

The Guild of Artists & Artisans Proudly Presents the Fifth Annual A2 Artoberfest Fine Art Fair October 11th & 12th, 2025

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ANN ARBOR, MI (September 1, 2025) - The Guild of Artists & Artisans (The Guild) is proud to announce the fifth annual A2 Artoberfest Fine Art Fair, Saturday and Sunday October 11th & 12th in Downtown Ann Arbor. The event stretches across Ann Street and North Fourth Ave. from Huron into the charming Kerrytown area. This intimate and rich celebration of the arts will feature 100 jury selected artists, live entertainment, food vendors, art activities, and several adult beverage offerings including: craft cocktails from the Ann Arbor Distilling Company, Mead/Cider from Bløm Meadworks, wine from Babylonstoren, and beer provided by M4. Fairgoers who are 21 and older will be able to stroll the entire event while enjoying their beverages.

The event includes close to 100 jury selected artists, featuring jewelry, ceramics, painting, glass, photography, fiber and more. The Guild has been helping raise community awareness, understanding and appreciation of the visual arts, while maintaining a support network for artists for more than fifty years. A2 Artoberfest provides another opportunity for folks in and around Ann Arbor to enjoy Fine Art in a smaller setting than the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair (also produced by The Guild) while enjoying the festive spirit of fall with live entertainment, food, and beverages.

The featured artwork for this year's event is created by local printmaker <u>Terry Butler</u> (Ann Arbor, MI), a linocut fine artist who along with his wife has created a whimsical book including his art work which can be found at the Gutman Gallery (also managed by The Guild). Additionally, there will be several other local artists, such as <u>Savanah Conrad</u> (Ceramics; Ann Arbor, MI), <u>Michelle Detering</u> (Painting; Holt, MI), and <u>Brianna Kenyon - Pooka Queen</u> (Jewelry; Ann Arbor, MI), and even some from across the country like <u>Megan Bassett</u> a Jewelry Artist from Franktown, CO. For more information and a complete list of participating artists, visit https://www.theguild.org/fair/a2artoberfest/participating-artists/.

Music and live entertainment will fill the air throughout the event presented by this year's Live Entertainment Sponsor The Dermatology Specialists of Ann Arbor and Dexter. Entertainment will include various styles of music from local musicians like <u>Lorian Janine</u> who will perform Saturday from 3:30-5:30pm. Check out our website for more information at https://www.theguild.org/fair/a2artoberfest/entertainment/.

The Guild of Artists and Artisans produces a total of eight fine art fairs annually and manages the Gutman Gallery, a fine art gallery and shop located within the footprint of A2 Artoberfest at 118 N. Fourth Ave. Within the gallery, fairgoers can explore more artist-made work as well as the gallery's annual youth art exhibition, Sounds: an all media youth art exhibition featuring artwork from young Washtenaw County artists grades K-12. The gallery will also host an art-making workshop for all ages

from 12pm to 4pm each day of the fair. Fairgoers can get creative with several other fair partners as well with various hands-on activities with partners such as the Hands-on Museum, <u>Doodles Academy</u>, and more! As part of this program local world-renowned ephemeral chalk artist, <u>David Zinn</u> will be onsite creating his whimsical drawings on Saturday and Sunday. Visit our website for more information and exact times. Fairgoers can get in on the fun and draw side by side with Zinn and his whimsical chalk characters! These hands-on art activities are made possible with support from <u>Destination Ann Arbor</u>.

Sip, shop, and savor the beautiful fall weather, talented artisans, and wonderful tunes from various entertainers, while also enjoying some culinary treats! A2 Artoberfest will include various food vendors including Bearclaw (coffee), Chubby Batch (cookies), and Chapala (mexican food) for a variety of grab and go bites! "We're excited to celebrate our Fifth year doing A2 Artoberfest, an intimate art fair during the beautiful fall season celebrating all things art," said Karen Delhey, executive director of The Guild of Artists and Artisans. "While we do eight art fairs year-round, this event is special because it allows us to give back to our own neighborhood by gathering artists, musicians, businesses and organizations to put on a fun and engaging event for all ages to enjoy."

WHAT: A2 Artoberfest Fine Art Fair

WHEN: October 11 & 12 2025; Saturday 10am–6pm, Sunday 10am–4pm

WHERE: N. Fourth Ave. (between Huron + Catherine) and Ann Street (between Main + Fifth Ave.),

Downtown Ann Arbor, MI

LINK TO IMAGES:

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For more information, visit: A2Artoberfest.org

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The Guild of Artists & Artisans is a non-profit, membership organization of professional artists. Established in 1973, The Guild of Artists & Artisans' mission is to promote community awareness, understanding and appreciation of the visual arts and to maintain a support network for artists, which provides educational, mentoring and marketing opportunities. The Guild is recognized and valued for its ability to showcase independent artists, bringing their artwork to the community via its juried fine art fairs and Gutman Gallery in downtown Ann Arbor. It is a trusted source for artists and art-lovers alike. The Guild is best known for its award-winning *Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair*.

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