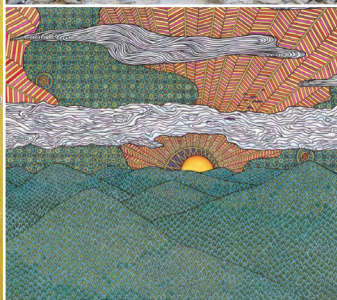


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As the landscape in the River Arts District evolves, it's crucial to recognize the challenges faced by independent artists who contribute so much to our cultural tapestry. Now, more than ever, we invite you to stand with us in supporting creatives who make our district truly exceptional, and support themselves through their artistry.

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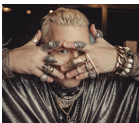
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Embrace the magic of the River Arts District, where every brushstroke tells a story and every visitor is a part of our artistic journey. We look forward to sharing this enchanting experience with you and appreciate your support in safeguarding the future of independent artists.



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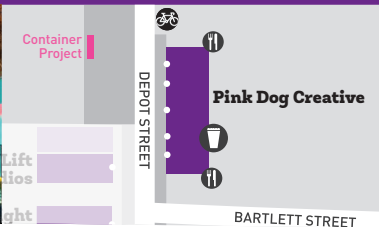
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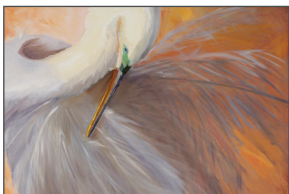
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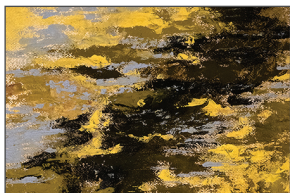
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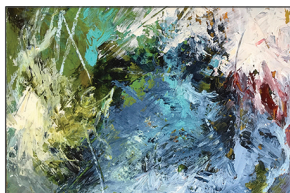
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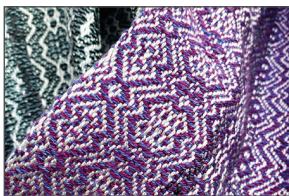
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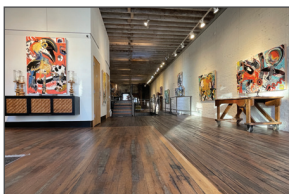
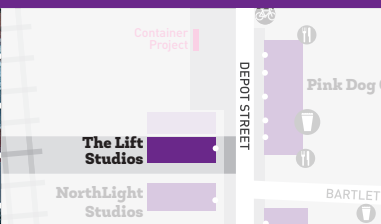
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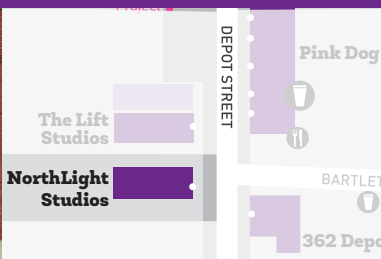
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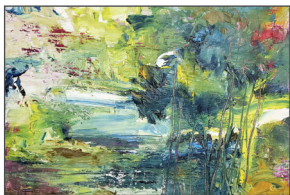


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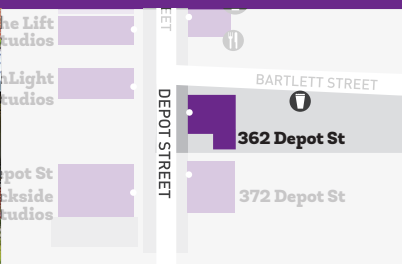


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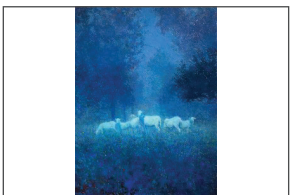
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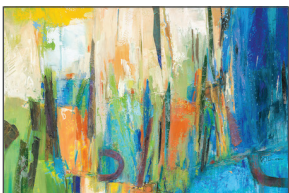
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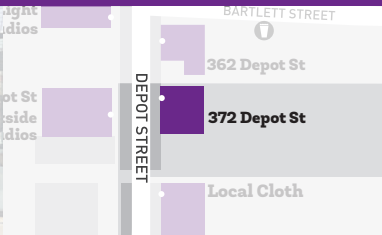
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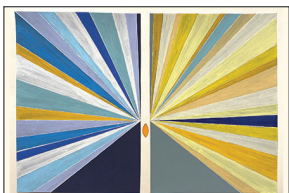
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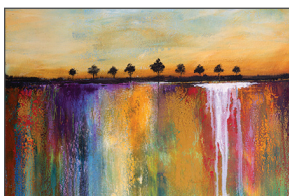
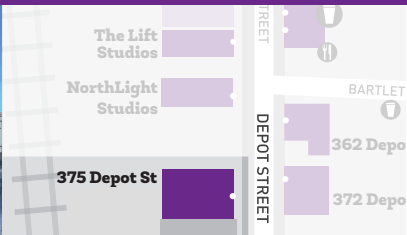
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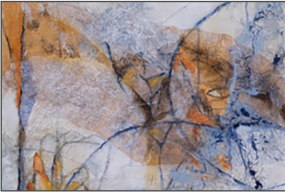
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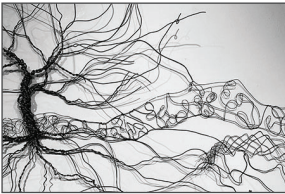
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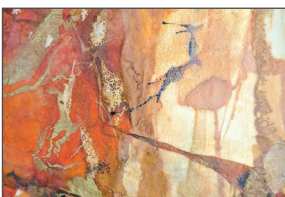
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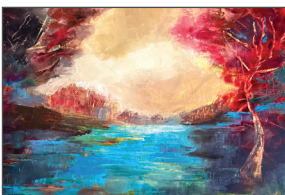
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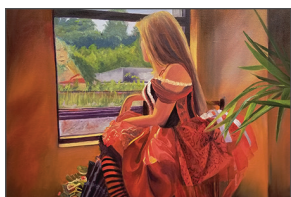


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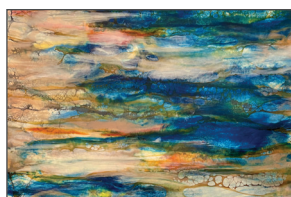
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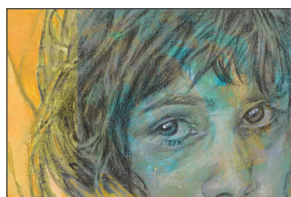
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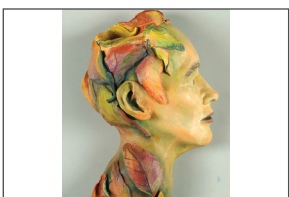
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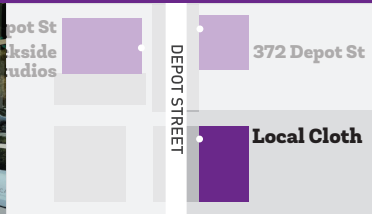


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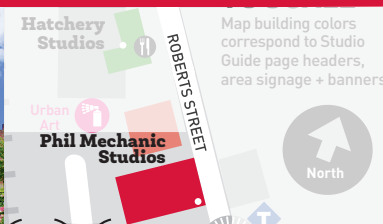
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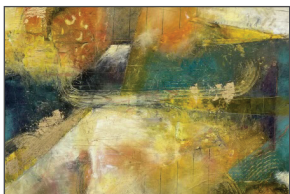
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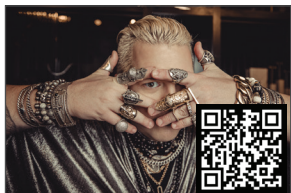
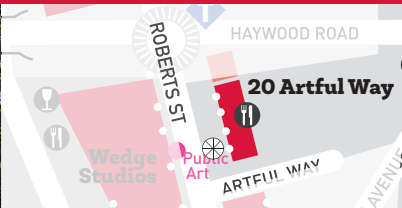
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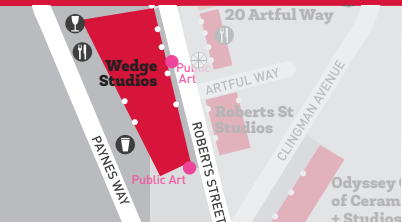
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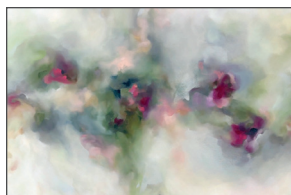
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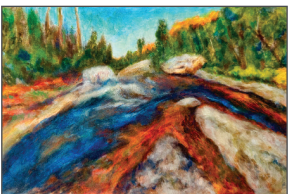
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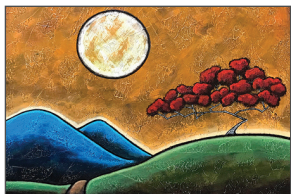
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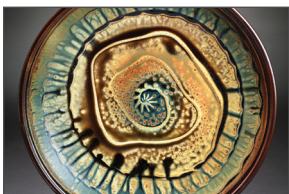
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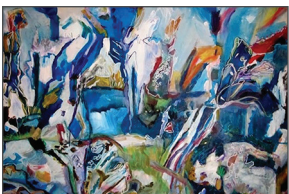
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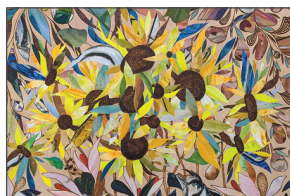
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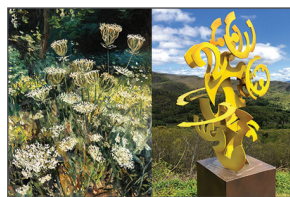
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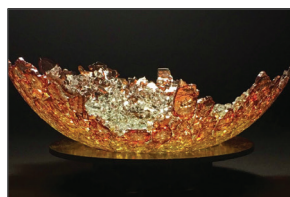
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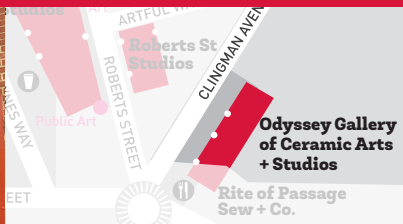


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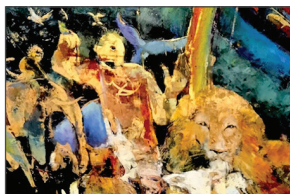
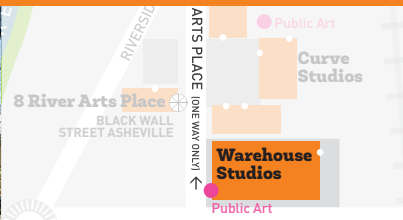
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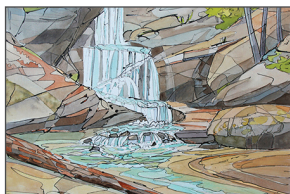
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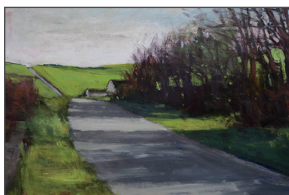
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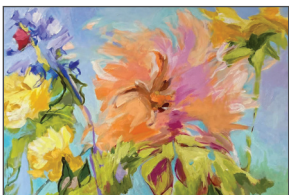
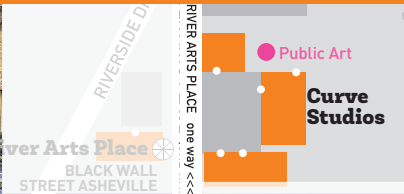
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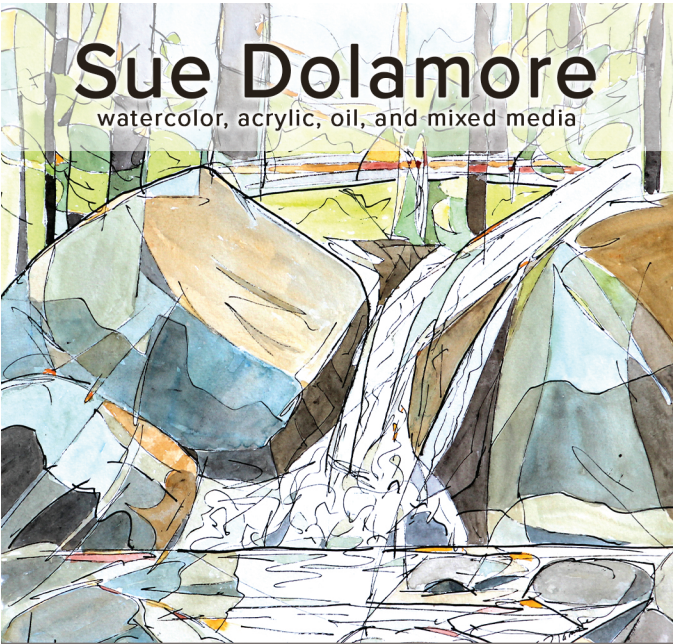
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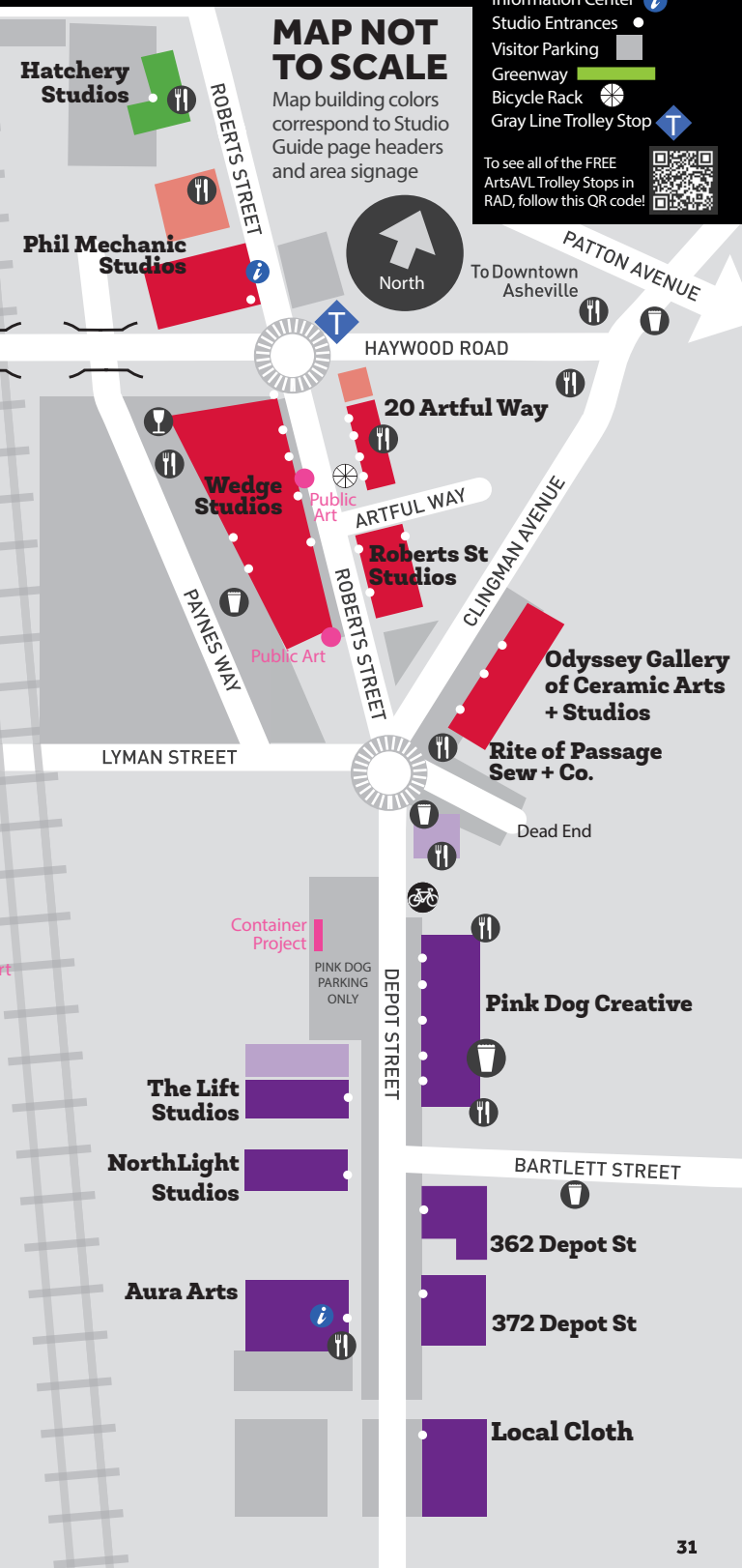
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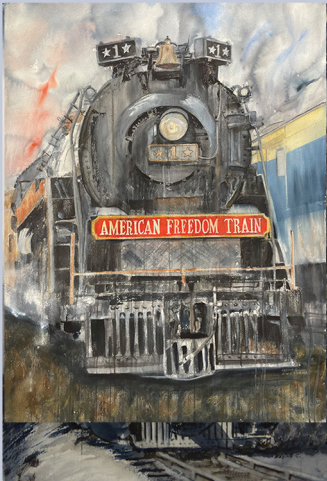
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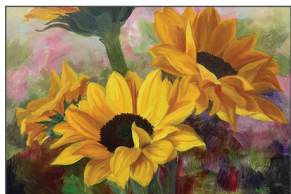
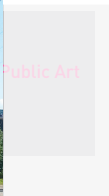
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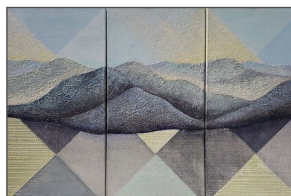
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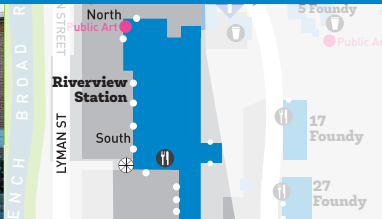
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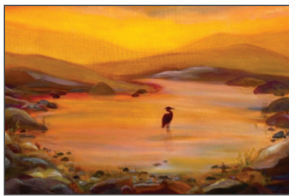
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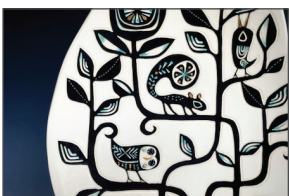
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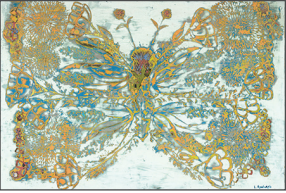
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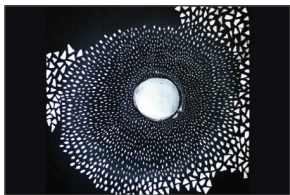
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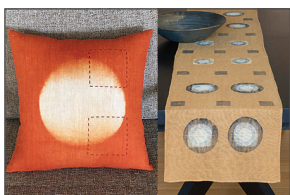
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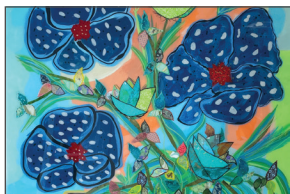
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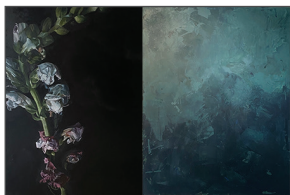
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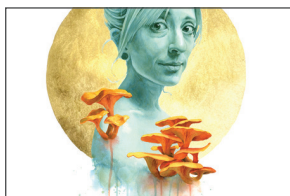
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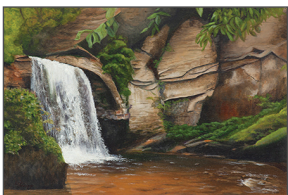
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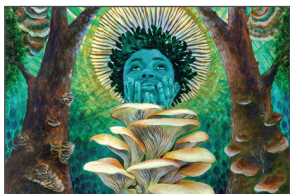
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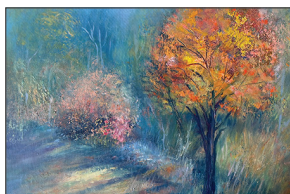
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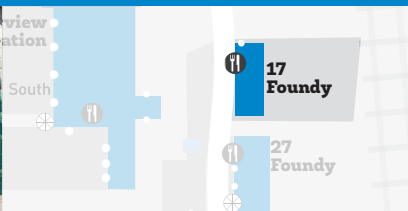
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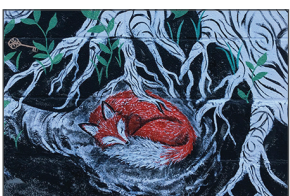
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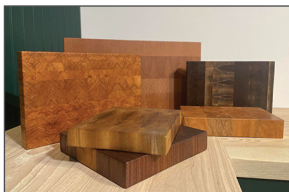
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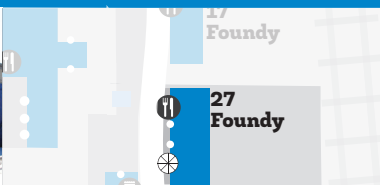
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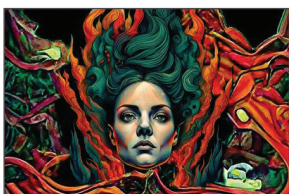
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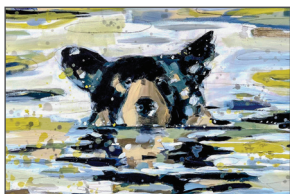
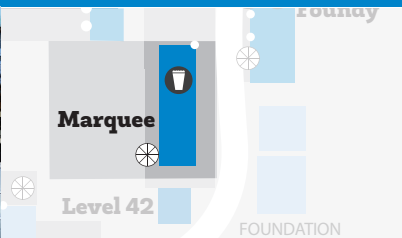


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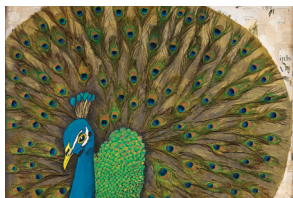
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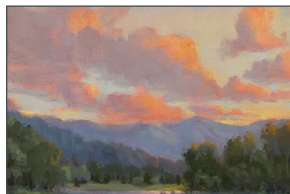
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Before the Artists

The French Broad River flows along the western boundary of the River Arts District (RAD). At 320-340 million years old, it is one of the three oldest rivers in the United States and one of the five oldest in the world. The Cherokee lived, fished, & recreated in this area since at least 10,000 years ago. This river was integral to their livelihood and religion. Eventually, the Cherokee were displaced to the mountains west of Asheville by settlers and industry.

Early white settlers arrived in the late 1600s, with increasing numbers in the 1700s.

After the Civil War, bond funds were raised to extend the railroad from Morganton across Blue Ridge mountains into Asheville. The railroad was built largely by convicts, 85% of whom were African American.

The river and railroad created an ideal setting for industry. However, a historic flood in 1916 led to closure of some companies. Others arrived and set up businesses further up the hill, such as the Earle-Chesterfield hatchery and Farmer's Federation egg processing plant.

During the 1970s, an urban renewal movement began. In the East Riverside area, which includes what is now the River Arts District, over 1000 homes, seven churches, and more than 60 black-owned businesses were condemned or demolished.

Many of the RADA buildings we see now are from this time period. For more information on the historical buildings of the RAD, visit our website.

Artists Work Together to Promote the Arts

The earliest artists moved into the RAD starting in 1985. Their histories are described in the map sections below.

In 1994, Odyssey Center served as the hub for the first “Studio Stroll” inviting people into the rarely visited industrial area. Highwater Clays funded and organized strolls for the first four years before turning it over to an artist committee which called itself River District Artists.

In 2005, this mile-long section along the French Broad riverfront was officially named the River Arts District thanks to advocacy by artists and building owners.

In 2013, the approximately 80 artists of River District Artists voted to incorporate as River Arts District Artists, Inc. (RADA), a non-profit member organization which now numbers over 300 artist members. RADA seeks to be a voice for the artists locally and regionally related to marketing as envisioning the future.

The River Today

Great efforts have been made to restore the river from run-off and pollution to its current source of water adventures – floating, paddle-boarding, kayaking, etc. In the late 2010s, a large transportation project improved the roads and sidewalks of the RAD and helped create walkable connections among the buildings of the RAD, including the greenway.

The Arts Today and Tomorrow

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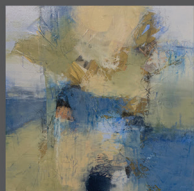
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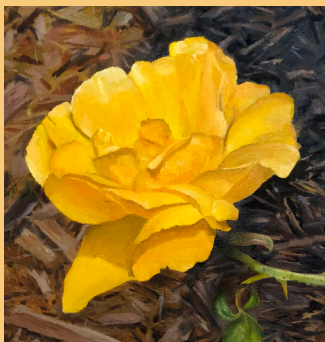


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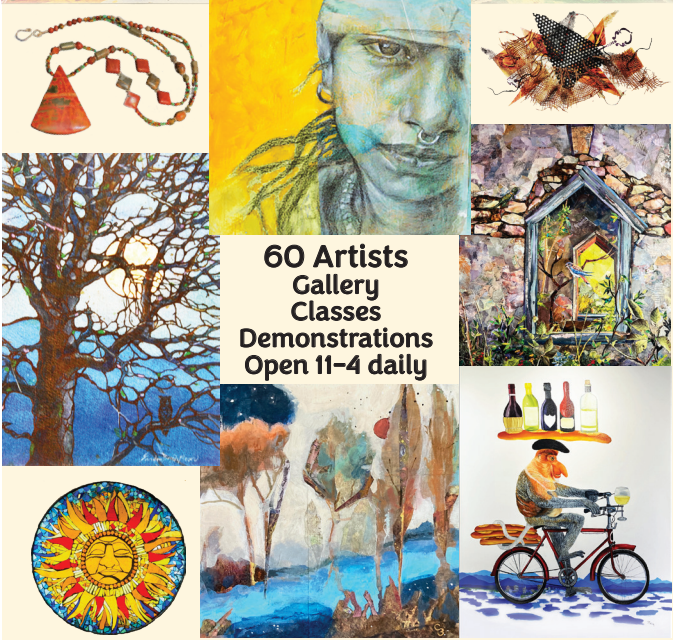
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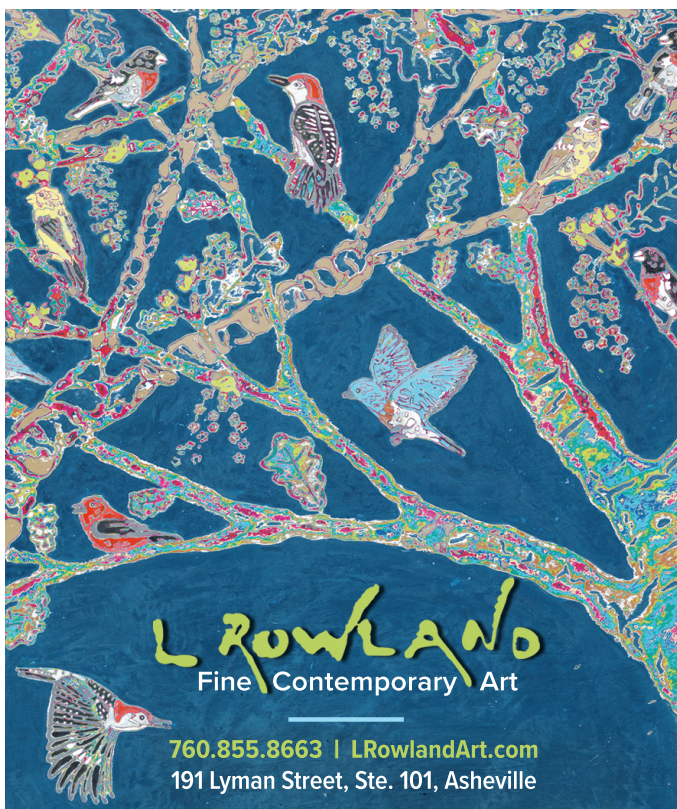
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