

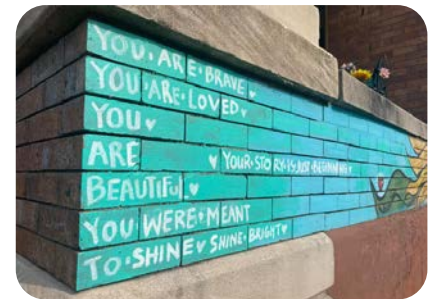
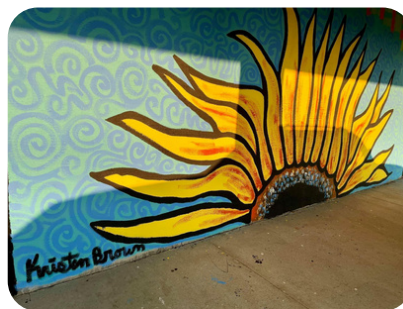
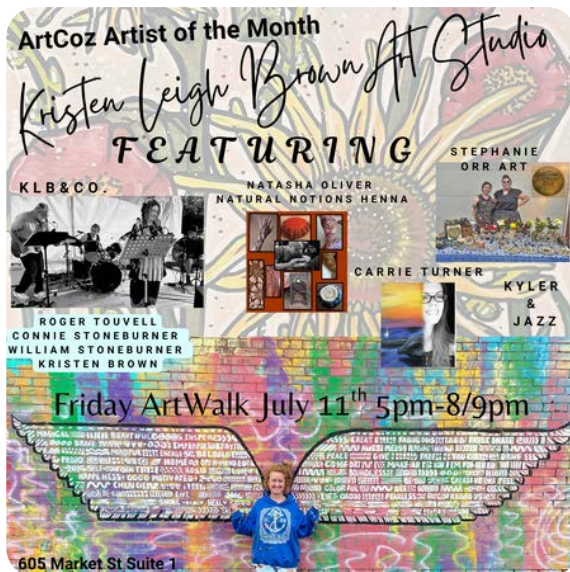
# The Arts in Downtown Zanesville



Join us for the July First Friday ArtWalk, July 11th from 5pm - 8pm.

## Kristen Leigh Brown Art Studio

Thank you for the opportunity to be the ArtCoz Artist of the Month for July. My art and singing have helped shape my colorful life and have given me the courage to fully express myself. Through the support of my family, husband, friends, and community I have been blessed with many opportunities to share my love of art. Art and singing have always been a way for me to work through depression. Painting with bright colors, contrast, and positivity help bring light within darkness. I create artwork to heal, while also promoting happiness, acceptance, love and harmony around me. You can find my artwork at Zane's Landing Pavilion, murals at the Colony Square Mall, Gemini's second floor, The Smile Shack and at my art studio located at 605 Market St. Suite 1 Open during artwalks/appointments. You can usually tell that I'm open by my bubble machine running and causing some excitement. My band KLB & Co. featuring Connie Stoneburner, William Stoneburner, Roger Touvell and myself have been playing together for over 5 years. Our band is very excited to have the opportunity to play as an opener for the Ride the Wind Poison cover band August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the Summer Concert Series and will be performing at my art studio for the July ArtWalk. While I step away to tend to my studio from time to time, the band will perform other songs they perform solo. I am fortunate to have space around my studio so that I can showcase other artists and will be featuring Natasha Oliver Natural Notions Henna, Carrie Turner, Stephanie Orr Art, and Kyler & Jazz. We have such a beautiful artist community that spills all over downtown and by Weasel Boy. I encourage everyone to explore the unique destinations all around and visit my Art Studio. - Kristen Brown



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# *Y Bridge Arts Festival*

The Artist Colony of Zanesville is pleased to announce that the J.W. & M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation has awarded the 15 th Annual Y-Bridge Arts Festival \$10,000 in grant monies to help make this year's festival even more outstanding! The Y-Bridge Arts Festival and the Straker Charitable Foundation have a common goal to support the arts and educational activities that have a positive impact on the lives of children in the City of Zanesville and Muskingum County, Ohio, and we cannot wait to share this event with our community.

The 15 th annual Y-Bridge Festival is Friday, August 1st from 2 p.m. until dark and Saturday, August 2 nd from 11 a.m. until dark. We are thrilled to bring this exciting annual event to our community and offer a unique opportunity to experience the best of local and regional artists, musicians, children's activities, and food vendors! New in 2025, the festival is moving temporarily to Zane State College/OUZ due to downtown construction. We will return to downtown Zanesville in 2027 upon completion of construction around the Secrest Auditorium and Muskingum Convention Conference and Facilities Authority.

This year's festival will feature artists working in many mediums including painting, stained glass, jewelry making, ceramics, photography, mixed-media, artisan soaps and candles, 3-D work, fiber art, leather and more. Several artists have shown throughout the state and even nationally. Pottery and ceramic artists have an opportunity to win extra prize monies this year thanks to a McCoy Lovers NMXpress Pottery fund held at the Muskingum County Community Foundation. Artists in this category have the opportunity to win \$600 for 1 st prize, \$400 for 2 nd prize, and \$200 for 3 rd prize! This is in addition to our traditional Best in Show and 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place prizes. Once again, we thank Kristy Szemetylo and Janet Debray for sponsoring Best in Show in honor of their late father Mr. Kazemekas, who appreciated the Zanesville art scene. Thank you to the Muskingum County Community Foundation for sponsoring 1 st thru 3 rd and Honorable Mention awards.

Friday night's musical entertainment includes Brian Smith, KLB & Co, Mike Hawley, Steve Spires, and Spelchek. Ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. on Friday with special guests. Saturday begins with yoga on the green at 11 a.m., followed by entertainment by Marjorie & Butch's School of Dance, Evan Abood, Mister Joe, Dr. Laura Schumann, A2J Crew Dance Company, and Tongo Rad.

There will be plenty of opportunities for kids to experience art. The Zanesville Museum of Art will be sponsoring free, hands-on 15-minute activities for children of all ages. Several of our artists will be demonstrating their talents and welcome the chance to connect with area students. Some activities include Australian aboriginal dot painting, Mexican tin art and foil printing, and the popular Japanese Koinobori fish kites. Food trucks include Randy's Backyard BBQ; Pizza Man, New York Style pizza; and Schmidt's Sausage Haus, featuring authentic German flavors. Unwind and enjoy great food, music, and a beverage from the Budweiser trailer featuring draft beers, wines, and spritzers. Also on tap, Weasel Boy Brewing Company.

It is our goal as the Artist Colony of Zanesville to provide a great arts experiences to Muskingum County and help our community thrive artistically, educationally, and economically. We could not do these things without the support of the J.W. & M. H. Straker Foundation, and our many community sponsors and partners.

For more information, please follow the Y-Bridge Art Festival on Facebook. Admission is free.



## The Art Loft featuring Sara McVey

Sara Beth McVey photography journey began as a teen when she got her first camera. As a self-taught photographer her work has become more prolific since retiring. She currently lives in Sanibel Island, Florida and enjoys photographing wildlife, shells and sunsets. She was recognized in 2024 by the Her nature inspired photographs are shared on her public Facebook page "Sara Beth Seas". Her photo "I feel Pretty" of a dancing reddish egret was awarded Honorable Mention in the 2024 Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge Amateur Photo contest.

Exploring nature, through photography is my hobby and capturing those moments is what I "see" through the camera and the "Seas" are the subject in many photos. I feel like many people enjoy a little zen moment when look at the sea at sunset. I think many people relate the photographs to a moment they enjoyed by the sea with their toes in the sand, wind in their hair, salt on their lips and the sea in their heart.



## ZAAP featuring Brandon Elijah



Brandon Elijah Scott is a 20 year world traveler and explorer, photographer and artist, herbalist and healer, author and designer, dreamer and nature lover, thinker and seeker of truth and wisdom. He is the owner of Woodland Herbal, and is a community herbalist, Coshocton Art Guild member, and advocate of Nature Conservation. Brandon focuses his work on showcasing the many moods of nature with the hope of inspiring others to see the beauty and the myriad of reasons to protect the natural world. He works in natural health and wellness, teaches education in herbalism and photography, and has experience in film, marketing, web/graphic design, branding and portraiture. Brandon attended the Ohio State University for computer information systems, photography, design and marketing, and Sage Mountain for herbalism. [www.BrandonElijahScott.com](http://www.BrandonElijahScott.com)



## Julie's ARTerY



Julie's ARTerY will be CLOSED to the public for the July First Friday Artwalk. I will be out of town and our regularly scheduled Friday painting class will be going on.

Please plan to visit all the other wonderful galleries and I'll see you at the Y Bridge Arts Festival in August.

## Yan Sun Art Museum and Gallery

July Exhibition: "America the Beautiful"

You're invited to an exciting evening celebrating the beauty of our country through art! Our annual exhibition, "America the Beautiful," features oil and acrylic paintings that capture the spirit of American landscapes—majestic mountains, peaceful lakes, winding rivers, lush forests, and wide-open farmlands. Don't miss the opening reception on Friday, July 11, 2025, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm! Come enjoy great conversations, refreshments, and inspiring artwork. Free and open to all, we'd love to see you in the gallery!



## Allison Weeks

Now Showing at North Valley Bank – North Office  
Artwork by Allison Weeks

We invite you to stop by the North Valley Bank Office at 3636 Maple Ave, Zanesville, Ohio to enjoy a special exhibit of original paintings by Allison Weeks.

Allison has spent her career in Real Estate, banking, and finance and currently serves as Vice President, Manager of Engagement, Development, and Brand Experience at North Valley Bank. A few years ago, she picked up a paintbrush and discovered a new creative outlet. Since then, she's enjoyed painting pets, people, and landscapes, often working on commissions for friends, family, and community members.

She is also honored to serve as Vice President of ArtCoz and as a Director on the Board of the Muskingum County Arts Council, where she supports local arts and creative initiatives. She recently was one of the recipients of the Bucci- Dietz Artist Award.

The show runs from mid-June through August  
Open to the public during business hours

Stop in to enjoy the artwork — we'd love to share this creative side of one of our own with you!



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