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ONCE IN A LIFETIME
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DEAN MITCHELL AWARD
WINNING WATERCOLOR
ARTIST, WILL BE IN
DAYTON

*NCA Convention's Presentation
Speaker for Saturday September 6 -
in Dayton - Be there.* To purchase
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**SEPT
5-6
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NCA 2025 National Convention

African Roots /American Fruits

September 5 - 6 • Dayton, Ohio



You are warmly invited to the
National Conference of Artists
2025 National Convention.

This national gathering celebrates the
creative legacy and future of African
and African American artists, featuring:
Keynotes by nationally recognized artists.

Workshops, gallery tours, and site visits

Networking receptions, catered meals,
and a recognition ceremony

Registration starts at \$125 for
NCA members. Space is limited,
so reserve your spot today:

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Artwork By
James Pate

See you in Dayton for this powerful, art-filled weekend.
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In partnership: NCA, Shangri, Inc., The Charles F. Kettering Foundation
Dayton Art Institute, Sinclair Community College and AAVAG



To our loyal customers,
It is with sadness that we announce the closure of our retail store in Centerville, Ohio (Dayton area). With rising costs, we are unable to continue renting the space we currently occupy, and cannot find a suitable location nearby. We have appreciated your business for the past 25 years.
Our store will be open through Saturday, September 13, 2025;



after which it will be permanently closed. For a limited time, all items that are in stock are 20% off. Discount will be taken at the register and is valid at our Centerville location only. Discount not valid on gift cards or on prior purchases. Not valid on mail, phone, fax, catalog or online orders.

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AAVAG'S WHAT'S NEW?

Rosewood Arts Center

2655 Olson Dr., Kettering, Ohio 45420

August 4 -September 13, 2025, closing reception -
Saturday, September 6 from 1 -3 pm.

Mark Your Calendars

NEW OPPORTUNITY

2025 Ohio Veterans Art Exhibition: Active duty and veteran Ohio artists can now submit their work to be considered for inclusion in the 2025 Ohio Veterans Art Exhibition. The juried exhibition will run October 21 through December 6, 2025, in the lobby of the Vern Riffe Center for the Government and the Arts, just outside of the OAC's Riffe Gallery.

Space is limited. Entries in 2D and 3D mediums are accepted.

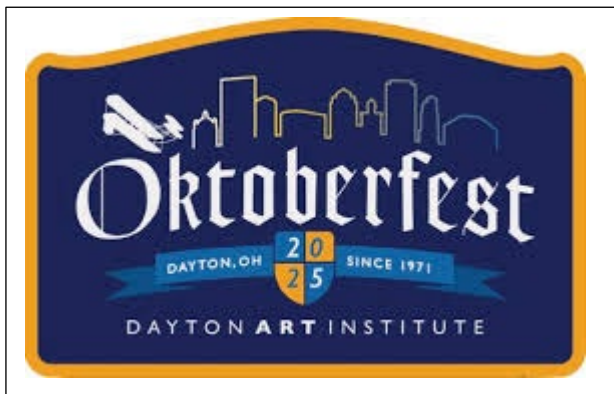


On Friday, September 5th, we're going to have a chance for you to learn more about the Hope Road organization along with some Art and Entertainment.



MORE INFO ON OUR SPONSORS AND COMMUNITY

AAVAG Art Day



AAVAG is a Dayton Art Institute Director Circle JPS member with the Dayton Art Institute. As such AAVAG has free general admission tickets for **AAVAG members** to attend the DAI Oktoberfest. Members contact Clifford Darrett (937-263-9907), Cedric McGhee (937-414-2675) or Judith Huacuja (937-554-8029) at this Saturday's membership meeting, for free tickets.

Oktoberfest Weekend

Saturday, September 27 | noon - 11 pm

Sunday, September 28 | noon - 7 pm

Preview Party

Friday, September 26 | 7-11 pm

Annual Art Day

Charcoal Drawing — James Pate

Mixed Media — Traci Cummings

Acrylic Painting — Taliaferro Sebastian

Every year since 1993, we have given our community free Art workshops. This year we are having three workshops running concurrently. Some workshops have limited seats, and you must pre-register as soon as possible. Registration starts August 29, 2025.

September 13, 2025, 8:30 am to 4 p.m.

Central State University Dayton Branch
840 Germantown Street 45402

For more information and to register call Cliff Darrett at 937-263-9907. Art materials will be supplied by The African American Visual Artists Guild

Register for one class

African Roots/American Fruits — National Conference of Artists Returns to Dayton

Dayton, OH — September 5–6, 2025

The National Conference of Artists (NCA), the nation's oldest African American visual arts organization, will host its landmark NCA 2025 National Convention, *African Roots/American Fruits*, in Dayton, Ohio. Spearheaded by celebrated artist and organizer Willis "Bing" Davis, the event will span two days at The Dayton Art Institute and Sinclair Conference Center, showcasing visionary creative voices from across the country.

This inspiring gathering will explore the enduring power of African and African American art in shaping identity, fostering a sense of belonging, and envisioning collective futures. Through exhibits, discussions, luncheons, and gallery tours, the convention aims to renew regional collaboration and reawaken NCA's legacy as a cultural force.

Featured Speakers and Presenters

Headlining the event is **Dean Mitchell**, internationally acclaimed artist and keynote speaker, whose work bridges memory, activism, and Black heritage with breathtaking depth. Joining him are artists and thought leaders, including:

- **Willis Bing Davis** – Shango Center President and NCA Co-Chair
- **James Pate, Dwight Smith, Dwayne Daniels, Shirley Woodson Reid**
- **Dinzulu Gene Tinnie, Debra Austin, Deidre Hamlar, Charlie Johnson**
- **Bamidele Demerson, Erin M. Smith**, and other distinguished contributors

Activities Include:

- Gallery tours of the Curtis Barnes, Sr. exhibit at The Dayton Art Institute
- Community luncheons with artists and scholars
- Local gallery visits to Ed Dixon Gallery, Black Palette Gallery, and EbonNia Gallery
- Engaging conversations on art, democracy, and cultural heritage

Supported by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, The Dayton Art Institute, Sinclair College, and other institutions, this convention affirms art as a vessel of mental, physical, and spiritual strength, rooted in Africa and blossoming throughout the African American experience.

The NCA invites artists, educators, students, and community members to stand with us in celebration, reflection, and renewal. To Register, Click Here: [NCA 2025 National Convention](#)





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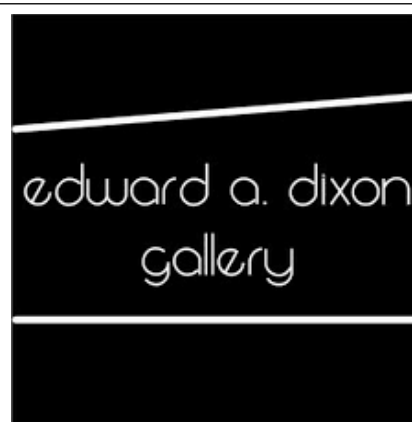
THE ART OF DAVID REDMON

September 3 to October 31, 2025, at our second-floor gallery, 840 Germantown Street, Dayton 45402. David was a student of Curtis Barnes sr., at Sinclair Community College. David won "Best of Show" award at the recent "Cross Town Collaboration" with the Dayton Society of Artist. The opening reception will be September 21, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm, at the AAVAG Gallery.

Commissioned Sculpture from Wood Carving or 3D Printing

A local artist is looking for someone to help with part of a commissioned work that requires a small sculpture (hand sized) that could be 3D printed, hand wood carved or other material. If you know of someone that might be interested, please direct them to my email address.

ed.dixon@eadgallery.com



Dayton African American Culture Festival elders awards Kuumba awards to Clifford Darrett and Andrea Cummings at this year's festival for Outstanding Service and Dedication To Our Community. Pictured are other winners, Julius Beckham and Annette McGee Wright others are unknown. Photo by Mama Nozipo Glenn.

