



2025 Annual Report

Mission

Promote cultural growth by connecting artists to the community.

Objectives

- 1 Provide a platform for artists to interact with customers, develop their professional skills, and monetize their creativity.
- 2 Deliver a consistent, continually evolving community event each month and encourage involvement in the Arts.
- 3 Increase foot-traffic and visibility for small businesses that serve as Art Walk venues.

2025 EFF Staff and Board of Directors

Kaila Mock, Executive Director
Kat Dorcas, Marketing Manager/
Executive Director

Katherine Eusey-Zuckerman, Chair
Kristin Oberle, Vice-Chair
Meg Worthing, Secretary
Josh Thuma, Treasurer
Taumi Boyce
Joe Corn
John Decker
Brogy Giesen
Colleen Mitchell
David Sharlow

105

Solo Pop Up Shows

49

Group and Gallery Exhibits

14

Live Music and Theatre Presentations

5

Community Involved Art Projects and Demonstrations

31

Participating Venues

815

Passport Submitted



January

EFF Receives Emporia Chamber Community Impact Award



March

Celebrates EFF's 100th Art Walk



July

Executive Director position passes from EFF Co-Founder Kaila Mock to Kat Dorcas

2025

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
FEBRUARY 7 5-8 PM
FEATURED ART: 3RD ANNUAL AD ASTRA ART SHOW
PRESENTING VENUE: LCHC LION COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER SPONSOR: evergy

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
March 7 5-8 PM
FEATURED ARTIST: Hailie & Joel Moch & Smith
PRESENTING VENUE: TROX SPONSOR: SELAGROUP

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
April 4 2025 5-8 PM
FEATURED ARTIST: Sam Banks
PRESENTING VENUE: L&L PETS SPONSOR: Mary and Brock Kretzinger

51 Completed Passports

15 Participating Venues

55% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

134 Completed Passports

16 Participating Venues

50% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

93 Completed Passports

16 Participating Venues

49% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
May 2 2025 5-8 pm

Julia Brunner ILLUSTRATIONS
FEATURED ART: FHTC Graphic Arts Student Showcase
Brooklyn Crowell
Prints Charming
Presenting Venue: OLE SHEDS Sponsor: FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

82 Completed Passports

15 Participating Venues

37% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
JUNE 6 2025 5-8 pm

Featured Art: COMMUNITY MURAL with Andrea and Alex Polzin
Join us for this paint-by-number community mural project at 405 Commercial during the Art Walk! All ages are welcome. Those under 12 will have their own special mural to paint.
Presenting Venue: FLCSB Sponsor: LION COUNTY STATE BANK

70 Completed Passports

15 Participating Venues

34% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA SECOND FRIDAY ART WALK
July 11 2025 5-8 pm

FEATURED ARTIST: Nic Dikin
PRESENTING VENUE: LION COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER SPONSOR: W

54 Completed Passports

12 Participating Venues

33% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
August 1 2025 5-8 pm

Featured Artist: Barbara Lane Tharas
I LOVE YOU!
BUT YOU MAKE ME CRY
Presenting Venue: GRAVEL CITY ROASTERS

84 Completed Passports

12 Participating Venues

60% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
September 5 2025 5-8 pm

FEATURED ARTIST: Hannah Worthen
PRESENTING VENUE: THE SWEET GRANADA CHOCOLATE SHOP

82 Completed Passports

17 Participating Venues

38% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
October 3 2025 5-8 pm

FEATURED ART: Kate Pepper Mosaic Columns
Help design a section of this new community art installation by SIT Merchant
Presenting Venue: GAZETTE COLLECTIVE Sponsor: ESB FINANCIAL

60 Completed Passports

18 Participating Venues

45% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
November 7 2025 5-8 pm

FEATURED ART: ESU Art Program Biennial Faculty Exhibition
PRESENTING VENUE: EPPINK & GILSON GALLERIES SPONSOR: EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

59 Completed Passports

13 Participating Venues

59% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

EMPORIA FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
December 5 2025 5-8 pm

FEATURED ARTIST: Atlanta Kueger
PRESENTING VENUE & SPONSOR: EMPORIA Arts Commission & Visit Emporia
Atlanta Kueger
forever love
always love
Presented in part by the State of Kansas and the National Endowment for the Arts
KANSAS ARTS 250

46 Completed Passports

19 Participating Venues

33% of completed Passports that visited all Venues

2025 EFF Partners

Sustaining

The Mitchell Family

Paula Sauder

The Zuckerman Family

Platinum

Emporia Area Chamber
Emporia State University
ESB Financial
Evergy
Flint Hills Technical College

Lyon County State Bank
Mary and W. Brock Kretsinger
Sela Group
Wright CPA

Gold

Samantha and David Banks
Rick Becker
Charpentier Glass
Cocos Casas
Emporia Main Street
Gravel City Roasters
IM Design Group
John North Ford Nissan

Life Time/UNBOUND Gravel
Malone Dental
Pam Mock and Don Mock
Judy Moore
Mulready's Pub
Kristin Oberle
Kathy and Larry Putnam
Trox Gallery and Gifts

Silver

Andante Piano Service
Tammy and Mike Black
Tirsten Brockmeier and Todd Henrikson
Kat and Steve Dorcas
Rachel and Tim Duncan
Nancy Garcia
Mona and Randy Guyer
Jerilynn and Duane Henrikson
Cynthia and Brad Kraft

Daphne and Tyson Mayes
Kaila Mock and Joel Smith
Printing Plus
Radius Brewing Company
Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home
Angie and Mark Schreiber
Toso Family Eye Care
Dave Watts – Shelter Insurance

Bronze

Brandi and Jordan Briceland
Rhonda Denney and Ray Fallen
Emporia Myofascial Care
Pete Euler – State Farm Insurance
Evergreen Design Build

Edna and Brogy Giesen
Dennis Gilligan
Ann and Steve Knecht
Jan and Nick Laurent
Karen and Michael McTaggart

Ruthann Resch
Karen Sommers
Sharon and Max Stewart
The Sweet Granada

Copper

Eliza and Gary Ace
The Ampersand Vinyl
Sara and Ed Bashaw
Taumi Boyce
Brian's Lawn Care
Sandra Brooks
Craig Carlson
Coffelt Sign Co
Community National Bank & Trust
Christina and LeLan Dains
Lucie and Don Eusey
Lynn Felts
Roy Gallup

Linzi Garcia
Janice Glanville
Amanda Hague and Ben Hayes
Layla and Marley Harter
Loni and Dave Heinen
Robbie and Don Hill
Kate and Dave Iselin
Jeannie and Russ Jenkins
The Koffler Kluender Leon Family
Alana Longwell
Lyon County Title, LLC
Meadowlark Press
Terry and Carl Morgan

Kelsey Quintana
Carol Schoeck
Karen and Bruce Scott
Donna and Greg Seibel
Lisa Soller and Greg Jordan
Tallgrass Art & Frame
Thompson Family Dental
Whitney and Josh Thuma
Cheryl Unruh and Dave Leiker
Karen and Dick Weatherholt
Kathy and Ken Weaver
Erin and Casey Woods