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March 2025 Newsletter

The **Perry Glass Studio** is finally fired up and ready to be shared with the wide world. Pre-NEON District, the Studio first opened in 2011 as an experiment to add glassmaking and complement the Chrysler Museum of Art's significant permanent glass collection. As the Studio's scope expanded over the years, bringing in hundreds of working artists through apprenticeships and workshops, the NEON District grew up alongside it. The creative energy brought in by new multidisciplinary artists fed the early years of the NEON as those artists spread into the neighborhood making neon public art pieces, took up residence at Glass Wheel Studio, volunteered their time to beautify public spaces and gave birth to the NEON Festival. There is no NEON District without the Perry Glass Studio. And now it's time to celebrate!

The grand opening festivities take place March 29 and 30 throughout the Chrysler Museum of Art campus. Starting off on Saturday with a glamorous evening, the Glass & Glitz Grand Gathering and Auction from 6-10pm, presented by Dollar Tree, will feature glassmaking demonstrations and appearances from Dante Marioni, Corey Pemberton, MiNHi England, Kimberly Thomas and others. Enjoy glass performances with Kishi Bashi and live music by BJ Griffin, pop-up entertainment, brilliant libations and fiery foods, a silent auction, dancing and more. Purchase tickets at chrysler.org/glitz.

The festivities continue Sunday with a free, family-friendly block party bridging the Museum and Studio spaces 11am-3pm. **El Día de los Niños (Children's Day) Festival** will feature live performances for and by children, glass-making demos and workshops, an art carnival, and

large-scale print-making inspired by the *Oaxaca Central: Contemporary Mexican Printmaking* exhibition currently on view.



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Glass Circuit NFK

D'Art Center will be celebrating alongside Chrysler Museum of Art on the weekend of March 28-30 with a curated glass art experience throughout Downtown and the NEON District. On Sunday, March 30, from 11am-4pm, art lovers are invited to spend the day journeying through Norfolk's glass art scene on the **Glass Circuit Tour**. Start off the day at d'Art Center to pick up a passport for collecting stamps to win big and view *Glass Immersed*. The exhibition includes work from both emerging and established artists connected with the Chrysler's Perry Glass Studio, as well as works from The Perry Glass Art Collection. Then find your way to The Glass Light Hotel & Gallery to tour the stunning galleries and view glass demos. End a day of celebrations with a visit to the Perry Glass Studio and El Día de los Niños (Children's Day) Festival. Attendees are encouraged to park in NEON and walk between d'Art and Chrysler Museum, while Downtown's F.R.E.D. and Lime scooters and bikes will be available for transport to Glass Light Hotel & Gallery.



Plot Volunteer Day

Volunteers are needed to help refresh The Plot for the spring and summer on Saturday, April 5 from 10am-1pm. There is a fun line-up of projects to ensure the NEON District's community space is ready for action. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring extra gardening tools and gloves if you can. Children are welcome with adult supervision. Please register for a volunteer shift [here](#). Thank you for making The Plot beautiful and enhancing a creative and safe space for our community!



Neighborhood News

In the coming year, watch for a few new businesses popping up in the District. **Bountiful Utopia**, opening soon at 727 Granby Street, is a holistic retail store offering alternative medicine options for you and your four-legged family members. In the same block, at 735 Granby Street, former MacArthur Center tenant, **Cardi** is opening a new retail space for fashion and more. In the former Plant Norfolk shop at 802 Granby Street, a cell phone repair boutique is in the works. Lastly, construction and renovations in the former Retail Alliance office building are coming right along for a new daycare center, recently adding a new playground and fence along the parking lot at 838 Granby Street.

Programs and Events

- **Digital Art Portfolio Workshop**, d'Art Center, March 1
- **Tina: A Tina Turner Celebration with Adrienne Warren**, Chrysler Hall, March 1
- **Date Night**, Push Comedy Theater, March 1
- **Mixtape First Thursday**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 6
- **Oaxaca Central: Contemporary Mexican Printmaking Exhibition Celebration**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 10
- **St. Patrick's Day Potato Blockprinting Workshop**, d'Art Center, March 13
- **Legends of Laughter**, Chrysler Hall, March 14
- **Pushing Dragons**, Push Comedy Theater, March 15
- **Championship RnB Block Party**, Scope Plaza, March 15
- **Glass After Dark: Joyce Scott**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, March 20
- **Joyce Scott: Bead Exploration**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 22
- **Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue**, Chrysler Hall, March 25
- **NSA Lecture: Mary Cassatt's Models**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 26
- **Mozart's Jupiter Symphony**, Chrysler Hall, March 28
- **Jim Jeffries**, Chrysler Hall, March 29
- **Jason's Lyric Live**, Chrysler Hall, March 30

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

Recently in NEON

Exhibitions & Performances

Framing the Expanded Field: Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty, Chrysler Museum of Art

Joyce J. Scott: Messages, Chrysler Museum of Art

Oaxaca Central: Contemporary Mexican Printmaking, Chrysler Museum of Art

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

Ordinary Days, Generic Theater

Mama Mia!, Chrysler Hall

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