

GALLERY NIGHT PROVIDENCE



★ Gallery Spotlight ★

ART IN THE ATRIUM FIRST U

This month, we're pleased to highlight Art in the Atrium First U, a nonprofit, member-supported gallery located within the First Unitarian Church of Providence.

Founded in 2006, Art in the Atrium began as a way to showcase artwork by members of the congregation and enhance the Atrium space. Since then, it has grown into a vibrant exhibition program featuring artists from both the congregation and the wider Providence community.



Today, the gallery presents seven exhibitions each year, hosts opening receptions, partners with Gallery Night Providence, and contributes to charitable causes, making it a dynamic and community-driven space for artistic expression.

Visitors are welcomed into a striking gallery environment filled with natural light from 20-foot floor-to-ceiling windows, with expansive wall space that allows each exhibition to fully come to life. The space offers a calm, open setting to experience artwork and connect with others.

One recent Gallery Night visitor described the experience as feeling “like a community”, highlighting the welcoming atmosphere, lively conversation, and opportunity to meet both artists and fellow art lovers. Add in light refreshments, and it’s easy to see why this stop leaves a lasting impression.

Art in the Atrium’s connection to Gallery Night grew organically, through recommendations from artists already involved in the program. As part of the church’s broader mission to nurture spirit and joy, the gallery continues to build meaningful connections by sharing its space with the wider creative community.



In 2026, Art in the Atrium celebrates its 20th anniversary with a series of special exhibitions, including:

- *Renewal – Resilience*, a member show exploring how artists respond to uncertainty (May 21 – June 26)
- *Urban Pond Procession*, a socially and environmentally focused exhibition (September 10 – October 9)
- *The Creative Spirit*, a retrospective celebrating over 200 member artists (October 15 – December 4)

Exhibitions are open Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM, and Sundays from 9 AM – 1 PM.

Learn more at www.aitafirstu.org or contact admin@aitafirstu.org.

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