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Art Swarm Returns to Downtown Cary October 14–18, 2026



Scenes from 2025 Cary Art Swarm

CARY, NC – The Fine Arts League of Cary (FALC) invites the public to experience **Art Swarm 2026**, a five-day celebration of creativity that transforms downtown Cary into a vibrant open air art studio. From **October 14–18**, visitors can watch artists paint throughout downtown, participate in workshops, experience the creative process firsthand, and buy original artwork.

At the heart of Art Swarm is **plein air painting**—the practice of creating artwork outdoors. Throughout the event, painters from across the region will capture Cary's parks, streetscapes, and landmarks on canvas while studio artists work inside the Cary Arts Center and FALC Gallery. The public is encouraged to interact with the artists, observe works in progress, and gain a behind-the-scenes look at how art is created.

Art Swarm also offers more than a dozen instructor-led workshops and special artist experiences covering subjects such as portraiture, urban sketching, abstract painting, and other creative techniques. Artists of all skill levels are invited to participate by painting outdoors, working in shared studio spaces, exhibiting and selling artwork, and learning from accomplished instructors.

The FALC Gallery will be open throughout Art Swarm, inviting visitors to browse and purchase original artwork by Fine Arts League of Cary member artists while experiencing the event.

Highlights of the event include:

- **Daily Plein Air & Studio Painting & Workshops** – October 14–17, throughout downtown Cary, the Cary Arts Center, and the FALC Gallery. Hours vary; check the website for details.
- **Sidewalk Art Sale** – Saturday, October 17, noon–4:00 p.m., surrounding The Mayton, featuring original artwork created during Art Swarm.
- **Judged Exhibition & Awards Reception** – Sunday, October 18, 3:00–5:00 p.m., at the FALC Gallery, 110 E. Park Street.

The Sidewalk Art Sale, exhibition and awards reception are free and open to the public. For the complete schedule, workshop registration, and event details, visit [FineArtsLeagueOfCary.org/ArtSwarm](https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/ArtSwarm).

Regional artists are invited to join Art Swarm by registering for plein air painting, in-studio sessions, or workshops. Visit the Experiences section at the link above to sign up for painting. Workshops are also open for registration at the Workshops link.

About the Fine Arts League of Cary

Founded in 1996, the Fine Arts League of Cary is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community through visual arts education, exhibitions, and opportunities for artists of all experience levels. Through year-round programming, exhibitions, and special events, FALC promotes artistic growth while making the visual arts accessible to the public.

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More Fine Arts League of Cary Events

The Fine Arts League hosts many other art events throughout the year; here's a list of what's going on now. All events are free.

Now through September 12, 2026: FALC 31st Annual Juried Exhibition (AJE). The AJE is a highly competitive exhibition that showcases some of the best artistic talent from across North Carolina and beyond. See this exhibit of about 75 works at Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Read more at <https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/event-details/falc-31th-annual-juried-exhibition>

To view the artwork on display, visit the online gallery at <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/falc-31st-annual-juried-exhibition>

Now through November 15, 2026: FALC Master Artists at The Mayton. Discover exceptional original artwork by the Fine Arts League of Cary's Master Artists, now on view on the first floor of The Mayton. Read more at <https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/event-details/falc-master-artists-at-the-mayton-exhibit-2>

To view the artwork on display, visit the online gallery at <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/falc-masters-exhibition-at-the-mayton-summer-fall-2026>

Now through January 10, 2027: Abstracts and Expressions. Also on view at The Mayton, on the second and third floors, is *Abstracts and Expressions*, a vibrant exhibit by FALC member artists. Read more at <https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/event-details/abstracts-and-expressions-exhibition>

To view the artwork on display, visit the online gallery at <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/falc-abstracts-and-expressions>

Now through August 14, 2026: Joy! Exhibit at the Fine Arts League of Cary Gallery. See 85 works that offer a personal glimpse into what inspires and uplifts the creative spirit. Read more at <https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/event-details/joy-exhibition-at-the-falc-gallery-2>

To view the artwork on display, visit the online gallery at <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/falc-joy-2026>

Always Available: FALC Art Venues. From local galleries and community centers to rotating exhibitions in public venues, FALC collaborates with various partners to give artists unique opportunities to display their art to a broader audience. At any one time FALC has about 350 works of art on view at our gallery and partners' galleries. See the list of current exhibits at <https://www.fineartsleagueofcary.org/venues>

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