



Detail of "Wise Men Following the Star", a bronze relief by Ian Christopher.

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A Gift to Remember: The 2015 Christmas Art Walk

As the Village of Barrington rounds out its 150th year, the Jonahre Foundation will present a holiday gift to the community. *A Gift to Remember: Christmas Art Walk 2015* will feature artists commissioned from places as far as Africa and Korea, joining together with local artists to create a truly international reflection of the Christmas story. Our Village will play host to a story that unfolded in a faraway village more than two thousand years ago.



Christine Gunn-Danforth, PhD., and sculptor Ian Christopher at Barrington's White House.

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THE CHRISTMAS ART WALK, which celebrated its inaugural event in 2013, returns again this December—this time with 12 new works of art, made by 12 professional artists commissioned especially for the walk. Each artist depicts an event from the story of the first Christmas, as inspired by passages from the Bible. From vibrantly painted canvases to deftly sculpted ceramics, nearly every medium is represented.

Christine Gunn-Danforth, president of the Jonahre Foundation, conceived of the event as a new way to bring the story of Christmas into our

stores—and hearts—at the busiest time of year. “The Art Walk is for everyone, wherever you may be on your faith journey. Our hope is that people are able to connect with the true meaning of Christmas through their experiences with these wonderful works of art,” she says.

Art Walk attendees are invited to begin the walk at the Barrington Flower Shop, where a guided tour is available each day at noon. Artists will be present in the stores for a meet-and-greet all day on Saturday, Dec. 12. Attendees are welcome each day, anytime stores are open, and maps

will be on hand at each station to guide visitors. On weekends, Egg Harbor will host a live Crèche featuring interactive period actors (and outdoor heaters). Area churches will also carol along the route on various days.

Ian Christopher, whose bronze relief depicts the three Wise Men following the star (above) grew up modeling figures from dense clay he found in a local riverbed in Iowa. “I was fascinated



You and your family are invited to explore, discover and walk through twelve stores in the Village of Barrington for the Christmas Art Walk. Twelve Artists have created original pieces depicting the Biblical Story of Christmas. Each piece tells the story through the actions of the characters at that point of the story inspiring viewers to remember the true Gift of Christmas.

with history, but often couldn't find toys that represented the groups I was interested in," Christopher says. "I spent many hours crafting Zulu warriors from the river clay." His bronze relief will be on display at the Bread Basket.

Barrington's shops and churches look forward to welcoming all to this event. For a map and more information on daily events, visit www.christmasartwalk.com. Here is a list of the locations, the artists, and each artist's Biblical story depiction for the 2015 Christmas Art Walk:

1. Barrington Flower Shop: Marg Rehnberg; Mary, and the Announcement by the Angel Gabriel
2. Bravura: Antonio Rupert; Joseph
3. TT Patton: Hae-Sook Song; Mary and Elizabeth Share their Glad News
4. Ahava Salon: Elizabeth Roskam; A Decree of a Census by Caesar Augustus
5. Phillips; Elham Rafiei; Poor Mary and Joseph Traveling to Bethlehem
6. Cook Street Coffee: Donald Krause; No Room in the Inn
7. Pure: Hyatt Moore; The Birth of Jesus, the Gift of Christmas
8. Bread Basket: Ian Christopher; Wisemen Following the Star
9. Catlow Theater: Steve Puttrich; The Shepherds in the Fields
10. Egg Harbor: Al Buschauer; Gift of Frankincense
11. M.J. Miller: Petros Gumbi, Ardmore Ceramic studio; Gift of Gold
12. Shakou: Bridget Mantasoot; Gift of Myhrr