

The Arts Mecca

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St. Petersburg is a *"cultural capital"* a collection of cultural facilities and organizations that is world class. From the Chihuly Collection and Hot Shop to the Dali Museum; from the Fine Arts Museum to St. Petersburg Clay Factory and everywhere in between, St. Petersburg's arts community welcomes you.



We have been voted the *number one arts destination for a mid-sized city* two years in row by American Style Magazine. Creative businesses are helping transform St. Petersburg into a hotbed of vibrant emerging arts & cultural businesses, and we are doing all we can to help professionals relocate and thrive in our City.

From established art collections and museums to an edgy emerging art scene, St. Petersburg has been *recognized for more than ten years for its vibrant arts community* and offers something for everyone to enjoy!

Grand Central District

Grand Central is one of over 40 Florida Main Street Communities which are in historic downtown business districts. Grand Central runs from the 1600 to the 3100 block of Central and adjacent First Avenues North and South. It is home to art galleries, antique stores, beloved and diverse restaurants, pubs, and eclectic shops. The Grand Central District is pedestrian friendly, with plenty of on-street parking and can be easily reached via the Central Avenue Trolley, which makes several stops throughout the District. www.grandcentraldistrict.org

Warehouse Arts District

Located just west of Downtown St. Petersburg in an industrial area, the Warehouse Arts District is emerging as the City's hub for artists. Unlike the posh arts district located downtown on Beach Drive, the Warehouse Arts District is gritty, surrounded by old, and often vacant, industrial and manufacturing warehouses. The old buildings create the perfect environment for artists wanting space for large equipment, studios, galleries, or special events. Since 2000, the area has attracted over 16 arts businesses and organizations and 126 artists. The Warehouse Arts District further entrenches St. Petersburg as the "Number One Destination for the Arts," as voted by American Style Magazine.

Central Arts District

The Central Arts District, formed in 2010, aims to promote the arts in St. Petersburg. The district includes 4th Street to 16th Street along Central Avenue. It provides a uniformed identity to the aspiring arts venues along Central and welcomes all who embrace the arts that span beyond the city's First Avenue(s) boundaries. District entities include: www.facebook.com/central-arts-district

The 600 Block

The 600 Block is located on the 600 block of Central Avenue in downtown St. Petersburg. The low-rent district has become an ideal home for aspiring artists and designers. The 600 Block features art and craft galleries, boutiques, body art shops, music shops, graphic design, and branding centers, as well as performance venues, eateries, and a world class audio and visual recording studio. In October, nine boutiques on the block hosted a fashion show, The 600 Block After Dark, featuring local designs and vintage fashions. The 600 Block is also launching the St. Pete Indie Market; the first Saturday of every month, local artists and vendors will showcase and sell their goods. <http://sixhundredblock.com>



Morean Arts Center

Located near The 600 Block, the Morean Arts Center showcases various exhibitions from local, national, and international artists. In addition to exhibitions, the Center offers various art classes. The Glass Studio & Hot Shop provides work space for local glass artists and allows visitors to watch the artist in action. The Center also offers the Hot Shop Glass Experience, where you get the chance to work with a hot shop artist to learn the fundamentals of glass-blowing as you create your own blown glass ornament or paperweight. www.moreanartscenter.org



Florida Craftsmen Gallery

Florida Craftsmen, established since 1951, is a statewide non-profit organization headquartered in St. Petersburg, FL. Its mission is to empower the fine craft artists of Florida, enrich the community, and engage the next generation. Since 1986, fine craft art has been presented in the 2,000 sf retail gallery in St. Petersburg, as well as in the similarly sized exhibition gallery. On the second floor of its building are 18 artists' studios and a classroom where workshops designed to educate artists in the "Business of Art" are held. <http://floridacraftsmen.net>



Galleries

25+ art galleries with monthly gallery walks

The Art Lofts

At the Florida Craftsmen, there are 18 working studios in the Art Lofts, their works include photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry, copper and mixed media. The Art Lofts are open to the public every second Saturday of the month. www.facebook.com/artlofts

Café Bohemia

Located off Central Avenue, three blocks west of The 600 Block, this eclectic place is much more than your average coffee shop; it features paintings from local artists, books and couches for those looking to chill, a large outdoor patio, DJs and live bands, and a Wednesday night film series. www.myspace.com/cafe_bohemia

An Artisans Gallery

Over 50 artisans showcase their works, ranging from portraits to mosaics. It offers luncheons and mixers. <http://anartisansgallery.com>

ARTPool Gallery

The gallery represents over 30 local painters, jewelers, clothing designers, mixed media artists, and more in a co-op arrangement; 100% of the profit goes directly to the respective artist. Its themed monthly "pARTY" with local bands, DJs, and catering, strives to provide visitors with an unforgettable experience of art, vintage, fun, and brilliance! www.facebook.com/artpool

Salt Creek Artworks

Located just south of downtown St. Petersburg, Salt Creek Artworks is a collection of artist studios and two large art galleries. From October to May, Salt Creek hosts openings for different artist as well as the resident artists open their studios. <http://saltcreekartworks.com>

Craftsman House

An award winning and premier arts gallery located in the Grand Central District of St. Petersburg. The 1918 bungalow, was fully renovated to showcase fine American Art & Craftsman works from over 300 local and national artists, and features an onsite café. www.craftsmanhousegallery.com



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Artistic Venues

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Mainstream Art

Salvador Dali Museum

Home to the most comprehensive collection of works by Salvador Dali, the Dali Museum is the highest rated museum in the South by Michelin and listed by AOL Travel as *"One of the top buildings you have to see before you die."* An art lovers dream, the Dali Museum features 96 oil paintings by the artist, as well as over 100 watercolors and drawings, 1,300 graphics, photographs, sculptures and objects d'art, and an extensive archival library. www.thedali.org

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Chihuly Collection

Part of the Morean Arts Center, the Chihuly Collection is a permanent collection of artwork from famed glasswork artist Dale Chihuly. The Chihuly Collection is located in the middle of the City's vibrant Beach Drive waterfront entertainment district, in a 10,000 square foot setting designed by award-winning architect Albert Alfonso. Each room was individually designed to complement the sculptures or installations. The Collection also houses a 30-seat theater and a retail store featuring Chihuly art pieces and memorabilia. www.chihulycollectionstpete.com

Museum of Fine Arts

Home to more than 14,000 objects from antiquity to present, the Museum of Fine Arts is the only comprehensive art collection of its kind on Florida's west coast. The Museum includes masterpieces from Monet, Cézanne, Renoir and others. The Museum of Fine Arts has repeatedly been named the *best art museum in Tampa Bay* by regional media. www.fine-arts.org

Places of Interest

St. Petersburg Clay Company

Founded in 1996 and retrofitted within a former train station, the St. Petersburg Clay Company strives to be a premiere ceramic facility, promoting the awareness and appreciation of the ceramic arts. Services offered by the Clay Company include retail clay supplies, studio space for artists, and a gallery sales area. Additionally, in partnership with the Morean Arts Center, the St. Petersburg Clay Company offers a clay education program, with classes ranging from hand building to wheel throwing. www.stpeteclay.com

Creative Clay

Creative Clay's mission is to make the arts accessible for every interested member of the bay area community regardless of age, gender, ability and/or race. Creative Clay, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with an expressed interest in providing the local community with a place to experience all aspects of the arts. They also provide a competitive scholarship program to assist those artists of the community who are not able to afford or receive funding. The scholarship provides artists two hours a week access to Creative Clay's studio space, supplies, and the opportunity to submit work for exhibition in the Creative Clay gallery located within The Edge district on Central Avenue. www.creativeclay.org

Saturday Morning Market

Every Saturday, local artists, vendors, and musicians gather in downtown St. Petersburg for the Saturday Morning Market. The market features a wide variety of vendors including: baked goods, farmers, specialty foods, prepared foods, plants, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and glass. The market runs from October through May, and is currently in its tenth season. It has become *the largest once-a-week market in the Southeast*, with over 200 vendors and a weekly attendance of 6,000-10,000 visitors. www.saturdaymorningmarket.com

Performance Theater

Mahaffey Theater

The 2,031 seat Progress Energy Center for the Arts—Mahaffey Theater, is a professional full production facility hosting top-quality national and international artists and performances—Broadway, classical, pop, rock, comedy, and dance. www.themahaffey.com

Palladium Theater at St. Petersburg College

The 850 seat historic Palladium Theater is consistently ranked as *one of the Bay's best, most affordable venues* for music, theatre, opera, Celtic, comedy, dance, education, literary, community events, and more. www.spcollege.edu/palladium/dex.php

American Stage Theater

Founded in 1977, American Stage is the *bay area's best professional regional equity theatre*. Its mission is to create the most satisfying live performance theatre in the area, serving the diversified interests of all members of the community. <http://americanstage.org>

freeFALL Theater

freeFALL Theater, which opened in 2011 in the West Central district of St. Petersburg, has just earned their first *Best of Professional Theater award from Broadway World*. This cutting edge theater presents a varied range of classical and new works that are bold, daring, and diverse. They strive to offer community accessibility and present in ways that invite, entertain, and challenge audiences. www.freefalltheater.com

Art Festivals

Over 10 million visitors attend 1,000+ events

MAINSAIL

As a top rated juried art show and ranked among the "200 Best Shows" and the "100 Best" Fine Art & Design Shows in the nation, MainSail is an annual premier outdoor cultural event which takes place Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. Over 100,000 visitors from near and far come to enjoy and purchase quality art and enjoy top name entertainment. www.mainsailartsfestival.org

CRAFT ART

Florida Craftsmen's collective event is CraftArt, a two day outdoor street festival focused on fine Florida artwork. It is held during the week before Thanksgiving, as 130 Florida artists offer their finest work. This event is attended annually by over 10,000 people. <http://floridacraftsmen.net/craftart>

Associations

Downtown Arts Association

The association sponsors Gallery Walks the second Saturday of the month. www.stpetearts.org

Keep Saint Petersburg Local

This independent Business Alliance works to increase awareness of locally-owned businesses and showcases local artistic talent. www.facebook.com/keepsaintpetersburglocal

SPARC Exchange

The steering committee serves to identify, discuss, and resolve issues and challenges typically encountered by artists who are small business owners. Meetings are held quarterly at the city's Business Assistance Center. www.stpete.org/bac/sparc.org

ARTS Tampa Bay

This one stop resource offers artistic and event happenings from around the bay area, and includes items as film, sports, and recreation. www.artstampabay.com



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