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Photo: Fine Arts League of Cary board members celebrate new home at 110 E. Park St.

Art Swarm Kickoff, Waldo House Opening Ceremony Sept. 3

Fine Arts League of Cary Announces a New Home for the Arts

CARY, NC – The Fine Arts League of Cary invites the public to attend the grand opening of its new home for art exhibits, workshops, and more, opening soon in the heart of downtown Cary.

The League's new home is the Waldo House, 110 E. Park St. in Cary. On Wednesday, September 3, 2025, the League will celebrate the opening from 4-6 pm with wine, cheese, and other refreshments. Art lovers from all around Cary are invited.

At 5 p.m. on Sept. 3, **Cary Mayor Harold Weinbrecht** will preside over the grand opening of the new space. The Mayor will also mark the first day of Art Swarm, a five-day celebration of visual arts, by putting the first brush strokes on a shared work of art that will be on display at the Waldo House.

"Art Swarm is a wonderful way to bring our community together, enjoy our beautiful downtown, and celebrate local creativity," said Mayor Weinbrecht.

"The Waldo House has long been a gathering place in Cary's history, and now it begins a new chapter as a home for the arts. On behalf of the Town Council, I'm proud to welcome the Fine Arts League and invite everyone to join us."

FALC's new home at 110 E. Park St., Cary, known as the Waldo House, is being made available to FALC through the generous support of The Mayton. The Mayton, Cary's downtown hotel and restaurant, located at 301 S. Academy St., also hosts a rotating exhibit of artworks by regional artists, sponsored by FALC.

Members of FALC expressed excitement about having a home for the organization, which has been promoting the arts for almost 30 years.

"The Waldo House not only gives the Fine Arts League of Cary the opportunity to offer our dedicated local artists more resources for their art journeys, but also infuses downtown Cary with more creative energy," said Sarah Redpath, chair of the League.

"Studies have shown that a vibrant arts district helps to create a happier, healthier community and it is our plan to use this space to encourage a vibrant, lively art hub."

Other organizations also expressed excitement about the move.

"As an artist and a member of the Friends of the Page-Walker local historical organization, I am delighted that the historic Waldo House will be positively and creatively utilized by FALC as a local arts venue," said Charlene Jones, board member of the Friends of Page-Walker.

"In addition to the Waldo House being noted as a significant historic landmark, FALC's use of the property as a multi-resource arts center will bring an attractive and welcome local

art platform and educational resource to Downtown Cary, which will benefit and engage local artists, art lovers, and the Cary community.”

About the Waldo House

The Waldo house was built around 1873 by Dr. S.P. Waldo, a physician and owner of Cary’s first drug store. The house is an example of the Gothic Revival style, a romantic style popularized by renowned New York architect and landscape designer Andrew Jackson Downing.

The house originally stood on Waldo Street but was moved by the city to its 110 E. Park Street location in 2007. The house was renovated and purchased by the owners of The Mayton.

About Art Swarm

Art Swarm will bring many of the region’s most accomplished artists to outdoor and indoor venues in the Cary Arts District. The public is invited to observe and interact with the artists, and to make their own works of art.

Art Swarm is set for September 3-7, 2025, in downtown Cary.

Art Swarm will feature plein air painting, studio painting, hands-on workshops, and community art projects. Visitors can watch artists at work, try their hand at art making, and attend the exhibition and awards ceremony that concludes the event.

Free Events for the Public

Art Swarm offers these free events, open to the public with no registration required:

- Meet plein air artists painting on location
- Pick up a free art kit and try plein air painting
- Watch studio artists at work in a group studio setting
- Join impromptu social gatherings
- Buy artwork at the sidewalk sale

Schedule of Events:

On Sept. 3-6 the public can watch artists at work at downtown Cary locations and at the Waldo House and Cary Arts Center. These displays will be 9:30 am to 4:30 pm daily.

For those who want to try their hand at creating art, Getting Started kits will be available at the Cary Arts Center free of charge.

The public is also invited to register for hands-on art workshops, suitable for any skill level. Topics include painting with acrylic inks, portrait painting, pet portraits, oil landscapes, and urban sketching. (Supply lists for each workshop are available after registration; supplies are not provided.)

On Sept. 7, the final day of Art Swarm, members of the public can browse and buy art at a Sidewalk Sale from 8 am to 2 pm at Ashworth Village. Art Swarm concludes with a public reception and awards ceremony at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center starting at 6:00 pm Sept. 7.

For more information, registration details, and a full schedule of events, visit ArtSwarm.com

About the Fine Arts League of Cary

Founded in 1996, the [Fine Arts League of Cary](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the arts in Cary, NC. Through exhibitions, workshops, and community events, the League fosters artistic growth and appreciation in the region. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and our [Home Page](#).





Art Swarm

**OPENING CEREMONY WITH
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