

# CANTON NEWS UPDATE

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## Village Arts Factory To Feature Artwork of Artist Courtney Crider *Annual Juneteenth Art Exhibition on Display June 2-28, 2025*

**(Canton, MI – May 23, 2025)** The Village Arts Factory is set to exhibit the artwork of Courtney Crider in a special exhibition entitled: “Nature’s Beauty.” Crider’s solo exhibit will bring together a collection of her works that celebrate the natural beauty of both people and nature – highlighting Black beauty in honor of Juneteenth.

Crider’s art is first drawn digitally, freehand on a tablet with a stylus. She then prints her work as giclee art prints with some of them hand embellished with a variety of materials. Creating mixed media artwork is a newer discipline for Crider, as she recently began experimenting with collage art and wanted to incorporate that with her digital paintings. This exhibition will be the first time Crider unveils her mixed media work to the public and will feature new pieces inspired by florals and black beauty, paired with old favorites that have been newly embellished with mixed media materials.

Crider believes that “every human is a beautiful creation, formed by God himself and this Juneteenth I want to highlight Black beauty alongside His floral creations.” Crider has drawn inspiration for this exhibition’s theme from a passage from the Bible, Matthew 6:28-34: “The lilies of the field neither toil nor spin, yet they are beautiful as they are. God made them that way. And if even the wild grass is clothed with such beautiful lilies, how much more will He clothe, oh yes, you? If God takes delight in His floral creations, how much more joyful is He over the beauty of his human creations?”

An opening reception of Nature’s Beauty will be held on Monday, June 2, from 6-9 p.m. This special art reception is free and open to the public. Reception guests will be able to explore the exhibit, meet the artist, and partake in light refreshments..

This art exhibit at the Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory is free and open to the public from June 2-28, 2025, during gallery hours: Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; during all public events; or by special appointment arranged via email to [kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov](mailto:kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov).

The unique and expansive Fine Art Gallery at The Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48188, welcomes visitors to experience art in an up-close and captivating environment. Serving a dual purpose as a bustling point of connection to many of the artist studios, as well as an immersive art display space, the Fine Art Gallery is truly the heart of the Village Arts Factory, where art is created, displayed, and appreciated.

For more information about this latest exhibition, please call 734/386-0650 or visit <https://villageartsfactory.com/artgallery>.

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