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January 2025 Newsletter

Currently on view at Tidewater Community College's Visual Arts & Design Center in Downtown Norfolk, *Renewable Energies* is the first exhibition to be co-produced by TCC and NEON. Longtime NEON Festival participants, TCC is generously now welcoming the NEON District into their space at the new VADC. The exhibition is a testament to both organizations' renewal and transformation. Featuring the work of twelve regional artists, the show highlights sculpture, video installations, and neon art inspired by the NEON District's evolving public spaces. On display until March 8, don't miss a chance to dive deeper into Norfolk's art scene.



IgNITE

Tonight at 7pm! Get ready for a Lunar New Year celebration like no other at the Chrysler Museum of Art. It's the year of the snake, so expect intrigue, mystery, and a little cattiness flung in for fun. Inspired by the Museum's Asian Art galleries, this **IgNITE** is all about joy, transformation, and having a blast. For good luck and prosperity, dance the night away, laugh with comedians, and be wowed by a Chinese Lion Dance, tarot card readings, and fun surprises. Members and non-members can join in the fun by purchasing a ticket [here](#).



Thurs Feb 13th at 7pm ♦ Push Comedy Theater ♦ SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED through Wed Feb 5th

The Story Exchange

Introducing **WHRO's Story Exchange**, a "Moth Hour" style series inviting the community to explore and share personal narratives. Each event centers on a guiding question, encouraging deep reflection, dialogue, and connection, and will be recorded and turned into a podcast produced by WHRO Public Media. Themed around the concept of "home," speakers are invited

to submit stories by February 5 for the first live event at Push Comedy Theater on Thursday, February 13 at 7pm. Share your story [here](#) or grab a ticket to listen [here](#).



Intimate Friends Call to Artists

Coffee Black invites artists to submit work for an exhibition at Commune Norfolk for **Intimate Friends**, a group exhibition exploring themes of love, friendship, and human connection curated by Aimee Bruce. On display February 14 to March 7, the exhibition accompanies an all out night of entertainment on Valentine's Day with R&B vibes, live art, ice breaker games and singles mixing. Artists should submit 2D and small-scale 3D works of art that embody the warmth, complexities, and nuances of relationships in all their forms by February 9 at 5pm. Find more information and instructions to submit [here](#).



Neighborhood News

The NEON District was nominated as one of the best arts districts in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards! It's an honor to be on the same list as very well-known arts neighborhoods like Chelsea, Bywater and RiNo, but of course, we want to win. Readers can vote once per day for each award at <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-arts-district-2025/> until voting ends on Monday, February 17 at 11:59am EST. The top 10 winners, as ranked by USA TODAY 10Best readers, will be announced on Wednesday, February 26 at noon EST. You know what they say, vote early and vote often!

Programs and Events

- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, The Neon House, February 5
- **Mixtape First Thursday**, Chrysler Museum of Art, February 6
- **Glass Imaginings Jewelry Workshop**, d'Art Center, February 8
- **Black History Month Children's Concert**, Chrysler Museum of Art, February 12
- **Valentine Workshop**, d'Art Center, February 13
- **Intimate Friends**, Commune Norfolk, February 14
- **Games Women Play**, Chrysler Hall, February 16
- **Norfolk Forum: Angela Hucles Mangano**, Chrysler Hall, February 18
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, February 20
- **Surface Exhibition Opening**, d'Art Center, February 21
- **The Jam: Loud, Proud & Seasoned III**, Push Comedy Theater, February 21
- **The Dirty Comedy Show**, Push Comedy Theater, February 22
- **Eddie Griffin**, Chrysler Hall, February 22
- **Alton Brown**, Chrysler Hall, February 25
- **NSA Lecture: Knowing the West**, Chrysler Museum of Art, February 26
- **Rhythm Live!**, Harrison Opera House, February 28

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

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Surface: A Juried National Exhibition of Texture and Pattern, d'Art Center

Anne May in The Vault, d'Art Center

Renewable Energies, TCC Visual Arts & Design Center

A Great Wilderness, Generic Theater

MJ The Musical, Chrysler Hall

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