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City-Owned Art Collection Now Available Online

City of Gloucester Committee for the Arts Unveils Free Online Gallery of City-Owned Artworks

GLOUCESTER, Mass.— The City of Gloucester Committee for the Arts is excited to announce the launch of a new, free online gallery showcasing the City's extensive collection of art. Made possible through the use of Artwork Archive, a leading digital inventory and archive platform, this comprehensive gallery highlights nearly four centuries of art owned and maintained by the City of Gloucester.

This online gallery offers unprecedented access to Gloucester's rich cultural heritage, featuring a diverse range of artworks displayed in City buildings and public spaces. From historical paintings and sculptures to contemporary pieces, the gallery provides a unique window into Gloucester's vibrant artistic legacy.

Beyond public accessibility, Artwork Archive enables the City to efficiently manage its art collection, supporting ongoing preservation and restoration efforts. By cataloging each piece, the City can track the condition and location of its assets, safeguarding Gloucester's cultural treasures for future generations.

"The launch of this online gallery reflects Gloucester's commitment to making our City's art collection accessible to everyone while ensuring its preservation for years to come," said Mayor Greg Verga. "I am grateful to our Committee for the Arts and the support of our City staff in this important effort. Gloucester is home to so many remarkable pieces of artwork and I am thrilled to share these works with the community."

Under the leadership of Mayor Verga's administration, this project was brought to life by the City of Gloucester Committee for the Arts. Gloucester resident Anna Chirico, the initiative's Creative Director, photographed and compiled over 300 individual art pieces for the gallery.

Karen Ristuben, Chairperson of the Committee for the Arts, emphasized the gallery's broader impact: "This online gallery removes barriers to accessing the City's artworks, making them available to everyone, regardless of location or physical ability to visit a particular building. It also allows us to manage our preservation efforts more efficiently, ensuring that Gloucester's art collection will be well cared for."

Residents and art lovers can explore Gloucester's extensive art collection online by visiting [**gloucester-ma.gov/102/Committee-for-the-Arts**](https://gloucester-ma.gov/102/Committee-for-the-Arts) or through [**Artwork Archive**](#).

The Committee for the Arts members also include Christopher Griffith, Miranda Aisling, William Burgoyne, David Calvo, Susan Ellory, Judith Hoglander, and Rebecca Nagle. The Committee's mission is to promote the arts—visual, written, performed, and spoken—within the community, foster a knowledge and appreciation of artistic endeavors, and support local artists through various efforts, including securing public or private assistance through donations or grants.

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About The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts

America's oldest seaport, the City of Gloucester, is known throughout the world as an authentic, working waterfront community, a place of spectacular natural beauty, and home to a diverse population of approximately 30,000 residents. Its sharp focus on economic development has helped build its reputation as the ideal location to live, work, and play. An important center for the fishing industry, Gloucester is also proud of its vibrant cultural life and rich art heritage. Gloucester is a destination for thousands of visitors who visit the harbor and its beaches during the summer months. For more information, please visit www.gloucester-ma.gov