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Welcome to ArtBeat, our monthly newsletter with St. Petersburg's arts & cultural community news, calls to artists, and grant, job and internship opportunities. Please email news and opportunities to info@stpeteartsalliance.org. To add events, please go to Events to post them.

ST PETERSBURG ART WALK SECOND SATURDAY

Mother's Day ArtWalk
May 10 from 5-9pm



St. Petersburg Second Saturday ArtWalk becoming an integral cultural event in St. Petersburg

Every second Saturday evening, nearly 50 arts venues in St. Petersburg open their doors, attracting hundreds of visitors for the monthly ArtWalk.

ArtWalk supports local artists by showcasing the diversity and multitude of the independent arts scene in St. Pete. The event has grown from drawing a small group of those active in the arts to attracting large numbers of the general public.

The *Tampa Bay Times* recently profiled the cultural event and how it has evolved over the years.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

Free and easily accessible by trolleys that make regular stops, the next ArtWalk is on May 10, from 5–8 p.m. For more information about trolley routes and parking please visit

www.stpeteartsalliance.org

The Second Saturday ArtWalk is a collaboration of the Warehouse Arts District, Arts Association of St. Petersburg, the Edge District, the Central Arts District, the Grand Central District, and the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance.

Making St. Pete an Arts Destination

Young professionals from across St. Petersburg recently gathered together at “Engage St. Pete” to discuss the future of the city and connect with community leaders. With the current resurgence of the independent arts scene over the last few years, making St. Pete an arts destination was one of the main topics.

During a breakout session, St. Petersburg City Council Member Steve Kornell, representing District 5, Julie Mastry, President of the Bill Edwards Foundation for the Arts, and Sara Stonecipher, owner of MISRED Outfitters discussed the future of arts in the city.

All three were in agreement that St. Pete is an amazing art city, known for major attractions, such as the Dali Museum and Chihuly Collection, which put the city on the map. But the key for creative development is supporting independent artists in the area.

Echoed throughout the session was the need to spread the word about what the community arts scene has to offer. Murals have popped up all over St. Pete and galleries showcasing a variety of styles and mediums are everywhere, housed in various arts districts.

In order to support this burgeoning arts class, area residents must encourage their friends and neighbors to check out local artists.

The event, held on April 30, brought out hundreds to One Progress Plaza. Mayor Rick Kriseman served as the keynote speaker for the event. Along with the arts, breakout sessions focused on transportation, the waterfront, sports and the environment.



Arts Support

Restoring Funding for the Arts: The Time is Now for County Support

Arts and cultural organizations and institutions have come together to form the PinArts coalition. Its mission is to educate elected and civic leaders about arts needs and advocate that the county restore previous funding levels for the arts.

Visit [County Advocacy Platform](#)

Increasing City of St. Petersburg Funding for the Arts

The St. Pete Arts Steering Committee and the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance have drafted an arts

advocacy platform. Also endorsing the funding request is the leadership of the Warehouse Arts District Association, the Arts Association of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg's Arts Advisory Committee, and the Public Arts Commission. We are meeting with civic leaders to demonstrate the benefits of supporting our arts and cultural community.

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Calls to Artists

FLOR500

Florida artists are invited to be a part of FLOR500, a participatory art, nature, and history project. Artists are asked to create a new art piece representing one of 500 Florida native wildflowers. Works in a wide range of styles and mediums are welcomed.

http://www.xaviercortada.com/?page=FLOR500_apply

Deadline: June 15, 2014

The 2014 International Art Program for Children with Disabilities

Children with disabilities are encouraged to create a portrait that illustrates themselves in their neighborhood. Student-artists are encouraged to create a portrait that illustrate all the important people, places, and landscapes of their local space that shape who they are and who they will be in the future. A selection of artwork will be chosen for a live exhibition in Washington, DC. Children with a disability, ages 5-18 are welcome to submit.

www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/programs/vsa_lap.cfm

Deadline: July 1, 2014

View more Calls to Artists on our website [here](#).



Grants

2014 Individual Photographer's Fellowship

Aaron Siskind Foundation

The Aaron Siskind Foundation is offering a limited number of grants of up to \$10,000 each, for artists working in photography and photo-based art. Recipients will be chosen based on artistic excellence, accomplishment to date and the promise of future achievement.

<http://aaronsiskind.org/grant.html>

Deadline: May 23, 2014

2014 William H. Johnson Prize

The William H. Johnson Foundation for the Arts

Seeking to encourage African American artists early in their careers, The Johnson Foundation is offering a grant to an individual who works in painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking, installation and/or new genre. The prize is \$25,000 and the winner will be announced in December 2014.

<http://www.whjohnsongrant.org/whjform/>

Deadline: Sept. 15, 2014

Visit the St. Pete Arts Alliance [website](#) for more.



Volunteer Opportunities

Morean Arts Center

To learn about the current volunteer needs at the Morean Arts Center and Glass Studio & Hot Shop, email Cory.Adler@MoreanArtsCenter.org, or call 727.822.7872 x2123.

<http://www.moreanartscenter.org/news.php?id=2652>

Florida Craftsmen

Volunteers opportunities are available for individuals to work in the gift shop on a weekly basis, help sporadically with mailers, or be a part of the volunteer crew for CraftArt in November.

<http://floridacraftsmen.net/volunteer/>

Click [here](#) for additional volunteer opportunities on our website.



Jobs

Art Teacher

Melrose Elementary, St. Petersburg

Pinellas County Schools is looking for an art teacher that is certified in elementary art with a Florida Certificate, ESOL.

Send resume and letter of intent to grasson@pcsb.org

<http://jobsearch.educationamerica.net/index.phtml?a=v&j=1066502>

Deadline: June 1, 2014

Instrumental Music Instructor

Straz Center for the Performing Arts

The Patel Conservatory of the Straz Center for the Performing Arts seeks qualified music instructors to teach private lessons on the viola, saxophone, French horn, and low brass.

Send resume and cover letter to Human Resources: careers@strazcenter.org

<http://www.strazcenter.org/pdfs/employment/InstrumentalMusicInstructor.pdf>

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