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Chalk Walk 2026

presented by Partner's 1st Federal Credit Union

*Fort Wayne's most creative citizens contribute to the largest community art project in the region
at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art*

July 1, 2026 (Fort Wayne, IN) – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce Chalk Walk 2026 presented by Partner's 1st Federal Credit Union from July 11-12. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art Chalk Walk has been a trademark event held on Main Street in downtown Fort Wayne since 2000.

This family-friendly event is based on an Italian tradition of street painting that dates to the 16th century, known as i madonnari (street painters). Using pastels, artists of varying levels of experience may choose to reproduce existing artworks or create their own in their designated square. FWMoA draws the city's most creative citizens together to contribute to the largest community art project in the region, attracting families, friends, and supporters of a vibrant cultural life in Fort Wayne.

Prizes will be awarded to the best artwork in each category selected by FWMoA judges. 2026 Award Categories include:

- Best Use of a Street/Sidewalk Blemish
- Trompe l'oeil
- Favorite Art Genre (Pop, Surrealism, Impressionism, Cubism, etc.)
- Birds of a Feather
- Candyland: A Sweet Escape on Main Street
- America @ 250
- Classic American Literature
- Best Square by an Artist Under 12
- People's Choice (*voting for People's Choice begins at 1pm on Saturday July 12 and closes at 3pm on Sunday July 13.*)

Chalk Walk 2026 at FWMoA is sponsored by Partners 1st Federal Credit Union. Tee shirts for the 2026 event, featuring artwork from one of the 2025 chalk artists, will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public. General admission to the museum is free for FWMoA members, \$10 adults, \$8 for children 2-17, college students with valid ID, and seniors 65+. Children under 2 are free. Veterans, active military personnel, their spouse and children 17 and under, in the same household receive free admission. General admission is free the 2nd Thursday of the month. FWMoA gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm, Thursdays 10-8pm, and Sundays 12-5pm.

About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art:

Beginning with art classes in 1888 given by J. Ottis Adams and later William Forsyth, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is now the third largest art museum in Indiana. Regularly exhibiting regional and nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts a collection of 10,000 objects of American and international art from the 18th century to today. The Museum is committed to the collection, preservation, presentation, and interpretation of

American and related art to engage broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region and add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. This activity made possible, in part, with support from the InDiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For more information, visit www.fwmoa.org. For more information, visit www.fwmoa.org.

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