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A fabric print by Peter Happel Christian. CONTRIBUTED

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS TO SEE IN NOVEMBER



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November brings a diverse range of exhibitions across southwest Ohio, exploring the ways art tells both personal stories and builds connections to the communities and land around us.

From traditions carved into wood to family histories told through food to the celebration of new American voices, galleries across the region consider how individual experiences become part of a larger cultural story.

For those willing to venture farther, exhibitions in Cincinnati, Columbus and Louisville offer even more reasons to make art part of the season.

University of Dayton Senior Show: We Are Still Here

The University of Dayton Department of Visual and Performing Arts hosts its senior show at the Roger Glass Center for the Arts.

The exhibition will highlight a range of graduating student work and provide an opportunity for the public to experience the next generation of creative professionals.

How to go: Reception 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, with parking available in S1 and D lots. Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays through Dec. 3 at Roger Glass Center for the Arts, 29 E. Creative Way, Dayton.

The Contemporary Dayton: Fragments for Memory

The Contemporary Dayton presents a new solo show as part of its members series.

In Fragments for Memory, Ohio-based photographer Michael Hicks searches for the overlooked details of everyday life.

Proceeds support both the artist and The Contemporary Dayton's mission to connect artists and audiences through accessible, engaging contemporary art experiences.

How to go: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Nov. 28 at The Contemporary Dayton, 25 W. Fourth St. Dayton. Free and open to the public.

Dayton Art Institute: INDEX Gallery: Work Life Balance

Work Life Balance, an exhibition by Peter Happel Christian, consists of photographs and sculpture that meditate on the aspirational life motto "work life balance," and what the artist deems its equal opposite – "play death imbalance."

Happel Christian is professor and chair of the Department of the Arts at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

How to go: 8-6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8-5 p.m. Friday through Nov. 13 at The Hub, 31 S. Main St., Dayton. Street parking.

Wall Power! and Power of Remembrance

Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum, and Power of Remembrance: AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels bring together two perspectives on the American quilt and its ability to preserve stories by making history visible.

"Wall Power!" features 20 quilts from a range of traditions

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WEEKEND GUIDE

THINGS TO DO: CIDER DAYS, SHARONVILLE HOLIDAY MARKET, MORE

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This weekend, many events are slated to take place across southwest Ohio, including markets, festivals and concerts. Here's a look at what's happening.

BUTLER COUNTY

Land of Illusion Christmas Nightmare: Nov. 6-7 at 8762 Thomas Road, Middletown. **More info:** In preparation for its 30th anniversary next year, Land of Illusion is mixing its Halloween and Christmas offerings for a special weekend-long event. There will be holiday lights, haunted attractions, carnival rides, scare actors and more.

Delhi Flower and Garden Center Holiday Market: Nov. 7-8 at 6282 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, Middletown. **More info:** The Delhi Flower and Garden Center will celebrate the holiday season with a bazaar, set to offer Christmas décor, handmade gifts, food trucks and more. This event will be held inside the center's atrium and greenhouse.

Liberty Center Pumpkin Smash: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7100 Foundry Row, Liberty Twp. **More info:** For those looking to get rid of their rotting jack-o-lanterns, the Liberty Center is set to host a pumpkin smashing event at its park in collaboration with GroundsPro Landscaping. Pumpkins smashed at the event will be composted, so they cannot feature excess paint, glitter, stickers or other nonbiodegradable items.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Urbana Holiday Open House: Nov. 6-8 in downtown Urbana. **More info:** The Monument Square District in Urbana is hosting a preview of its holiday offerings, featuring over 40 stores and restaurants decorated for the season.

CLARK COUNTY

Snowflake Craft Bazaar: Nov. 6-7 at 205 W. Lake Ave., New Carlisle. **More info:** The Sacred Heart Parish Center is set to host a holiday market featuring over 60 vendors, food offerings, a raffle and more.

Miracle on Mitchell Holiday Bazaar: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1301 Mitchell Blvd., Springfield. **More info:** The National Trail Park District's upcoming market will be held within its administrative building. Entry is free.

GREENE COUNTY

Yellow Springs Cider Days: Nov. 6-7 at 101 Dayton St., Yellow Springs. **More info:** The village of Yellow Springs is celebrating the fall season with a multiday festival, featuring cider-inspired food and drink options as well as other treats.

Handmade Holiday Craft Show: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 3737 Upper Bellbrook Road, Bellbrook. **More info:** To kick off the holiday shopping season, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce will host a craft show at Bellbrook High School.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Sharonville Holiday Market: Nov. 6-8 at 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville. **More info:** The first of two events to be held by Cincinnati Holiday Markets this season, The Sharonville Holiday Market will feature a variety of local vendors. On Sunday, Nov. 8, free admission will be offered for active duty and retired military service members, police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers and first responders.

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Downtown Waynesville's Hearthwarming Holidays shopping event was held over the weekend of Nov. 3-5, 2023. TOM GILLIAM / CONTRIBUTED

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including traditional 19th-century patterns, designs developed by Amish communities, examples by African American makers, and craft revival.

Power of Remembrance features six 12-by-12-foot panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was started in 1985 as a way to tell the stories of those who died from AIDS-related illnesses. At one time, 41,000 panels were exhibited covering approximately 30 acres.

How to go: Power of Remembrance runs through Jan. 3, 2027, and Wall Power! runs through Jan. 10, 2027, at 456 Belmonte Park North, Dayton. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. $15 adults, $10 seniors, educators, military; $5 youth and students. Free for children ages 6 and younger.



A quiet moment captured by photographer Michael Hicks. CONTRIBUTED

Dayton Society of Artists: 'Welcome Dayton New Americans exhibit

This group show at the downtown Main Library celebrates the diverse perspectives of artists from our community who have recently become American citizens. The exhibition is a collaboration between Welcome Dayton, Dayton Metro Library, Custom Frame Services, City of Dayton, and The Dayton Society of Artists.

How to go: Open through December at 215 E. Third St., Dayton.



The Dot Experience is a new hands-on museum in Louisville that allows viewers of all vision abilities to engage with its exhibitions. CONTRIBUTED



Irish artist Seanie Barron carves wood into walking sticks in his native County Limerick. CONTRIBUTED

Butler County Alison Pebworth: Arboreal Kin

Rooted Studio and the Harry T. Wilks Foundation present "Arboreal Kin," a participatory installation by San Francisco-based visual and social practice artist Alison Pebworth, who recently completed a multimedia installation at MASS MoCA.

Created in response to Rooted's mission to promote a culture of trees in Hamilton, Pebworth is collaborating with local artisans and businesses on connecting her artistic practice with Hamilton's creative community and its "urban forest." The public is invited to experience the installation during Rooted Studio's Thursday evening and Saturday hours.

How to go: Reception 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Open 5-8 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at Rooted Studio, 112 S. Second St., Hamilton.

Greene County Village Artisans Gallery: 'Blue Sparkles & Ice'

Village Artisans members were tasked with creating art that celebrates the change of season and the coming holidays. The cooperative art gallery in Yellow Springs features locally made and handcrafted jewelry, woodworking, pottery, photography, paintings, drawings, fiber, glass, and mixed-media art.

How to go: Friday, Nov. 13, through Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2027, at 100 Corry St., Yellow Springs. Open hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Free and open to the public.

Woodbourne Library: Gary Blevins

Springfield artist Gary Blevins is showing a collection of his paintings at the gallery at Woodbourne Library. After a 35-year career as a portrait and sports photographer, Blevins transitioned to full-time painting, depicting sports, landscapes, wildlife, portraits, and religious subjects. The artist works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and egg tempera.

How to go: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 3 at 6060 Far Hills Ave., Centerville.

Columbus No Place Gallery: Sa Choill

Sa Choill, a solo exhibition by Irish artist and storyteller Seanie Barron translates from Irish as "into the woods" or "in the forest." Barron creates his walking sticks, or shillelaghs, by harvesting branches, vines, and roots from the landscape surrounding his home in County Limerick. He responds to the peculiarities already present in each piece of hazel, blackthorn, gorse, briar, holly, ash, horse chestnut, or elm by recognizing faces, animals, and gestures and drawing them out through carving and assemblage. Shells, peat, animal horn, found plastics, copper, rubber, and other materials are incorporated into the works. The walking sticks move between functional objects, sculpture and storytelling.

How to go: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays and 5-9 p.m. Saturdays. Through Nov. 27 at 1 E Gay St., Columbus.

Louisville: The Dot Experience

Billed as "the world's most inclusive museum," The Dot Experience recently opened in the American Printing House for the Blind campus. The 28,000-square-foot attraction allows visitors of all abilities to explore the stories of people who are blind or low vision, learn about groundbreaking innovations and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Through touch, sound, storytelling and interactive experiences, visitors explore blindness, braille, accessibility and innovation through hands-on exhibits, historical artifacts, firsthand stories and accessible technology.

How to go: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Sundays at 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Kentucky. Admission: Adult, $18; senior, $16; children ages 6-17, $14; children 5 and younger, free.

Cincinnati PAR-Projects: Revolutionary Recipes

Featuring the work of Cincinnati-based artist, Adoria Maxberry, Revolutionary Recipes tells the story of the artist's familial history and the central role of food in the home. Maxberry is an artist and educator exploring themes in African American cuisine. PAR-Projects, which houses a gallery and studios, is transforming almost an acre of blighted land in Northside, Cincinnati, into an arts and education center. Plans include an outdoor performance stage and movie theater as community gathering places.

How to go: Reception 6-9 p.m. Nov. 20. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Running through March 27, 2027 at 1646 Hoffner St., Cincinnati.

Editor's note: In a recent article, a photo of an artist's work exhibiting at the Rosewood Art Center was erroneously captioned as a work at a different gallery. Artist Trent Davis Bailey's "The North Fork" photography series is on display through Saturday, Nov. 7. Rosewood is at 3600 Shroyer Road in Kettering.

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