



2023 Christmas Art Walk™ Q & A

What is the purpose of the Christmas Art Walk?

The 2023 Art Walk is truly a “Gift to Remember” given to the people of the Barrington area by the Barrington church community. We seek to connect participants to the Gift of Christmas through their experience of the artists’ interpretations of the Christmas story. We also hope to proclaim the unity available in Jesus Christ for all people in the Barrington area, our country and the world. “The emphasis of this year’s Christmas Art Walk is to call the church to stand together and to proclaim the unity available in Jesus Christ for all people in the Barrington area, our country and the world. The stories of Christ’s birth, told through the unique medium of art, will be a witness of God’s unconditional love,” said Christine Gunn-Danforth.

How many stores and artists will participate in the walk?

- There are twelve participating stores (find them at: <https://www.christmasartwalk.com/stores.html>)
- There are twelve participating artists (find them at: <https://www.christmasartwalk.com/artists.html>)

How does it work?

- Attend the family friendly Art Walk from December 12th – 23rd
- The event is free, and you are welcome any time stores are open
- There will be a free guided tour at noon each day, which will leave from Barrington Flower Shop located at 201 S. Cook St. downtown Barrington.
- An interactive map is available online at <https://www.christmasartwalk.com/map.html>
- Printed maps will also be available in participating stores during the walk
- Participants are encouraged to stop at all twelve stores
- Some artists will be available on Tuesday, December 12th and Saturday, December 16th in their respective stores to discuss the inspiration for their pieces of art

On Saturday, December 16th, an open-air living nativity play with animals will be performed outside at Egg Harbor Café every 30 minutes starting 10am until 2pm. A Kids Art Scavenger Hunt will take place throughout the stores, ending at Marvin’s Toy Store for a prize.

Who should attend the 2023 Christmas Art Walk?

The Art Walk is free, and is open to anyone and everyone! Families with children are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope that individuals, friends, couples, families, Bible study groups, and more will come to enjoy the art and connect with the true Gift of Christmas. Participants may use the map to visit each of the stores at any time, and free guided tours leave each day at noon from the Barrington Flower Shop. Groups can request private docent guided tours by contacting us at jonahrefoundation@gmail.com



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How were this year's artists commissioned?

Artists working in a wide variety of mediums, including photography, oil, watercolor, sculpture, ceramic, charcoal, drawing and mixed media, were encouraged to submit proposals. The selection committee notified the chosen artists and indicated which of the twelve Bible passages they had been selected to bring to life through their respective visual art. This year's Art Walk includes several pieces of art that were commissioned for the very first Christmas Art Walk in 2013.

Where does the art go after the Art Walk?

After the Christmas Art Walk several pieces will be auctioned off at a private gala event sponsored by the not-for-profit Jonahre Foundation. If you are a patron of the arts and are interested in attending, please contact us at jonahrefoundation@gmail.com