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Art Meets History in New Exhibit at the St. Augustine Art Association Gallery

The nationwide exhibit features artists' inspiration in the history of their communities.

St. Augustine, Fla. (July 12, 2024) – On Florida's Historic Coast, one of the country's oldest art associations is celebrating its centennial with a unique exhibit that challenges artists to picture their community in a new light.

[History Through the Lens of the Artist](#), hosted by the [St. Augustine Art Association](#), challenged artists to tell a story of the development and evolution of the culture and people of a community from its inception until today. Submitted art was entered into two categories: photography or other mediums, including drawing and painting, printmaking, mixed media and collage, fiber, sculpture, and pottery and ceramics. Subject matters range from architecture and landscape to people, events, landmarks, social issues, and more. Awards for submissions will be announced at the opening reception on July 18, 2024. The show will continue in-gallery and online through August 25.

One of the oldest art associations in the nation, the St. Augustine Art Association was founded in 1924 and comprised of members inspired by St. Augustine's blend of European style and natural Florida beauty. The Association attracted artists to St. Augustine by promoting it as "just like painting in Europe," creating a vibrant colony of creatives.

Florida's Historic Coast has over 450 years of history to respect, inspire, and acknowledge, and many local businesses host tours that educate and engage visitors. [St. Augustine City Walks](#) and [St. Augustine Experiences](#) both offer walking tours of the downtown Historic District for visitors looking to get in their steps. For a comfortable motorized ride, [Red Express Tours](#), [Old Town Trolley Tours](#) offer fully narrated tours with informative guides, and [The Tasting Tours Insiders Access City Tour](#) uncovers the hidden gems and rich history of the nation's oldest city. [St. Augustine Land & Sea Tours](#) covers many modes of transportation, with walking, golf cart, and boat tours.

Visitors looking to explore art and architecture can find over 46 homes downtown listed on the National Historic Landmark Registry. St. Augustine's [Black History App](#) provides a digital pocket guide to the important locations with accompanying historical information. Visitors with visual impairments can experience a tactile tour of St. Augustine's public art installations and history through [Touch St. Augustine](#), a touchable art exhibit with braille plaques in the Plaza de la Constitución.

Find experiences, lodging, and travel information with the convenient [trip planner](#) and be inspired by Florida's Historic Coast.

Click [here](#) to access images of the art and architecture of St. Augustine.

Located midway between Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida's Historic Coast includes historic St. Augustine, the outstanding golf and seaside elegance of Ponte Vedra, the rural beauty of Hastings, Elkton, St. Johns, and 42 miles of pristine Atlantic beaches. Visitor Information Centers are located at 10 Castillo Drive, St. Augustine; 200 Solana Rd. Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach; and at the St. Johns County Beach Pier Park, 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach. For advance travel information, call 1.800.653.2489 or go to the Visitors and Convention Bureau website at www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com. Check us out on social media Instagram [@FloridasHistoricCoast](#); [@ViajaStAugustine](#), Facebook.com/OfficialStAugustine, and Facebook.com/ViajaStAugustine and Twitter [@FIHistoricCoast](#)

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