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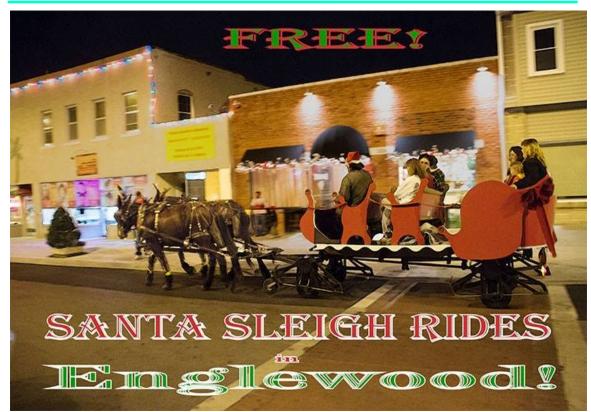
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Englewood 3rd Friday Art Walk, Holiday Market, Light Parade, & FREE Surrey Rides



Englewood Arts District CID is sponsoring Ralph with Pioneer Trails Adventures, so that he can be at the Englewood Holiday Market, 3rd Friday Art walk's in December. The Christmas Surrey, & "reindeer" will be here for 3rd Fridays Holiday Market from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Please bring a non perishable or canned good for a free sleigh ride to help the less fortunate in these hard times. Make it a family holiday event, ride to Winner Plaza, debark at Nirvana, \$1 CASH Coffee and Hot Chocolate, visit Devine Design Sip and Paint, Christmas ornament & Cider. Sorry to say the Light Parade that was planned for 3rd Friday has been cancelled for this year.



New Business, Nocterra Bookery, Grand Opening December 21

We are so excited to have our own new, little bookstore and dry tea retail shop here added to our Arts District, Nocterra Bookery will be having their grand opening Sunday, December 21, 2025. 2:00 PM open to the public. Just in time to buy a last minute gift before Christmas. Nocterra Bookery is located in the Winner Plaza, 10701 E Winner Rd, Suite 230, upstairs from Nirvana. Hours will be Tuesday thru Thursday and Sunday: 10 AM-4 PM, Friday-Saturday: 10 AM -7 PM., Closed on Mondays.

Nocterra Bookery is a bookstore and tea shop dreamed up by indie authors who know the struggle of getting their worlds placed on the shelves. Their dream is to create a bridge where authors and readers can meet and open up worlds which are often untapped and overlooked by the limits of traditional publishing. Books are for everyone. Not just every reader, but for everyone who has a story to tell; a voice to be heard.

Kansas City has a thriving literary community, and no shortage of amazing independent bookstores--each with their own niche, their own flavor. With Nocterra, they hope to join their ranks not just to help fill a gap in the Independence area, but to be one of the first shops in the city to not just accept indie authors--as many of our other bookstore friends do-but to maintain a primary focus on independent authors, artists, and creators.

That is *their* niche. *Their* flavor of bookstore. A specific flavor profile in a buffet of literary delicacies. "What a wondrous world we make when creativity meets community!"

With a dream to uplift independent creators and collaborate with small businesses, their goal is to connect people with hidden gems beyond what's pushed in mainstream (but don't worry, you can still find your favorites on their shelves, but they want to expand your world beyond the mainstream!).

Their mission extends to their online bookstore, making space for MANY more independent authors, because they should not be confined to the limits of physical shelf space.

Because there's nothing better than cozying up with a good book and a warm cup of tea. In addition to bringing more bookshops to Independence, their second mission is accessibility. While, yes, shelf space can only go so far, they want to give indie authors as much of a chance at discoverability as anyone else. Because of that, they will provide multiple options to our KC Authors! Meet the Owners Chelsa Belland and Melissa Graham, Chelsea grew up



with dreams of being the first intergalactic paleontologist, but NASA's lack of vision kept her feet on the ground and her field kit unused. She didn't become the next Ripley--though there's no doubt she would rock that mech suit--but she lets those big dreams run wild on the pages of thousands of Works-in-Progress that might see the light of day. Someday. Maybe. If you want to find her, just lay down a trap of sushi, fluffy blankets, and pretty special editions books. She'll come running with coffee in hand and

her fiercest battle cry of: "Do you like booooooks??" Melissa runs on obscene amounts of iced coffee and edging on manic rewatches of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Her heart beats for books--especially books written by fellow Indies--and she collects new words like oddities in a wet specimen jar. You can find her toodalooing around the shop, getting lost in an audiobook and wondering where the heck she left her phone THIS time. Please Join the Grand Opening!



Creative Spark Gallery at Englewood Row is having a "Soul of Us Show", with 25 artists and cash prizes presented by The Creative Manifest KC, will also have live music from Joel Burford Music.

Divine Design Studio, the Paint and Sip Studio at **Winner Plaza** will be open with a Christmas ornament painting, special \$5 Kids & \$10 adults, get hot cider and popororn with the painting.

Englewood Arts will be open with gallery exhibits, "Current Works" 2025 by KC Society of Contemporary Photographers, Last day Dec 20, live glass blowing and demonstrations, and make your own ornament or buy Something Wonderful from our Holiday Market.

Englewood Café is open until 8:00 PM serving great comfort food and drinks.

Ezra October will be open with selling hand made tiaras and other headware for great Christmas presents.

Frannie Franks Coffee Cakes will be open and celebrating by serving up Holiday Cheer, with special Buy 4 and get 1 FREE! Seasonal flavors, along with best selling classics, let them help make your Holiday a little sweeter!

KC Property Solutions will have local art in the front foyer.

Nirvana Coffee & Games, will be open Serving sleigh riders hot Cocoa and coffee \$1 CASH ONLY Please! Also with trivia night in the game lounge starting at 6:30 PM and Karaoke night starts at 8 PM.

3 Trails Forge, will be open selling forged ornaments, many handmade items, and blacksmithing Gift Certificates for classes in the New Year. Also offering a "Pop up" Yummies by Yoka cocoa bombs.

Three Trails Trading Post and Artisan Gallery will be open with featured artist returning to Englewood, Michael McQuary, drawing

Holiday HeARTS (9" x 12"), "Your Essence in Seconds MASTER" Come and get your mug drawn! This will make a great last minute gift. He can make your personal artwork from a picture or even a picture on



your phone! Three Trails will also have several local Artists local Artists Sylvia Tanner, beading Artist, Judy Bliss, of Art Bliss, Debs Pots, ceramic artist by Deb Sipes, native American Style art/flute music by TerryLee Whetstone, Christmas Ornament wood carver and scroll saw artist, Jim Linson, Glass by Vira Dobbins, and Silversmithing, wood working, leather working, and jewelry by Kara Paris, business owner.

Vivilore has upstairs open for your perusing pleasure, two floors of art, antiques and gifts, dinner and drinks.

WestInd Connection, Inclusion Center, will be open 5 PM until 8:30 PM, with vendor artists Ali's Jewelry, Andante Home, Art of Pill, Dine with DSes, Dustin's Gnomes, and Fuddy Duddy Co., and Hazey Feya Creations.

Wine Down 109 will be open with SANTA from 5:30 PM — 7:30 PM for the kids, we will have live music with Mike Shelp until 8:30 PM, enjoy a holiday cocktail, and check out the art and gifts from house artist, Karen Ann Polk.



Up Coming Events

Dec 20, Puppetry Arts Institute, Holiday on Strings, 11AM, \$5.

Dec 20, Englewood Arts - Clay together w/ Ceramics, 2 hours, 1 PM, \$60.

Dec 20, Englewood Arts, Presenting Martin City Melodrama preforming The Muttcracker Suite & Christmas Cabaret, 7:30 PM \$15. Also Dec 26, & 27. 1 free slice of pizza.

Dec 20, Nirvana Coffee and Games, RPG 10 AM, and Murder at Silvermist Mannor:A Victorian Era Murder Mystery Game, 7 PM.

Dec 20, Divine Design Studio, Paint & Sip Studio, Ugly Christmas Sweater, wear it, Paint and Sip, 7:00 PM.

Dec 20, Wine Down 109, BINGO, 5:30 PM. Englewood Theatre Bingo \$12 to play... \$2 will go towards the theater renovation. Come and have fun and be a part of history being made. Payouts will be based on number players. 5 games total. What fun!

Dec 21, Wine Down 109, Vendor Fair, local vendors, come and do last minute shopping, 12 PM—4 PM.

Dec 21, Englewood Arts - Make Paper Covered Boxes, 1 PM, \$50.

Dec 21, Nocterra Bookery, Business Grand Opening Party to the Public 2 PM.

Dec 21, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Creature Crafternoon, 2 PM, ticket needed and Chiefs VS Titans Watch Party, 3:25 PM.

Dec 21, Englewood Arts, Presenting Martin City Melodrama preforming The Muttcracker Suite & Christmas Cabaret, 3:30 PM \$15. Also Dec 28. 1 free slice of pizza.

Dec 22, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Chess night, 6 PM, **beginners D & D 6:30PM**

Dec 23, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Needle Nerds, 6 PM, Shadows Over the Library:Open D & D Campaings, 6 PM.

Dec 23, WestiNd Connection, Kung Fu 5:30 PM.

HERE IS AN IDEA

Let's buy christmas presents from small local businesses and self-employed people. For example, from your neighbour who sells online, a local craftsperson who makes jewelry, the stunning local florists shop, the local bakers that do homemade cakes, buns and chocolates. The guys that run a cafe or a salon. Let's make sure our money goes to individual people and not multinational companies. This way, more local people will have a better christmas. Support real people. 'Like' or share if you think this is an awesome way to show community support

Dec 25, WestInd Connection, Sweet & Salty Christmas Karaoke Pot Luck12 Noon—4 PM.



Dec 26, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Ugly Sweater Game Day, Music Bingo, 5 PM, Triva, 6:30 PM, and Karaoke, 8 PM.

Dec 27, Englewood Arts - Hand Build Clay w/Ceramics, 1 hour, 1 1 AM, \$35. Also 1PM

Dec 27, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, 11AM, 12 PM, 3 PM, or 4 PM

Dec 27, Creative Spark at Englewood Row Gallery, Mom & Daughter sewing by KE Griffin, 2 PM—4 PM. Jan 10, and 24 as well.

Dec 27, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Open RPG, 10 AM and 6 PM, **Veins of the Past: VtM LARP,** 6 PM.

Dec 27, Wine Down 109, BINGO, 5:30 PM. Englewood Theatre Bingo \$12 to play... \$2 will go towards the theater renovation. Come and have fun and be a part of history being made. Payouts will be based on number players. 5 games total. What fun!

Dec 28, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Dragon Sunset, Airbrush Paint class, 12 PM, ticket needed.

Dec 29, Three Trails Trading Post and Artisan Gallery, Lampwork Class, 2PM \$65.

Dec 29, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Chess night, 6 PM.

Dec 30, WestiNd Connection, Kung Fu 5:30 PM.

Dec 30, Englewood Arts - Wheel Throwing Clay w/Ceramics, 1 hour, 6 PM, \$35.

Dec 30, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Needle Nerds, 6 PM, Shadows Over the Library:Open D & D Campaings, 6 PM.

Dec 31, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Board Game Night, 5 PM, Blood on the Clocktower, 6 PM., and Chill N'Cozy NYE Party, 9 PM.



Jan 1, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!

Jan 3, Englewood Arts - Vinyl Swap 10 AM.





Admission \$5 per person Dec 20, 11 AM

Holiday on Strings

Puppetry Arts Institute



11025 E Winner Rd., Indep., MO 64052 www.puppetryartsinstitute.org To Reserve seats call 816-833-9777 or e-mail pai@att.net

Jan 3, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, \$65, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, or 5 PM.

Jan 3, Wine Down 109, BINGO, 5:30 PM. Englewood Theatre Bingo \$12 to play... \$2 will go towards the theater renovation. Come and have fun and be a part of history being made. Payouts will be based on number players. 5 games total. What fun!

Jan 5, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Chess Night 6 PM, Beginner D & D 6:30 PM.

Jan 6, WestiNd Connection, Kung Fu 5:30 PM.

Jan 7, Carrell Auctions & Estate Sales, Wednesdays, We are back after Holiday break, each week, 6 pm, doors open at 5 pm.

Jan 10, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, \$65, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, or 5 PM. Date Nights \$160 per couple, by appointment.

Jan 9, Creative Gallery at Englewood Row Gallery, Pot Luck for Artists and Poets, Bring a dish, 6:30 PM.

Jan 12, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Chess Night 6 PM, Beginner D & D 6:30 PM.

Jan 13, WestiNd Connection, Kung Fu 5:30 PM.

Jan 14, Carrell Auctions & Estate Sales, Wednesdays, each week, 6 pm, doors open at 5 pm.

Jan 16, Englewood Arts District, 3rd Friday Artwalk 5-9 PM.

Jan 17, Creative Gallery at Englewood Row Gallery, Print Making, with Angela Brown, 11 AM.

Jan 17, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, \$65, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, or 5 PM.

Jan 19, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Chess Night 6 PM, Beginner D & D 6:30 PM.

Jan 20, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, or 4 PM, Jan 27, 11 AM, 12, 3, 4, & 5 PM.

Everheart Tattoo - Open 7 days from 11 AM—7 PM.

Jan 24, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, \$65, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, or 5 PM.

Jan 31, Englewood Arts - Make-Your-Own Glassblowing, one-on –one with the glass blower, 1 hour, \$65, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, or 5 PM.



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