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Grand Opening of the WiNc Inclusion Center & Independence Pride Flag Dedication

Join the Grand Opening of the WiNc Inclusion Center, 10910 E Winner Rd, here in the Arts District, and dedication of the Independence Pride Flag by Mayor Eileen Weir on 3rd Friday, Feb 17, 2023. Doors open at 4:30pm. Ribbon cutting by the Independence Chamber of Commerce starts at 5pm. Celebrate Independence Pride Flag dedication with most recent past Mayor, Mrs. Eileen Weir and meet their featured artist Andrew Batcheller.

The **WiNc Inclusion Center** supports and serves the LGBTQ+ Community of Independence, MO, and greater Jackson County area by providing a #SAFESPACE. A positive, inclusive environment for those who identify as LGBTQ+ and their families to commune, socialize and learn-where they are able to be comfortably open about their sexual orientation or gender identity, where and when it feels appropriate to them.

Their goal is to become a host space for programming and activities focused on mentoring LGBTQ+ youth and community members in the areas of life and job skills, leadership, business skills, and entrepreneurship. Activities are funded by revenue from our bookstore retail experience, event ticket sales, community donations, corporate and Patreon sponsorships and government and corporate grants and sponsorships.

West iNd Connection (WiNc) was established to create a safe and progressive community for all to live, work, play and visit. Their aim to create a positive progressive culture and strengthen awareness for all members of our city through arts programs, neighborhood initiatives, and public events. Visit www.westindconnection.com to learn more about West iNd Connection and the WiNc Inclusion Center.

Mayor Mrs. Eileen Weir served two terms as mayor of Independence from 2014 -2022. She served as 4th District Council representative from 2012-2014. Mayor Weir was the city's 50th mayor and second female mayor. In June of 2018, Mayor Eileen Weir raised the Independence Pride Flag at the Independence City Hall. It flew for 19 days before the Independence City Council rejected a proposal by the city's mayor to fly the rainbow flag at municipal buildings during LGBTQ pride month in June. Mayor Eileen Weir said flying the flag would show the city values diversity and inclusion and would make LGBTQ people feel welcome and safe there. She said the flag is a "powerful symbol" when it comes to making LGBTQ people feel safe in the city.

Feb 17th 2023

- Press Window: 12 - 3 pm (by appointment)
- Doors open: 4:30pm
- Ribbon Cutting - Independence Chamber of Commerce 5:00pm
- Introductions Welcome & about WiNc Inclusion Center
- Pride Flag dedication - The Honorable Mayor Ms. Eileen Weir
- Recognition & Thank you
- Introduction to Featured Artist
- Post event - Meet the Artist, take a tour, snacks
- Doors close - 9:00pm



Grand Opening of the WiNc Inclusion Center - Pride flag dedication

Location: WiNc Inclusion Center located, at 10910 E Winner Rd, Independence, MO 64052

WiNc Inclusion Center Sponsors: West iNd Connection, NBC Comcast Universal, Rotary Club of Eastern Independence, RSM Pride Group

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WestInd Connection made beautifully displayed hand painted heART messages to and from, loved ones, on the light poles in the parkway on East Winner Road/Lexington from Truman Road all the way through Englewood Arts District, up to and all the way around the Square. The proceeds from each heart will help the organizations for Englewood and the Square and the WestInd Connection. Thank you to all of our customers, friends, and supporters for the LOVE you have shown to each other and to our community! Please come and drive around the loop so you can see them all during the month of February!



Midwest Feminist Art Collective will be open 3rd Friday for the Art Walk. **Downstairs at the Englewood Row Gallery & Art Space** 10922 E Winner Rd.



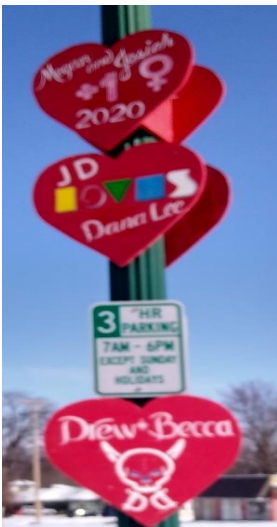
Artists **Ala'n Clevenger and Emily Hill** are the Women that make up this Collective at this time. They will have a community collage you can contribute to and musical instruments to play. (When was the last time you cut up magazines and wielded a glue stick? You know you want to.

They will have classes, projects, field trips, many more details to come. Stop by and meet them, and see the new Gallery, There is also an Entrance on the side of the building on Harris.

Like them on Facebook



Kasper's Home Décor and More is now a DIY craft workshop. Sign up for classes in store or on their new website, online at www.kaspershomedecor.com. They have classes on how to learn to use Chalk Mineral Paint, You can bring you own item workshops - \$40. Kids craft classes \$25 each person. Regular coffee n-crafts, sip-n-dip, St Patrick's Day, Easter surfaces, welcome signs, and more in stock \$35-40.



B-Vogue Salon & Gallery will be closed as they will be down the street at **Grand Opening** of the **WiNc Inclusion Center** located at 10910 E Winner Rd. Come visit them there!

Darkwood House Gallery will be open with Dark Hearts: Ghost Stories of Love Gone Wrong, starting at 7:00 PM.

Englewood Arts will welcome singer/songwriter Simon Goodloe perform, and also watch the Glass Artist blow glass making items and having glassworks for sale.

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

Englewood Row Gallery & Art Space will be open with the Gallery walls full of display and new Artists and Galleries Down Stairs, Entrance on side street Harris or down the steps if you enter from the front. Also there are business opportunities, a Gallery Space or running the entire gallery as your own business, check it out.

Frannie Franks Coffee Cakes will be open for Art Walk, come in and try a cake.

Four Corners Framed Art is featuring works by Roger Medearis, star student and life-long friend of Thomas Hart Benton and a Missouri native, he passed 2010, and this is only place in his home state to see and purchase them. Also Mike Frankel, photographer of the stars, with Beatles Photography on Display.

KC Property Solutions will have local art in the front foyer, open until 8 PM.

Kasper's Home Decor and More will be open they are now a DIY workshop sign up here or on line, they will have Scentsy outside if the weather permits.

Nirvana Coffee Bar & Game Lounge, will be open, 10707 E Winner Rd, join them, for live music Heath Church and this is an all ages event, now serving spiked coffees and other cocktails for those over 21. Artists Grandspas Reclaimed Wood Products & 3 Crafty Btches are just 2 of the Artists joining them.

Pottery Art has many different greenwears for you to choose from and paint yourself.

Puppetry Arts Institute will be closed due to remodeling, come and see us in March.

Three Trails Trading Post and Artisan Gallery will have a several of local Artists! Featuring Glass artist **Denise Solary** making glass beads in the window! **Sylvia Tanner**, beading Artist, **Vira Dobbins**, Glass Artist, **Deb Sipes**, Potter and business owner **Kara Paris**, Silversmith. **Featuring Guest Artists** Man of 1,000 Faces, **Michael McQuary** will be here 5:30-8:00 PM with "Your Essence in Seconds".



Vivlore has upstairs open for your perusing pleasure, two floors of art, antiques, gifts, jewelry, seasonable, and boutique items plus dinner and drinks inside or out in the beautiful courtyard garden.

WiNc Inclusion Center located at 10910 E Winner Rd, will have a **GRAND OPENING**, please see page one for details,

Wine Down 109 will be open, with live music by Frank Rardon from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Stop in for a drink or Nathan's Hot Dogs, and enjoy the beautiful artwork by artist Karen Ann Polk.



Up Coming Events

Art Bliss and Wine Down 109 Thursday, 6-8 PM, February 16, Get ready to celebrate Mardi Gras! Seats are filling up! Book your spot below! Online Checkout Link

PAINT & SIP
At Wine Down 109
THURSDAY, FEB.16, 6-8

Celebrate Mardi Gras with WineDown and ArtBliss! Paint this fun, festive flamingo!

FULL BAR, SPECIAL DRINKS AND HOTDOG BAR SERVING NATHAN'S HOTDOGS ARE AVAILABLE!

Mardi Gras!
Artist Judy Bliss

<https://square.link/u/056cmydl?src=sms>

**10914 E WINNER RD,
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052**

Englewood Arts, Thursday February 16, and March 2, 5:30 - 7:30 PM Community Land Trust Awareness Meeting.

Housing in Independence

Greater Kansas City Regional Housing Partnership
coordinated and convened by
MARC and LISC Greater KC
are joining
Englewood Arts

What is a Community Land Trust?	Qualifications & Resale Formula	Buyer Process & Community Oversight Role
Feb 02 5:30-7:30p	Feb 16 5:30-7:30p	Mar 02 5:30-7:30p

Englewood Arts Center
10901 E Winner Rd.
Independence, MO

Habitat for Humanity | E | LISC 40 GREATER KANSAS CITY | MARC | MCLT

Up Coming Events

Englewood Arts Thursday, February 16, 6:30 PM **Artist Committee gathering.** This is an opportunity to join committee Chair Maria Vasquez Boyd and connect with other artists in our community and KC Metro, consider artists, needs and discuss topics that concern artists, ie, monthly critiques, studio visits, artist led workshops, business tools for artists.

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 AM—Noon. **Martin City Melodrama** Workshop, Pay what you can donation at the event.

Sunday, February 19, 4 - 7 PM **Ukulele Fight Club** jam session. All are invited and welcome to just hang out and listen or join in and play.



Art Bliss provides art lessons and painting parties with all materials and instruction. We travel to you. We also paint murals, interiors, and commissioned work. Message artblissindep@gmail.com.

The Art of Drag

Hosted by **Leona Noel**

Monday February 27th
Door 6pm/Show 7pm
Englewood Arts
10901 E Winner Rd.
Independence, MO. 64052

Tickets and info at
www.westindconnection.com

\$20 Admission

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Up Coming Events

WiNc COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL RSM B & D SKATING

Community Social

Saturday, February 25th 6pm
B&D Skating Ring
13903 E Noland Ct
Independence, MO 64055

FOUNTAIN CITY Roller Derby

Join us as we cheer on the Women's Division of the Fountain City Roller Derby!

mention WiNc at the door to get \$5 off your tickets

March 8, 2023
Games start at 6pm
\$20/pack of cards

WiNc Inclusion Center

BINGO!

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Miss & Mr. Gay Missouri America Revue

Saturday, March 18th

FEATURING

Miss Gay Missouri America 2022: **Tajma Stetson**
Mr. Gay Missouri America 2022: **Felix**
Lexus Chaney
Melinda Ryder
Christa Collins
Loretta Martin
Kirk Nelson

A Benefit for the WiNc Inclusion Center and The Miss Gay Missouri America Pageant
Englewood Arts 10901 E Winner Rd Independence, Mo. 64052

\$20 Admission For tickets, visit www.westindconnection.com

Door at 6:30/Show 7:00

Up Coming Events

Three Trails Trading Post & Artisan Gallery
Classes for jewelry making are scheduled by appointment. When is a good time for you? You too, can be an artist, with a little guidance! Look at the website and see what classes spark your interest. 3trailstrading-post.com Sign up, threetrails@sbcglobal.net Or 816-252-5622. Here is the line-up for scheduled for our glass bead making.

Lampwork or Glass Bead Making

Feb 18	1 PM	Glass Bead Making	
Mar 25	Part 1	4 hours	\$65.00
Feb 19	2 PM	Glass Bead Making	
Mar 26	Part 2	4 hours	\$65.00

These days and dates are't good for you schedule an appointment for at least 2 people at your convince.



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Get involved!

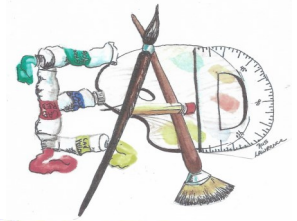
WE NEED YOUR HELP
VOLUNTEER
TODAY

ARTISTS IN BLOOM

MAY DAY RETURNS TO THE ENGLEWOOD ARTS DISTRICT!
COME OUT AND CELEBRATE OUR ARTISTS IN BLOOM ON
APRIL 30TH

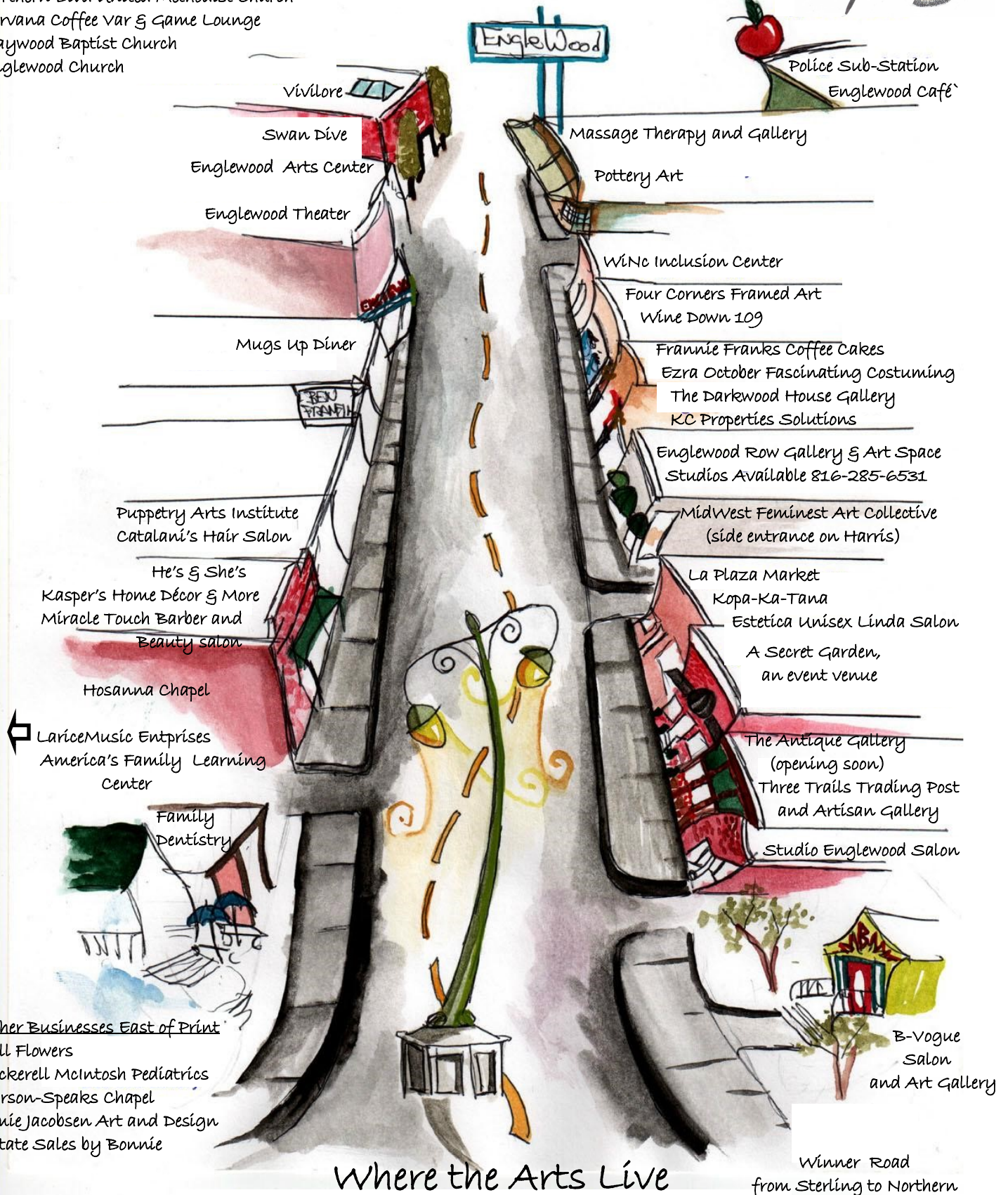
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Englewood Arts District



Other Businesses West of Print

- Northern Blvd United Methodist Church
- Nirvana Coffee Bar & Game Lounge
- Maywood Baptist Church
- Englewood Church



Where the Arts Live