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## Winter Garden Art Association hosts Arts in April Community Events

WINTER GARDEN, Fla. – In celebration of World Art Day, the Winter Garden Art Association, in conjunction with the City of Winter Garden, will host Arts in April, a series of FREE events throughout the month for the community to celebrate, explore, and create art.

The month kicks off with the Chalkin' It Up Sidewalk Art Contest on April 2 & 3 as part of Spring Fever in the Garden hosted by the Bloom & Grow Garden Society. Adult and children artists will create art with chalk in six feet by six feet squares in front of Winter Garden City Hall, 300 W. Plant St.

Multiple events will take place on Saturdays at the Winter Garden Farmers Market. Kids art sessions for ages 4-12 will be held at the Art Tent on April 9, 16, and 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. In addition, there will be an Urban Sketchers Competition and En Plein Air Event (April 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.), a Downtown Art Scavenger Hunt (April 30, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.), as well as pop-up art-related entertainment on April 23 during the market hours, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Two art exhibitions representing artists of all ages will be held during the month. A *Top Choice Annual Awards Show* will fill the SOBO Art Gallery with the best 2D and 3D works vying for a number of awards. This exhibit will run April 5 -May 28 and can be viewed Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. SOBO Art Gallery is

located at 127 S. Boyd St. in Winter Garden. A *High School Top Choice Awards Show* will be on display at the Art in Public Places Gallery at Winter Garden City Hall from April 1 through April 29, Monday – Friday during operating hours, as well as on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Additional Arts in April activities include complimentary weekly art workshops on Tuesday afternoons at SOBO Art Gallery as well live music on Fridays evenings at downtown Winter Garden's Centennial Plaza.

The month-long Arts in April celebration concludes with a kaleidoscope of artists' works illuminated on the front façade of City Hall, creating a visually stunning Arts in April Projection Show. The public is invited to stroll by, grab a nearby bench, or bring a chair to be captivated by the towering colorful presentation on April 30, 8-10 p.m.

Another finale to Arts in April is an Art Night VIP fundraiser to benefit the non-profit Winter Garden Art Association. Tickets are \$75 to this immersive art experience that grants access to specially curated venues throughout downtown and includes complimentary beverages and refreshments as well as a one-year membership to the organization. Details and tickets can be purchased at <a href="https://www.wgart.org/vip">www.wgart.org/vip</a>.

For an Arts in April Event Guide with details and schedule, please visit <a href="www.downtownwg.com/arts-in-april-2022">www.downtownwg.com/arts-in-april-2022</a>.

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