass art facility, greatly increasing the educational and programmatic offerings and cementing the studio as one of the leading glass institutions in the world. Construction fences and equipment are on-site and will be occupying the parking lot adjacent to the Glass Studio. During construction, the Chrysler will be unable to accommodate NEON District visitors at museum parking lots. Click [here](#) for more details on the project and exciting updates as construction progresses.

## Programs and Events

- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, Harrison Opera House, April 5
- **Brian Regan**, Harrison Opera House, April 6
- **Vitreous Theater: The Inflatables**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 7
- **Black Jacket Theater: Full Moon Fever**, Harrison Opera House, April 7
- **Art in Motion**, d'Art Center, April 15
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 20
- **Clay Throwdown**, d'Art Center, April 21
- **Virginia Symphony Orchestra Romantic Meltdown**, Chrysler Hall, April 22
- **Introduction to Neon**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 22-23
- **Off-Granby: The Musical!**, Push Comedy Theater, April 27
- **Girl-Prov**, Push Comedy Theater, April 29

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

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions & Performances

*Ninth Annual Wearable Arts Exhibition*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Barbara Earl Thomas: The Illuminated Body*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Facing Ourselves: Mike Disfarmer and the American Portrait*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Preston Singletary: Raven and the Box of Daylight*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Persistence V: All Women's Juried Exhibition*, d'Art Center

*Hamilton*, Chrysler Hall

*Swan Lake*, Chrysler Hall

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Chrysler Hall

Virginia International Tattoo, Scope Arena

### **Press**

Student Tying Up Loose Ends Before 9th Annual Wearable Arts Show, WAVY

Viva Verdi! And Viva Violetta! La Traviata Lives Again at Virginia Opera, The Virginian-Pilot

Mural Monday: Adding Pops of Color to the Area, WTKR

Glass Act: Chrysler Museum's Massive Glass Studio Expansion, Norfolk Currents

Women's History Month: Karen Rudd, City of Norfolk

Power of Women Artists on Display at Norfolk's d'Art Center, The Virginian-Pilot

He Auditioned for Hamilton at Least 20 Times. Now, You Can See the Hampton Native Shine on Stage in Norfolk., The Virginian-Pilot



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