



The Arts in Downtown Zanesville



Join us for the August First Friday ArtWalk, August 7th from 5pm - 8pm.

Artist Spotlight: Ron Cole

My career began in Los Angeles (2001–2011) as an industrial designer and model maker, working with esteemed organizations such as Disney, Pixar, Mattel, Boeing, and JPL. During that time, I managed the full-scale James Webb Space Telescope model, created character studies for major motion pictures, and designed prototypes for Hot Wheels and Barbie. This intense and rewarding decade provided an unparalleled foundation in a wide range of creative disciplines.

During this period, I also pioneered a unique artistic process that blends traditional and digital painting, combining the expressive qualities of traditional art with the versatility and precision of digital tools.

My lifelong passion for historic aviation led me to found Cole's Aircraft in 2006. By combining my industrial design background with my artistic vision, I wanted to offer collectors more than traditional prints. This inspired my signature line of "relic displays," which incorporate authentic pieces of historic aircraft into my artwork.

As the market for traditional art and print sales declined over the past decade, I evolved my work into an entirely new product category. As I often say, "People often want more than a pretty picture on the wall. I offer them that. I provide people with real history they can reach out and touch." This innovative concept resonated deeply with collectors. Since incorporating Cole's Aircraft in 2019, the company has grown into a globally recognized business, with more than 54,000 signed and numbered relic displays sold worldwide as of December 2025. Many of our customers had never purchased a piece of original art or an art print before discovering my work.

In 2012, my family relocated to Zanesville, Ohio, where I developed an even deeper appreciation for local history. My wife, Erin, and I established Gallery Luminaria on Fourth Street in downtown Zanesville, where we showcased our original artwork before expanding to Main Street.

Our commitment to art and community eventually led to the creation of the Cole Center Zanesville (CCZ), a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming a historic 26,000-square-foot building in downtown Zanesville into an interactive destination rather than a traditional museum. The CCZ will house a significant collection of aviation and transportation memorabilia, preserving Ohio's rich aerospace legacy while inspiring future generations through engaging, hands-on experiences. Guided by our "Please Touch" philosophy, we strive to make history accessible, memorable, and meaningful for visitors of all ages. We invite you to visit us this First Friday at Cole's Aircraft, located at 616 Main Street in downtown Zanesville.



Y Bridge Cultural Art Center

Join us at 8 Main Street for an art presence with our young people. Several of our art students and high school artists are excited to display their work.

Chloe Lynn, Foxfire High School has a beautiful bold art work. Jaxxon Reed, Philo High School has some very large landscapes. McKenzie Johnson, Philo High School has a great collection of varied topics. Join us for many more artists.

ZAAP Artist of the Month: Raymond and Mary Ramos

Raymond Ramos was born and raised in Zanesville, Ohio his eye for art started at a very young age. He works in many mediums - everything from foam, clay, concrete, chalk and charcoal.

Raymond's favorite medium to work with is oil paints, he loves to paint nature and still life - he also loves to capture people in their natural elements. Raymond has been with his wife Mary Ramos for 30 years and she too shares a love for creating.

Mary started working in textile art at a very young age. She has a passion for hand stitching portraits and adding elements of textiles to the finished pieces. She also enjoys making clothing, hand bags and using recycled trash to create new reimagined art pieces. Mary also occasionally likes to paint in acrylic.



A Taste of Ohio, Wine, Bourbon & Beer

August First Friday Art Walk at A Taste of Ohio, Wine, Bourbon & Beer Join us for the August First Friday Art Walk at A Taste of Ohio, Wine, Bourbon & Beer as we honor our exceptional teachers! Bring new school supplies to support local educators, and you'll be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a special gift basket. We'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs in the backyard, so come with an appetite! Explore unique offerings from our vendors, discover delightful treats to savor and take home, and spend the evening in good company. Experience live music by the Anita Rephil Band, savor handcrafted spirits from Brothers Drake Meadery, and meet Ohio author Allison Prince, who will be selling and signing her fantasy and dystopian novels. This month's featured artist Harley Hayhurst, a talented teacher who also works at The Wilds. Drawing inspiration from his passion for animals, he has produced two coloring books showcasing wildlife from The Wilds and is renowned for the stunning murals that adorn Zanesville. Join us for an evening of art, music, delicious food, local authors, artisanal drinks, and community spirit as you partake in the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Zanesville. We look forward to welcoming you at A Taste of Ohio, Wine, Bourbon & Beer!



Julie' ARTery



We are so excited to have you share some of your Friday, August 8 with us during the Artwalk as we showcase our Summer Student Art Show. We have beautiful works of art from students of all ages. They have been working very hard this summer and are thrilled to share their work with you from 5-8pm.

We'll also have Bread of Life Grains fresh breads and pastas with us, as well as, fresh cut flower bouquets from VR farms. Stained glass and wheel throwing demos throughout the evening and lite refreshments in the gallery.

Registration for our fall session classes is now open and classes will begin the week of August 31.

Yan Sun Art Museum & Gallery

Spend a summer evening surrounded by art at our First Friday Open House. The gallery will feature a diverse selection of paintings, pottery, and other artworks representing a variety of styles, subjects, and media. Whether you are a longtime visitor or stopping by for the first time, this is a wonderful opportunity to browse the gallery and enjoy a relaxed evening in the gallery.

Reception: Friday, August 7, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!



Nora Daniels

Go Figure is a figure drawing and painting class held at 628 Main Street in Zanesville, Ohio (between 6th and 7th Streets). The class meets on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon on August 13, 20, and 27. The cost is \$95 for three 3-hour sessions. Participants will enjoy drawing and painting in a beautiful studio with abundant natural skylight. If you're interested in attending or would like to be notified of future figure drawing and painting sessions, please RSVP. Organizers are also seeking feedback on ideal class times, preferred day of the week, and desired class length. If needed, scholarship assistance is available, and Sunday evening classes may also be an option if there is enough interest. Please send your feedback or questions to info@noradaniel.com or call 614-209-6772. All artwork featured is by Nora V. Daniel.

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