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"Dance To the Ancestors" By Clifford Darrett

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NO MEMBERSHIP
MEETING IN
JULY

Our next membership meeting will be at CSUD, 2 pm to 4 pm, August 30. Enjoy your July vacation, wherever it may be.



Dayton African American Culture Festival- August 16 at Island Park.



"Love Our Women" By Morris Howard

Art Opportunities:**edward a. dixon gallery****We're Doing It ALL Wrong®**

Ed has the pleasure of hosting the juried We're Doing It ALL Wrong® - 5th Annual Art Exhibition which will open as a two-month long exhibition beginning August 1, 2025. Planned by the Edward A. Dixon Gallery, the exhibition is a challenge to artists and viewers to recognize, react and learn about the many ways humanity continually fails itself.



His passion project and art exhibition, We're Doing It ALL Wrong®, highlights the critical need for change in our communities and our world. But art alone isn't enough - we need action. I've listed 20 powerful calls to action you can take right now. These actions focus on public service, grassroots political action, and preserving our environment. Choose one, choose a few, or choose them all. Every step you take makes a difference.

[Take Action](#)

**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.

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2025





**CALL FOR ENTRIES TO
AAVAG MEMBERS**

DAYTON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE FESTIVAL ART EXHIBITION ISLAND PARK - RIVERSIDE & HELENA

You are invited to submit 4 pieces of art for the Dayton African American Culture Festival, all work submitted will be juried for inclusion in the Festival's Adult division, no prizes will be awarded and there is no entry fee. 2D artwork cannot exceed 36 inches (except by special permission) in a horizontal direction and 3D pieces cannot weigh more than 40 pounds (except by special permission). Two-dimensional artwork must be wired in the back for hanging (no saw teeth hook and glass, can use plexiglass), and must be submitted in protective containers (cardboard boxes, crate etc.) for transporting. Three-dimensional artwork must be submitted in protective containers (cardboard boxes, crate etc.) for transporting. All artwork must be labeled with: Title, Artist Name, Sale Price or state "Not for Sale" and insurance value (insurance value cannot exceed \$ 1,000.00 each). AAVAG's commission will be 20% of the sale price. So, price artwork for sale accordingly. Artwork for the exhibit, must be dropped off on August 9 (Saturday) at the U-Haul Storage (B Dock), 1340 East Third Street, 12 noon to 2 PM. Artwork accepted into the festival can be picked up, at the festival after 8 PM in the Art tent on August 16, at the Art Exhibit tent at Island Park (Riverside Drive and Helena Street). For more info call Clifford Darrett at 937-263-9907. If your artwork is not accepted into the exhibit, you will be notified where and when you can pick it up.

This year we will have a merchandise vendor tent to sale art related items (original art, prints, cards, T-shirts, handmade arts and crafts, etc.). If you want to place Art related items in the merchandise tent, you must bring them to the art drop off above, on August 9 (Saturday), 12 noon to 2 PM. Items must have sale price attached and wrappings or bags for the items, to give to the purchasing customers. AAVAG will take a 20% commission on each item sold, so price each item accordingly.

AAVAG will not be responsible for items damaged in transport to the park or at the sales tent and items will not be insured by the DAACF or AAVAG. All unsold items must be picked up at the merchandise tent at 7:45 to 8 PM on August 16th. We also need volunteers to sit in the merchandise tent.



See You in...

Dayton, Ohio

September 5-6, 2025

Please Mark Your Calendar and Save the Dates

National Renaissance* Convention

Details Forthcoming

NCA
National Conference of Artists
ESTABLISHED 1959

* Rebuilding the national network of artists' communities

The Main Presenter and Speaker for both days will be Painter Dean Mitchell, with possible meet & greet on Friday night.

AAVAG - DSA Cross Town Collaboration

Now Showing at Both Galleries

Exhibit Will Run from Friday July 11th to Saturday, August 24th, 2025

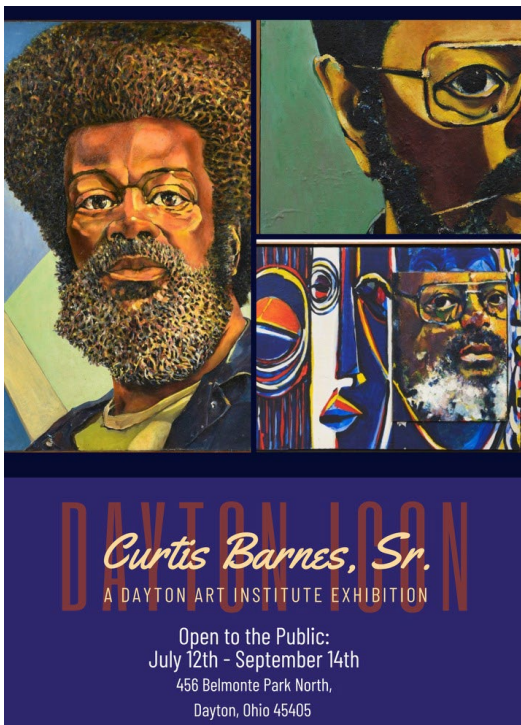
The Dayton Society of Artists (DSA) and the African American Visual Artists Guild (AAVAG) are thrilled to present Crosstown Connections: A Collaborative Exhibition. This group exhibition brings together two of Dayton's vibrant art organizations in a celebration of shared creativity, artistic mediums, and the connections that unite us. Through this partnership, we honor our commonalities, reflect on past collaborations, and look forward to future opportunities to uplift and support artists in our community. Showcasing a collection of works from both organizations, this exhibition will be held at both galleries, celebrating the rich artistic talent within our community. Artwork will be displayed at AAVAG (840 Germantown Street, Dayton, OH 45402) and DSA (48 High Street, Dayton, OH 45403). **Participating artists are members of either AAVAG or DSA.**

CALENDAR

Closing Reception: Sunday, August 24th, 2 - 5 PM at AAVAG Gallery

Exhibition Runs: Fri. July 11th - Sat. August 24th, 2025

Art Pick up: Sunday- August 31st, 11-4 pm and Mon. September 1st, 3-8 pm.

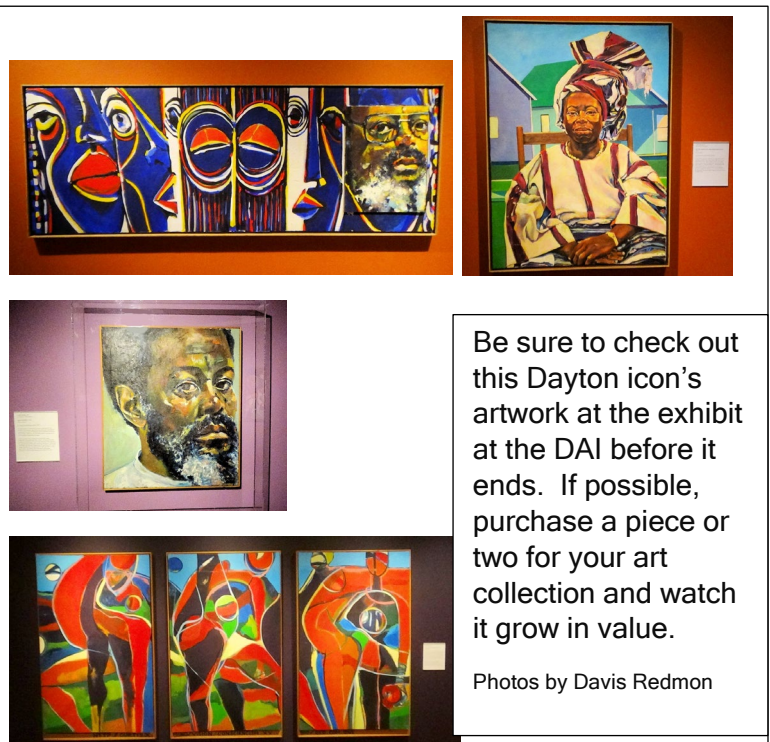


DAYTON ICON

Curtis Barnes, Sr.

A DAYTON ART INSTITUTE EXHIBITION

Open to the Public:
July 12th - September 14th
456 Belmonte Park North,
Dayton, Ohio 45405



Be sure to check out this Dayton icon's artwork at the exhibit at the DAI before it ends. If possible, purchase a piece or two for your art collection and watch it grow in value.

Photos by Davis Redmon

🎉 Congratulations to the Crosstown Connection Award Winners! 🎉

We're thrilled to announce the prize winners from this year's Crosstown Connection exhibition—a powerful collaboration between the Dayton Society of Artists and the African American Visual Artists Guild (AAVAG)!

🏆 AAVAG Award

Clarice Moore - All That Jazz

🏆 DSA Award

Mikee Huber - Catalyst

(See this dynamic work in person at the AAVAG Gallery!)

🏆 Best in Show

David Redmon - Maroon Society

Don't miss your chance to experience these outstanding works!

🖼️ Gallery Hours:

DSA: Fridays & Saturdays | 12-5 PM | 48 High St.

AAVAG: Monday-Friday | 9 AM-4 PM | 840 Germantown St.

📅 Exhibition runs through August 23rd

🎉 Join us for the Closing Reception:

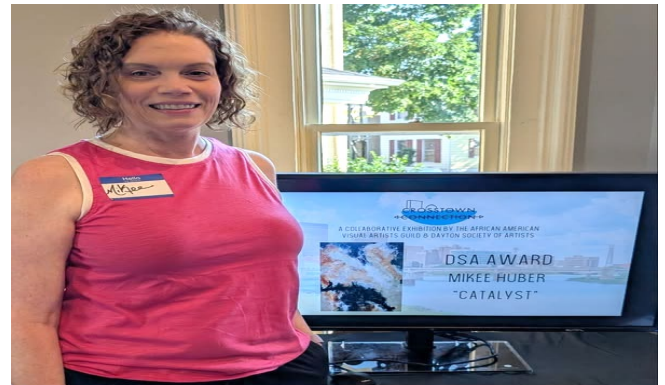
Saturday, August 24 | AAVAG Gallery



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