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January 2022 Newsletter

Don't we all deserve a little treat this year? Valentine's Day is the perfect excuse to indulge - create a unique gift for yourself or a loved one, eat a deliciously decadent dessert, or go all out on an intimate dinner for two. No matter how you celebrate (and even if you don't!), there's something special waiting for you in NEON this February!

Hot Glass Hearts

Fall in love with glass. Choose from an array of color options to make a unique glass heart. With an instructor's help, apply colorful crushed glass to molten clear glass on a long metal tube. Your heart will be manipulated by hand with metal tools. Ages 5 and up, \$48 for Museum members, \$60 for non-members. Schedule [here](#) now through February 13, but hurry, classes are selling out!

The Neon House Tours

Hip and gorgeous venue The Neon House will be open for tours 9am to 5pm on Valentine's Day for couples to explore the venue. Anyone who books a special event during a tour on Monday, February 14 will receive 10% off the venue rental fee. Tour registration not required.

Hummingbird's Anniversary

Happiness is a box of macarons! Celebrate the sweet life with a box of [Hummingbird's](#) deliciously amazing macarons during the shop's anniversary party on Saturday, February 12 or pre-order a delectable dessert box with an array of Valentine's goodies.

Commune Norfolk Reservations

The gang behind CROP and Commune will be hosting limited, reservation-only dinner seatings at 7:30pm Valentine's weekend, Friday, February 11 through Monday, February 14. Enjoy 4-courses for \$60/person or \$85/person with wine pairings. Click [here](#) to make a reservation.

d'Art Center Valen-tangle

Join Associate Artist Ruth Johndrow Saturday, February 12, 1-3pm at d'Art Center for a peaceful and meditative drawing class to create a Zentangle Valentine for your sweetie as you relax your mind and fill your heart. Click [here](#) to reserve a spot.

NEON Art Lover Tour

Join Norfolk Tour Company for a wintery afternoon walk through the NEON District Sunday, February 13 at 2pm. Couples, BFF's or solo art fans, this tour has something for everyone - whether you love a person, a dessert, or a work of public art! As a special pre-Valentine's Day treat, NEON and Hummingbird Macarons & Desserts are offering one free macaron to the first 24 tour guests to arrive at the Plot.



Black Girl Magic

Mark your calendar for the Hurrah Players' workshop production of *Black Girl Magic*, an original show celebrating the history and accomplishments of African American women told through story and song. Conceived and written by Sharon Cook, the Hurrah Players are proud to present this one-of-a-kind show for the third time February 11-13 at the Hugh R. Copeland Center. This is a workshop production of an original show that is ever changing and ever growing. Click [here](#) for tickets.



Welcome to NEON

New owners of the historic Ghent-Olney Building, **The Royal Team at Seaside Realty** are celebrating their new home at the crossroads of downtown Norfolk, NEON and Ghent with a big bash. Join the team for a red-carpet affair on Saturday, February 19 from 6-9pm. The Old Hollywood Soiree will feature tastings by local participating restaurants, wine tastings, live music, dancing, a silent auction and Las Vegas-style casino games, all benefiting several local charitable organizations, including the Hope House Foundation, Norfolk SPCA, Hampton Roads Pride and Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Club. Click [here](#) to RSVP.



Neighborhood News

Congratulations to **Ghent Grab and Go**! Since opening the first week of January, the family-owned convenience store has received rave reviews for the wide selection of wine, international snacks and pre-made foods. Plus pineapple Dole whip! Open Monday to Saturday 8am-9pm and Sunday 8am-9pm with expanded hours coming soon.

The CROP Foundation recently expanded daily hours inside Commune Norfolk. Now you can grab a bite Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm. Insider tip! Breakfast happy hour 10am to 11am is where it's at - you can get a biscuit sandy and drip coffee for only \$8.

Give [@communeprovisions](#) a follow on the 'gram to stay up to date. In other news from favorite NEON breakfast spots, **Café Milo** is under new ownership. Look for new items on the menu and expanded hours for lunch, coffee and brunch Tuesday through Sunday.



Programs and Events

- NEON District Committee Meeting, Zoom, February 2
- First Friday with Alexa Paras, Zeke's Norfolk, February 4
- Ring Pour Workshop, d'Art Center February 9
- Kids Paint Pours, d'Art Center, February 10
- Virtual Lecture: The Architecture of Pier Luigi Nervi, Chrysler Museum of Art Zoom, February 10
- Roald Dahl's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Chrysler Hall, February 11-13
- Glass After Dark, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, February 17
- *Material* Exhibition Opening, d'Art Center, February 24
- Back to the Future Relaunch, d'Art Center, February 26
- Collecting in the 21st Century Panel Discussion, Chrysler Museum of Art, February 20
- Black Violin, Chrysler Hall, February 20
- VSO: Uptown Nights, Chrysler Hall, February 26
- Curator Series: Art and the Environment with Corey Piper, Chrysler Museum of Art, February 27

See all upcoming events in and around the NEON District [here](#).

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Waters Rising: A View From Our Backyard, Chrysler Museum of Art

The Totality of Time Lusters the Dusk, Chrysler Museum of Art

Hew Locke: The Ghostly Tourists, Chrysler Museum of Art

Scene: A Juried National Exhibition, d'Art Center

Suzanne Yurdin Solo Exhibition, d'Art Center

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A Hockey Night Out Done Right, [Norfolk Currents](#)

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