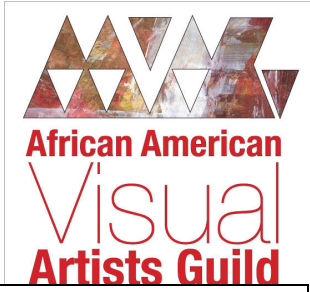


# NEWSLETTER

## ARTS FORUM



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Editor: C Darrett

### Artwork Chosen By the Children Urgent Care Unit on Germantown



#### Street



"Swangin" By Erin Smith- Glenn

Cheymaren Stalls and Madison Wilder (Belmont High School)

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**APRIL 25**

Our next membership meeting will be at CSUD, 2 pm to 4 pm. Bring in some of your artwork, finished or works in progress.

We will introduce our new Board member, B. Cato Mayberry.



Dayton Children's is building a new pediatric urgent care facility at 1711 Germantown Street in West Dayton (45402),

Across the street from Desoto Bass homes and is scheduled to open in Summer 2026. This location will offer walk-in, non-emergent care for illnesses and injuries with extended hours, providing accessible, specialized pediatric services directly to the West Dayton community.

#### Key Information for 1711 Germantown Street Location:

- **Opening Date:** Summer 2026.

AAVAG contacted, the home office and inquired about the possibility of them acquiring artwork that reflects the neighborhood that they will service. They said yes and asked AAVAG to submit images from their members and young students. Thirty images were submitted, and they purchased the 3 above. They kept the submitted images and would review them again for their other locations.

# Exhibit Opens May 6 - June 26, 2026



Exhibit Theme: The Echo of Change

# Renaissance

## 40 Years of Sight and Soul

Experience the artistry of Horace Dozier, Sr. at the AAVAG Gallery, where his photographic work spanning 40 years will be showcased.

This exhibit focuses on how time leaves its mark on everything—from the stone of a restored building to the expression on a performer's face. It highlights my role as a photographer, as a witness to both the permanent and the fleeting.



1. Historical Photos
2. Architectural Restoration & Preservation
3. Sports & Landscapes
4. Portraits & Special Moments
5. R&B Band "Slave" Tribute, Guest: Tim Dozier

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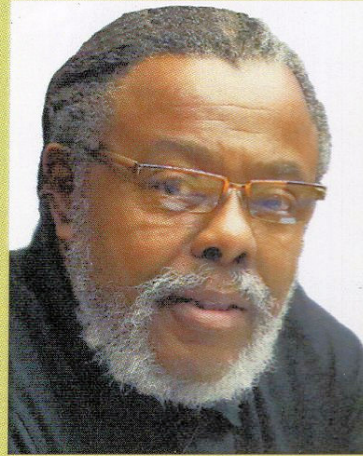
Artists Reception Date: May 17, 2026 2:00-4:00pm

AAVAG Art Gallery, CSU Dayton 2nd Floor, 840 Germantown Street-Dayton, Ohio 45402

Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm Refreshments and Door Prizes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MAY 17, 2-4 PM, AAVAG Reception for acclaimed Dayton photographer Horace Dozier Sr. We are excited to showcase a comprehensive view of Dayton's history through the significant photographs of this artist.

## ~ Horace Dozier, Sr.



America is 250 years old and we have Sacrificed Many Black Lives for American Freedom

## Black Life as Subject Matter III

Opening Reception: Sunday, February 1, 2026 2-4 pm

Exhibition Date: February 1 - May 17, 2026

Building upon the award-winning exhibition presented five years ago. Black Lives as Subject Matter III brings together exceptional works by twenty regional Black artists. Curated by Willis "Bing" Davis and organized by the Springfield Museum of Art, the exhibition centers Black life as both subject and framework, examining contemporary lived experience through diverse artistic practices and perspectives. Museum hours: W-Sat:9am-5pm, Sun:12:30-4:30.

"Those Whom Have Made the Supreme Sacrifice". Painting by Clifford Darrett



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## Artist Opportunities

### Professional Development Opportunity for Artists & Creatives from Arts Midwest

In early February, Arts Midwest kicked off "[Building Your Creative Career](#)," a free, four-part webinar series focused on helping artists find and connect with new audiences.

Through the series, artists will receive practical, real-world guidance to help them develop skills and tools to showcase their work, pursue funding, and increase visibility. Each session will be presented by artists and creatives from the across the Midwest.

### Artist Opportunities: [Artist](#)

[Opportunities](#) grants support Ohio artists who have opportunities that will significantly impact their professional growth or have projects that will contribute to the vitality of their community. This grant is open to artists of all disciplines, at any stage of their career, and include all types of artistic practice.

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 2026

**External - Art of Soul! 2026:** The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center is currently accepting submissions for their [11th biennial National Juried Arts Show, Art of Soul! 2026](#), with a theme of *America 250: Our Story*. Artists are encouraged to submit work which reflects the journey of the United States through the lens of the African diaspora and African American history, culture, and experience. **Submission Deadline:** May 1, 2026

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## CALL FOR ART

# Picturing Tomorrow: Speculative Futures in Lens-Based Art



This exhibition is part of the  
2026 FotoFocus Biennial:  
The Long View

**FOTOFOCUS**  
**BIENNIAL**

[Download the Call for Art](#)

### Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** April 30, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** May 24, 2026
- **Artwork Delivery:** August 1, 2026
- **Exhibition Opening:** October 1, 2026
- **Opening Reception:** October 9, 2026
- **Closing Reception:** October 31, 2026



## Tickets for Art Ball are on Sale NOW for Members

Miami Valley's premier social event, Art Ball, is back and better than ever! Join us for a journey around the world featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by an elegant sit-down dinner, as well as live music, dancing, open bars and the opportunity to take advantage of some of the museum's most special places, including The Hale Cloister and the Moonlight Lounge off Lower Court, which has an incredible nighttime view of downtown Dayton!

**Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 6-11:30 PM**  
**Dayton Art Institute**

*NEW for 2026! Dinner seating in the galleries has returned, exclusively for VIP guests.*

Tickets are on sale NOW for members and go on sale Friday, April 17, for non-members.

[Purchase Tickets!](#)

**Members purchase early! Sign up and unlock this benefit today!**

[Become a Member!](#)

I have 10 free tickets to the Tony Foster exhibit "Exploring Time": A Painter's Perspective". The exhibit will be at the Dayton Art Institute until May 17. You must be an AAVAG member to get one. First come, first served. Call me at 937-263-9907 to get your ticket. I can have the ticket for you at our membership meeting Saturday April 25. If you need before then, we can make arrangements to get the ticket to you.

Clifford Darrett

## Upcoming Events

Save The Dates:

August 15, 2026 (Saturday)

[Dayton African American Culture Festival at Island Park](#)



AAVAG has won the proposal to manage the DAACF Art Exhibit. AAVAG will invite AAVAG members and non AAVAG members to enter up to 3 pieces of their artwork to be juried into the exhibit. The drop off date for artwork will be August 8, 2026 at the UHaul Center (B Dock) on East Third Street from 12 noon to 2 pm. We will also have a merchandise tent for sale of Art related items; merchandise items will also be accepted at the Uhaul drop off. AAVAG members can volunteer to assist in the merchandise tent and assist in the hanging of the art, the morning of August 15, 2026. More info will be forth coming in the membership meetings before these dates.

### [Annual Art Day](#)

September 12, 2026 (Saturday)

[Central State University Dayton Branch, 840 Germantown \(Tentative\)](#)



Hours: 8:30 am to 4 pm, three workshops running concurrently, free to participants that sign up for registration before the deadline to register. Free breakfast and lunch served to participants, and at the end of the day they take their projects home. This is our way of giving back to the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the workshops.