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Morean Arts Center is Feeling Festive

Sweet Seasons: 2021 Holiday Show & Sale, Glass Ornaments, Makers Market and More!

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Morean Arts Center and its adjacent locations. November 13th marks St. Petersburg’s unofficial kick-off to the holiday season during the Second Saturday ArtWalk with gallery openings throughout the city.

The Morean Arts Center will be showcasing ***Sweet Seasons: 2021 Holiday Show + Sale*** featuring artwork by over 150 member artists, all featuring unique, one-of-a-kind gift giving options including ornaments, jewelry, functional pottery, paintings, and sculptures. Pricing ranges from \$3-\$1500, great for stocking stuffers, holiday décor or large art purchases for yourself or that special someone.

Also opening during ArtWalk St. Pete this month is Nancy Cohen’s solo exhibition titled ***This is How I Got So Fat***. Cohen is a classical oil painter in the *chiaroscuro* style of the Old Masters, but with a contemporary twist, juxtaposing her serious masterly painting technique against a frivolous and fun subject. “I think ‘art’ can seem serious and intimidating for many people. I hope that my work brings humor and humanity that can make art more approachable and accessible. What could be more fun than seriously executed paintings of fluffy desserts and juicy fruits with maybe even some gum balls thrown in? One thing I’ve learned as an artist – everyone loves a painting of a giant donut!” states Cohen.

For guests that want to get hands-on, the Morean Glass Studio is again offering the annual “Blow Your Own Glass Ornament” with additional opportunities to fit this unique experience into your busy schedule. Daytime experiences are available Wednesday-Sunday where guests can work one-on-one with a local glass artist to create one custom colored glass ornament. Ornament Extravaganza events have been added on select Friday and Saturday evenings through December for those looking for a more festive group activity during the holidays, book with friends or make new ones while learning to blow glass. Pre-registration is required.

Shoppers be ware as the Morean Arts Center and its additional locations make it easy for you to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list while supporting local artists. All four locations offer unique

shopping experiences without the need for an admission ticket, including the Chihuly Collection Gallery Store which features over 20 local and regional artists in addition to custom Chihuly Collection branded merchandise and original Dale Chihuly works. All proceeds from the Chihuly Collection stay local to support the education and exhibition programming at the Morean Arts Center.

The Morean Center for Clay resides in a renovated 1926 Seaboard Freight Depot located in the heart of the Warehouse Arts District and is home to over 50 working artist studios. Unique and amazing works of art can be found at this location including functional, sculptural, and funky ceramic pieces with the chance to meet the artist and see their studio. Mark your calendars for December 4 as the artists move their wares outside for the Makers Market with demonstrations of the Raku kiln, soda and gas firings and kiln openings revealing just completed works will take place throughout the day. Guests can also explore the kiln pad and gardens to learn about kiln operations as well as the historic significance of the art placed throughout the historic train station grounds. Children will be able to get hands-on painting ornaments, outdoor fun and a scavenger hunt. Free parking and no admission fee.

Need time to shop for the holidays without the kids around? The Morean Arts Center has you covered with a "Parents Shop/Kids Create" 1-Day Art Camp on Saturday, December 18 for children ages 5-10 years old. Five hours of creative play should give any parent enough time to finish up those shopping lists, whether at the Morean Arts Center, or any other great St. Petersburg small business locale.

Families should not forget about camp opportunities throughout the holidays. Opportunities for children ages 5-16 including unique Teen Camps, where kids ages 11-16 can learn to blow glass, participate in a polaroid photo challenge, or create fun paper cube characters. Camps do fill up fast, so make sure and register early.

For more festive opportunities, visit MoreanArtsCenter.org or call 727.822.7872.

Morean Arts Center is free and open to the public Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Morean Center for Clay is free and open to the public Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Morean Glass Studio is open Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m (open 12 p.m. on Sundays)

Chihuly Collection is open daily 10 a.m – 5 p.m. (open 12 p.m on Sundays)

Additional Exhibitions on view during Second Saturday ArtWalk, November 13:

Morean Arts Center: *Aiming To Heal – Art of Valor Photography*

Morean Center for Clay: *Charles Dean – Highway 61 Revisited*

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About the Morean Arts Center:

The Morean Arts Center, with roots dating back to 1917 as the Art Club of St. Petersburg, focuses on an innovative, community-oriented approach to art and art education. The mission of the Morean Arts

Center is to connect people with art and to contribute to the economic development of the region. Operating under the Morean Arts Center includes the Chihuly Collection, Morean Glass Studio and the Morean Center for Clay.