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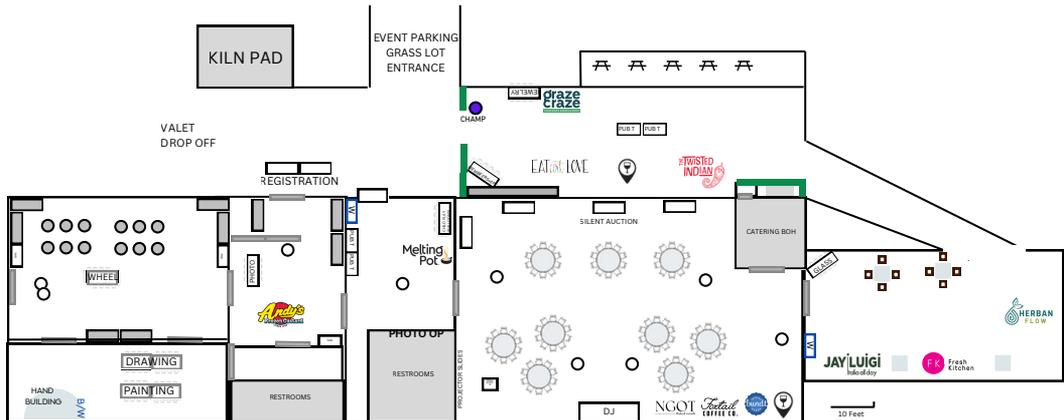
Friday, February 27, 2026



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Event Map





Evening Activities

----- vip 6-7 pm -----

VIP Sponsor Hour featuring Live Music from Camelia Jade (6-7pm)
+ Exclusive Raku Firing Demonstration from Nina Samuels (6:45pm)
Early Access to All Features including Silent Auction and Art Stations

-----7-8:15 pm-----

Costume Contest Signup
Art Stations Open
Silent Auction

----- 8:15 pm -----

Main Program + Announcements
Award for Costume Contest
Art Stations Close

----- 9-10 pm -----

Silent Auction Closes - Checkout Begins
Dance Party!



Costume Contest

Vote for your favorite Iconic Artist Costume
by following the link below!

[Vote Here!](#)

The winner will be announced after the program
and will receive a free Morean art class!





Art Stations

Find your "Passport" Punch-Card at the Membership Booth & complete each station for a prize:

Jewelry		<i>Ashley Wix</i>
Drawing		<i>Grace Hoppie</i>
Glass		<i>Matt Szidik</i>
Painting		<i>Jo-An Thomas</i>
Photo		<i>Lance Rothstein</i>
Clay		<i>Alex Lewis</i>

Demonstrations

Balloon Animals	<i>Erica Bleu</i>
Wheel Throwing	<i>Rich Meredith</i>
VIP Raku Firing	<i>Nina Samuels</i>



About the Artists

Erica Bleu

Erica Bleu grew up in Indiana with a playful relationship to clay. She practices making elegant and precise ceramic forms that tie back to her initial fears found in nature, turned into her current interests. She graduated from Ball State University in the spring of 2023 with a BFA in Studio Art with an emphasis in ceramics.

Grace Hoppie

Grace Hoppie is an Eckerd College graduate with her BFA in Visual Arts. She works in predominantly charcoal and ink, but produces works using taxidermy, bone, oil paint, watercolor, and various printmaking techniques. She specializes in scientific illustration, specifically in the rearticulation of paleontological remains of extinct vertebrates.

Alex Lewis

Alex Lewis started taking clay classes at the Morean Center for Clay in 2022 and is now the program coordinator and teaches children's programming at the Morean.



About the Artists

Rich Meredith

Rich was first bitten by the pottery bug while living on an Air Force Base in Japan. Pottery took a backseat to photography during college but rekindled alongside woodworking. Most of his work Rich considers as functional. However, he typically finishes bowls so that they can be easily hung or displayed.

Lance Rothstein

Lance Rothstein is a professional photojournalist, teacher and artist, living in Clearwater, Florida. He specializes in traditional film, Polaroid & darkroom photography and has been teaching the subject for more than 15 years. After living and working with his wife in Belgium for six years, he now works and teaches throughout Tampa Bay.

Nina Samuels

Nina Samuels is a current artist-in-residence at the Morean Center for Clay in St. Petersburg, Florida. She is a ceramics and mixed media sculptor working with natural materials, sustainable practices, and ecological themes. Her work is inspired by the convergence of manmade objects and encrusting life in the sea.



About the Artists

Matt Szidik

Matthew Szidik attended Oglethorpe University, John A. Logan, and Southern Illinois University where he studied glassblowing under Nadine Saylor and Jiyoung Lee. Graduating with a BFA in the Arts and a Art history minor, Matthew moved to St. Pete to participate in the glass community

Jo-An Thomas

Jo-An Frances Thomas studied art and architecture in Boston at Chamberlayne College before traveling throughout the Orient. Upon returning to Massachusetts, she continued her practice at the Cohasset Art Center, studying Oriental Brush painting. Today, Jo-An is a member of The Sumi-e Society of America, teaches at the Morean Arts Center in downtown St. Petersburg, and serves as President of TESA, The Exhibiting Society of Artists

Ashley Wix

Ashley Wix combines her background as a dental technician – where she honed a passion for precision and metal – with her knowledge of silversmithing, to create intricate, handcrafted jewelry. Specializing in sterling silver, her work-often incorporates ethically sourced stones and bones.



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