

Dayton, Ohio is a must-visit for anyone who loves midwestern charm, arts, culture, and dining. There's plenty to do for the whole family – and the best place to start your Day-cation is at **Front Street**, your gateway to Dayton!

With over 150 unique shops and boutiques representing hundreds of artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs, there's something to please every taste.

Please use this media kit to get to know us better and share with your audience all the fun that **Front Street** has to offer.



Front Street is celebrating sixty years as Dayton's largest collective of artists, artisans, and small businesses. A campus of innovation and creativity, there is always something to explore throughout their three large buildings featuring over 150 artists and shops.

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INTRODUCTION

Front Street is Dayton's largest collective of artists, artisans, and small businesses. With over 150 artists and shops concentrated in one convenient campus, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Front Street is open seven days a week, although each shop and artist maintains their own hours. Special events and hours throughout the year offer an opportunity to visit multiple tenants at once.

QUICK FACTS

- What is Front Street?** Spanning three industrial buildings at Front and Second Streets, **Front Street** is your gateway to Downtown Dayton's art and culture scene. With over 150 artists, galleries, shops, boutiques, service providers, and lifestyle services, Front Street is Dayton's art & culture hub.
- Founded:** 1965
- Location:** Three spacious buildings at the corner of Front Street and Second Street
- GPS Address:** 1001 East Second Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402
- Web Address:** <https://FrontStreet.Art>
- Managed by:** Richard Lundin
- Tenants:** Over 150 artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs: fine art, custom art, jewelry, clothing, furniture, spices, exercise studios, a salon, a gym, wood shops, and so much more - Front Street has something for everyone
- Art Hop:** The first Friday (5:00PM – 9:00PM) and Saturday (11:00AM – 4:00PM) of each month, Front Street hosts the Art Hop. Food trucks, activities for the kids, artist demonstrations and more – art comes to life at the Front Street Art Hop.
- Special Shop Hours:** Many artists are open and available every Saturday from 11:00AM – 4:00PM

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EVENTS

FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS - THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT FRONT STREET

Sixty years of cultivating art and culture is a big deal, so we're celebrating in a big way. Join us at these great events - and stay tuned for others planned throughout the year!

ART HOPS

Front Street is introducing a revised schedule starting in 2025. We will now host **Art Hops** the first Friday (5:00PM - 9:00PM) & Saturday (11:00AM - 4:00PM) of each month:

JANUARY 3 - 4	APRIL 4 - 5	JULY 11 - 12	OCTOBER 3 - 4
FEBRUARY 7 - 8	MAY 2 - 3	AUGUST 1 - 2	NOVEMBER 7 - 8
MARCH 7 - 8	JUNE 6 - 7	SEPTEMBER 5 - 6	DECEMBER 5 - 6

Art Hops feature fun for the whole family - follow our social media and subscribe to our newsletter for more information on themes and events at each Art Hop.

OTHER EVENTS

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Front Street is proud of our Dayton heritage and active in our community. Each year, we host a **Community Cleanup** - bringing together our tenants to help beautify our local community.

ARTEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

ARTEBRATION is a one-of-a-kind family fun festival that celebrates the vibrant world of creativity. With a diverse range of activities and attractions, this event is a must-visit for art enthusiasts and families alike.

GREAT DAYTON FOOD TRUCK RALLY

FRIDAY, JULY 11 - SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

We are excited to announce the biggest food truck rally Downtown Dayton has ever seen over a two day period! **The Great Dayton Food Truck Rally** will offer up 50 different trucks for you to choose from on July 11th and 12th!

60th ANNIVERSARY BASH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Throw it back to 1965 at our **60th Anniversary Bash!** Wear your best 60's garb and get ready to rock Front Street - it's a party six decades in the making.

HALLOWEEN MARKET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Dust off those costumes, put on the face paint and make your way to Front Street to Trick or Treat across campus at our **Halloween Market**.

CHRISTKINDL MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

Our **Christkindl Market** is your chance to find the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list. You'll even get to meet Santa and the Grinch - there really is something for everyone!

FRONT STREET GIVES BACK

Front Street believes in investing in the future of art to keep Dayton alive as a hub of art & culture. That's why we will be supporting these incredible organizations throughout the year.

NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Front Street will be raising awareness and funds for these amazing arts organizations in our community:



As a 501c3 organization with 41 years of experience, **We Care Arts** increases confidence and artistic skill in a variety of individuals with varying disabilities and physical challenges. We Care Arts has grown to serve 1200 clients at more than forty off-site locations within the greater Dayton area.

<https://www.wecarearts.org/>



Levitt Dayton is committed to building community through the power of music, one free concert at a time and we strive to be a strong partner in the community through education outreach with artists, music camp for youth, and outreach through pop-up concerts.

<https://levittdayton.org/>

Front Street also supports these other incredible organizations:

- **Dayton Society of Artists**
- **Wright State University - Arts Gala**
- **Rotary Club of Dayton**
- **Boonschooft Museum of Discovery**
- **Dayton Art Institute**
- **ThinkTV**
- **Porchfest - The Collaborative**
- **Mardi Gras Threauxdown**
- **Historic Huffman**

THE FRONT STREET BRAND

The **Front Street** brand pays homage to its artistic roots while remaining broad enough to represent the wide array of tenants and services.

LOGO



The Front Street logo is a stylized cube with red, green, and yellow faces.

Front Street is unveiling a special logo for 2025 to celebrate its sixty year heritage as Dayton's art & culture hub.

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RED	#D11D57	209, 29, 87	13, 100, 53, 1
YELLOW	#F7D805	247, 216, 5	5, 10, 100, 0
GREEN	#54B848	84, 184, 72	69, 0, 100, 0
BLACK	#000000	0,0,0	0, 0, 0, 100

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#FRONTSTREET2025

Front Street
July 9 at 9:58 AM · 🌐

Front Street is full of creative energy and we're inviting you to let your imagination free in the Project Pit! Full details can be found on our website. Link in bio.

7/18 Peaceful Paintings: A Neurographic Watercolor Experience: Experience the transformative power of neurographic drawing—an art form designed to help guide you into a relaxed state of being! - Led by [Matthew Burgy](#)

7/24 Margarita Night Canvas Paint Party: One of today's favorite creative outlets! [@hangloosepainting](#) instructor Samantha Mang guides you step by step on how to create your own masterpiece!

8/1 Opening Reception: Essex Artist Exhibition: A multi media art exhibition featuring artists from @Essex Studios, a sister Artist Community located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Front Street Project Pit is located inside building 100, door BC, basement.

Project Pit

FRONT STREET



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JUL
18



Join Hang Loose Painting for step by step canvas painting. Choose your own color and allow our instructor to help you make your painting your own! Bring your own cooler.

JUL
24



Essex Artists are featured in a group exhibition curated by [William Cunningham](#) and [Dan Wells](#).
Opening Reception:
First Friday 5pm - 9pm
Runs Aug. 1st - Sep. 26th

REGISTER & INFO @ [frontstreet.art](#) > Events

Front Street
July 11 at 6:23 AM · 🌐

[Boonshoft Museum of Discovery](#) is always a fun group to collaborate with! This year we worked with [Dan Wells](#) of [Brick City Artworks](#), [Buck Run Doors](#) and the crew at Boonshoft to create a new owl habitat!

[#FrontStreetArtist](#)
[#FrontStreet2025](#)
[#boonshoftmuseum](#)



Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
July 10 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

🥰 Thankful Thursday: Home sweet (burrowed) home! 🥰



TENANT LIST

DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC TENANTS MAKE FRONT STREET A HUB OF ART & CULTURE

With everything the active Daytonian needs to live a vibrant city life, Front Street offers a variety of local vendors for the conscientious consumer. Roam our halls and absorb our unique mix of local artists, upscale galleries, unique shops and boutiques, and convenient lifestyle and services vendors. No matter what you're looking for, chances are you'll find it at Front Street.

ARTISTS

DAN WELLS | JULIE RILEY | BRET EIKENBERRY | THINKTV ART SHOW | THREE WHITE FEATHERS
VICTOR NIGRO | LAVENDER & LACE | NEREIDA TRUJILLO | JESSICA LACAVA
GREG SEITZ WOODWORKING | BILL MONTANA | DAYTON DIGITAL WOODWORKING
SANDRA PICCIANO-BRAND | DAVID BRAND | DOUG BRAND | BROKEN WING ART STUDIO
BECKI MOUNT | AMY RICHARDSON | GAYLE MOSCOWITZ | HADLEY RODEBECK | CAYMAN K.
DOUG BAKER | EPIC THREADS | SHARON STOLZENBERGER | SACRED KRAZEN STUDIO | CAROL
O'NEAL KIM PHELPS | MONGO WOODWORKS

GALLERIES

BRICK CITY ARTWORKS | DIAD STUDIO & GALLERY | VAGABOND STUDIO AND GALLERY
DANA L. WILEY GALLERY | DIVISIBLE PROJECTS | THE BETTY | ART ENCOUNTERS
DUTOIT GALLERY | DARTY ART | ROOTS TO WINGS GALLERY | CASABLANCA GALLERY & STUDIO
ART HAS NO RULES | VISIONARY FOLK ART GALLERY | CIRCLES ART STUDIO
OUTDOORS: SCULPTURE GARDEN | MURAL WALK | THE CAPSULE

SHOPS & BOUTIQUES

SPICE PARADISE | IRIS & NYX | RESTORATION LEFTOVERS | PLUM VINTAGE BARWARE
BLONDE BETTY VINTAGE HOMEGOODS | SILK BED VINTAGE | MOON RIVER HOME VINTAGE
AQUASCAPES | DAYTON DIGITAL WOODWORKING | JJ'S BOUTIQUE | BJ'S BOUTIQUE

LIFESTYLE & SERVICES

PETE'S FURNITURE | GREEN LEAF PRINTING | SIGNATURE POLISH | PERFECTLY PERSONAL
CREATIONS | MARYSOUL MOVEMENT STUDIO | STYLE BY FORM | MODTECH METAL FINISHING
DIGITAL FRINGE | THE 2020 | THE DIRTY GYM | SALON ATLAS | BRASSWIND | PARAGON FURNITURE
LEE BUILDERS | CUSTOM WOOD CREATIONS | DAYTON STREET EATS

HISTORY OF FRONT STREET

Originally founded in 1965, Front Street has served as an incubator of creativity and artistic expression in the Dayton community for six decades. As a corporate entity, Front Street is comprised of three large, industrial buildings at the corner of Front and Second Streets in downtown Dayton. Following is a brief narrative prepared by Scott Millsop, who is preparing a history of Front Street.

Front Street is a work space. It is a lot of other things too. It's a landmark. An evolving artifact of several earlier ages. It's a sort of village square, a gathering place. It's been like that for different villages. Front Street is a backdrop, it's the scene of memories ranging from assembly lines to political rallies, wild raves, rad tricks and wipeouts and blackouts and insights and flow. Front Street is experienced. The place is old. The sort of old that nobody alive remembers it being built. There are places inside that no one has seen since the last century and it's likely that there are some hidden corners not seen since the century before that. But it is always lurching toward the future with different sorts of emerging energy. It is most certainly part of the now. But really, it's just a work space.

We work at the Front Street Buildings. That's what you feel here.

Front Street is also a street. It's only two blocks long and it doesn't actually end anywhere, it just flows into a parking lot which gradually becomes gravel. It wasn't always a street. It only became a street for lack of a better idea. For a long time it was a canal. It carried water to turn wheels and more wheels and levers and stamping machines. Back then the building was powered by Dayton Hydraulic. Even the water got to work at Front Street 100 years ago. It delivered it's awesome power and then moved on to bigger rivers without leaving any waste in its wake.

Arts and products left Front Street and went to every big city and most small towns in the world. This was the place where all of the U.S. Governments mail documents were created. Dust and sweat and DNA from the workers flowed out from this place on the millions upon millions of illustrations and letterhead papers and envelopes and went everywhere. If you were to draw a diagram of it all, there would be an outflow from Front Street that covered the Earth like a web. That was Mercantile corporation. Most of the workers were women, well before the mid-century trend of employing women in factories because the men were all at war.

Mercantile was among the first large corporate entities. That's part of the Front Street history too. Mercantile had the contract to do all of the printing for the US Post Office. At one point the contract was awarded to a different company. So Mercantile bought that company. And closed it. And kept on running at Front Street.

Much of the early history of large-scale manufacturing took place here. There were hundreds of workers at Mercantile. There were many other companies around Dayton, all taking advantage of the power of water.

The water had its say on the subject in 1913. It was eight feet deep at the west wall on Front Street. The flood was a turning point for the whole area. A half mile to the west on Third Street the water was deeper still but it was a subsequent fire that took out the whole area. We kept working. We switched to steam power, then electricity. We changed transportation and shipping to trains instead of canal boats. Then the canal was no longer needed, so we filled it in and that is Front Street today.

We could stop there and call it a life story. It's a start and end history with all the narrative peaks and valleys. But it doesn't end there. It doesn't end at all.

In the 1960's Front Street became one of the original business incubators. They didn't call it that, but small makers and crafts people were encouraged to pool their energies in this place and there it came again. Work. Work with a purpose. People's dreams being enacted.

And speaking of dreams, that's when the hippies came. It's fair to say that developments in this era were not well organized. But it was all very colorful and loud when Front Street became a communal hangout. Some people lived there. Other people just crashed there. At least one person who slept in her car back then has a thriving gallery space here now. Plenty of people spent their weekends on site. Vibrant. That's a word for this period. It wasn't automatic. They worked at it. A few years ago the repair crew pulled up an old carpet and under it was a mandala painting, no doubt from the communal era. The decision was made to preserve it. It's still there.

Then the skaters came and for a while in the 80's and 90's Front Street was a capital of skateboard culture. The media would have you believe it was an all-California thing. But no. There were ramps in the corridors and bowls in the big rooms, ledges lined the walls and we can only speculate what happened in those still daunting stairwells. Alien Workshop, a fabled skateboard brand from 1990 grew up at Front Street. They're still around and they're leading a renaissance of skateboarding even now. They've always been leading a renaissance of skateboarding.

The skateboarders chased the hippies away and the current crop of artists caused the skateboarders to relocate. There is a shop in The Annex run by a young guy who repurposes old skateboards into decorative items. There is a 10 gallon bucket outside his shop door where people come to drop off old skateboards to assume an afterlife as coasters and plaques and bottle stoppers.

He's just one of 150+ artists who work or show their work at Front Street. We're now known as an arts community. But here again is where we talk about work. When people picture an arts district, they often think of galleries and openings, soft music and wine. People in proper attire studying artworks and making comments. And to be sure, there are openings at Front Street. It's been First Fridays and

Third Sundays for a while, but that changes. In any case, it's just a couple of days per month. The rest of the time it's all about working artists which, if you really appreciate art, is a much more interesting environment.

There are painters working on small scales and large scales. There are artists who work on large sheets of metal. There are kilns in the corner in lots of rooms. Glassblowers work and put on shows and teach. Sculptures work on wood. Found art curators fashion assemblages. There is a gallery that is the only U.S. participant in a multi-city, multi-continent collection at the forefront of an emerging movement. On show days there is music in the corridors.

We have worked through the eras. Implemented big ideas. We've been a world class arm in arm workforce. When individualism was the play, Front Street was the stage. We were the home base during a rush of wheels to nowhere. We restore beauty in old furniture. We summon beauty out of sand and light and driftwood.

The new energy is healing arts. Being as artform. Art as experience. Participation. Everywhere is a creative outpouring that is astonishing. Some days there are crowds moving through the corridors. Very often, it is their first time here. You hear - in the voice of discovery - someone saying "Oh my gosh! What is this place?"

It's a workplace.



We're always gathering stories and historical facts about Front Street. If you have something to contribute, email frontstreetstories@gmail.com with your story.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

CHRISTKINDL MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

60TH ANNIVERSARY BASH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

VISIT US EVERY DAY!
SPECIAL SHOP HOURS
SATURDAYS 11 – 4

SCAN FOR DETAILS



FrontStreet.Art

DISCOVER DAYTON

Dayton has a rich history of innovation and creativity. From a legacy of invention to a vibrant performing arts scene, Dayton has something for everyone to discover.

ARTS & CULTURE

Dayton Live!

Dayton Art Institute

Front Street

Roger Glass Center for the Arts

ENTERTAINMENT

Dayton Live!

Dayton Dragons Baseball

Levitt Pavilion Dayton

The Neon

Five Rivers MetroParks

Oregon District

Aullwood Audubon Center

Funny Bone Comedy Club

HISTORY

Carillon Historical Park

National Museum of the United States Air Force

National Aviation Heritage Area

Paul Laurence Dunbar House

Boonschoft Museum of Discovery

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

SHOPPING

2nd Street Market

Front Street

The Greene

Town & Country Shopping Center

The Mall at Fairfield Commons

The Dayton Mall

AMENITIES

AC Hotel by Marriott

Hotel Ardent

Gem City Market

Dorothy Lane Market

