



2015 Christmas Art Walk Q & A

What is the purpose of the Christmas Art Walk?

The 2015 is truly a Gift to Remember, given to the people of Barrington and beyond from the Barrington Church community, as Barrington concludes its sesquicentennial celebrations. We seek to connect viewers to the Gift of Christmas through their experience of the artists' interpretations of the Christmas story. We also hope that this will be a healing force following a year of many tragic events in the U.S. and abroad.

How many stores and artists will participate in the walk?

There are twelve participating stores (find them here: <http://www.christmasartwalk.com/stores.html>), and twelve participating artists (find them here: <http://www.christmasartwalk.com/artists.html>).

How does it work?

Visitors are invited to attend the Art Walk from December 12-24, 2015. The event is free, and attendees are welcome any time stores are open. Artists will be available all day on December 12th for a free meet-and-greet. There will be a free guided tour at noon each day, which will leave from the Barrington Flower Shop (201 S. Cook St.). Maps are available, and visitors are encouraged to stop at all twelve stores.

Who should attend the 2015 Christmas Art Walk?

The Art Walk is free, and is open to anyone and everyone! Families are welcome, and encouraged to attend. We hope that individuals, friends, couples, families, Bible study groups, and more will come to enjoy the art and connect with the true Gift of Christmas.

How is this year's Art Walk different from the last?

This year we have artists with backgrounds and languages representing, Zulu, African, Korean, Ukrainian, Iranian, Scandinavian and Thai. "The emphasis of this year's Art Walk vision has been on bringing artists together from different national backgrounds and different language groups to work together on the same story," says Art Walk founder, Christine Gunn-Danforth, Ph.D. "Despite vast differences — and not ever having met each other — all could communicate equally the impact that the Biblical story has had on them and the culture they grew up in. Though translators were necessary to describe the meanings of the artists' work, we discovered that what was established was a common language in pictures for all cultures and all ages."



On weekends only, there will be a new live Crèche, or Nativity, outside of Egg Harbor Restaurant (125 W. Main St., Barrington).

How were this year's artists commissioned?

A call for artists was published in the spring of 2015. Artists working in a wide variety of media, including photography, oil, watercolor, sculpture, ceramic, charcoal, drawing and mixed media, were encouraged to submit proposals. Statements of interest were due by June 30, 2015, and the selection committee responded within fifteen days to announce acceptance and state which piece artists were selected to create for final approval. Accepted artists received a \$1000 honorarium for their work.

How do the stores feel about participating in the Art Walk?

Mike Shipley, owner of Cook Street Coffee, says he is glad to have the opportunity to participate in the walk. "We really enjoy the event, and we like having the diversity of art in the cafe," Mike said. "It's a fun, unique thing that the community takes part in, that adds to the spirit of Christmas in town." The twelve stores and restaurants participating in this year's Art Walk can be found here: <http://www.christmasartwalk.com/stores.html>.

Where does the art go after the Art Walk?

Each of the twelve pieces will be auctioned off at a private gala event to be held at the Barrington White House on December 11, 2015. The art will then be displayed in stores, and delivered to owners after December 24th. Reproductions of several pieces may be available; interested parties should contact Kathleen Truitt (kathleen@jonahre.com).