

# NEWSLETTER

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## Thousands Flock to Cottontown Art Crawl

by Rusty Sox

On Saturday, March 13, an estimated 2,000 people strolled, rolled, and shopped through the streets of Cottontown to enjoy local arts, local businesses, and our great neighborhood. They came from 13 different states to see more than 80 artists showing their work on over 40 lawns and porches. Artists reported sales of more than \$80,000 during the 5-hour event.

After a long year of quarantine, isolation, distancing, and sheltering, the sheer joy exhibited on the streets of Cottontown on that perfect Saturday was nothing short of magical! The Art Crawl committee and neighborhood board are sincerely grateful for the financial and logistical support of residents and our business and government sponsors.

The 2021 Cottontown Art crawl more than doubled in scale over 2020, and attendance quadrupled over last year. The potential for continued growth and success is very strong, and the Art Crawl committee is already working to plan next year's event. **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 12, 2022!**

To continue growth, we'll need even more help: residents willing to host one or more artists, volunteers to serve on the committee or help on the day of the event, and those who can connect us with potential sponsors or donors. If you would like to help, contact Julie Seel [jseel1@sc.rr.com](mailto:jseel1@sc.rr.com) or Rusty Sox [soxmoore@sc.rr.com](mailto:soxmoore@sc.rr.com). The Cottontown Art Crawl spotlights the community spirit that makes us a great neighborhood. We look forward to another successful Crawl in 2022!

Host an artist in 2022 or help with setting up and tearing down, putting signs out.

We can't do this without volunteers and always have room for more.

Information can be found on the [Cottontown Art Crawl](#) FB page or email [Robin Spaniel](mailto:Robin Spaniel)



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# A note from the Cottontown Board

by Will Thrift - President

Spring of 2021 is a good time for us to relish the great success of our Art Crawl (held on March 13th). In just its third year, it has become an exemplary cultural event for Columbia, attracting well over a thousand visitors, helping artists to sustain the passionate expression of their art, and improving the quality of life for our residents and businesses.

Looking forward, it is exciting to see the transformation of the former Freeze Auto building (at Sumter and Jefferson streets). Cottontown also looks forward to seeing the development of the blighted former Jim Moore Cadillac site into a luxury apartment complex dubbed 2222 Main. We are working to do a neighborhood-participation virtual Q&A session with the developer, but please contact me if you'd like me to email you the preliminary plans.

The Cottontown board monitors these and other developments in our area, and we strive to stay engaged in every aspect to maintain and improve our high quality of life in Cottontown. We will have board vacancies later this year, so I urge everyone who can to participate on our board or on one of our committees.

There will be more to announce at our Spring Meeting - our first in-person meeting in quite a while!

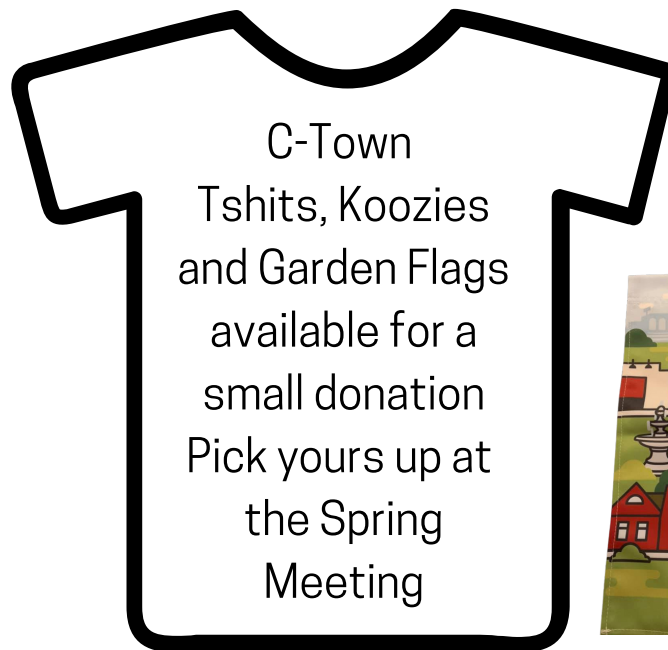
## Cottontown Neighborhood Meeting



WAREHOUSE  
2222 Sumter St

Please join us for our Spring Meeting  
at NoMa Warehouse on  
**Sunday June 13 - 6 pm - 7:30 pm**

This is a great opportunity to say hello to new and old neighbors. We will invite City Council and CPD for updates and information that pertain to Cottontown and our surrounding communities.



## Kids Corner

Introducing NoMa Warehouse Summer Art Camp for children 6-17

Camp will run Jun 22-24, with the option for campers to show, discuss, and even sell if they want (at the NoMa Flea on June 25) the works they created during camp.

There will be 3 different sessions during the week for different age groups.

**Ages 6-8 will run 9:00am-12pm**

**Ages 9-11 will run 2pm-5pm**

**Ages 12-17 will run 6pm-8pm**

During this fun, interactive, hands-on, instructor-led art camp kids will learn and create three separate art pieces using three different mediums. All pieces will then be on display at the Friday Night NoMa Flea on June 25 for campers to show and discuss.

**\*\*Ages 12-17 will spend the 3 days working on one piece rather than three.**

**Cost: \$75 per camper which includes all materials and a small snack.**

Maximum of 15 students per age group.

Apply by visiting [NoMa Warehouse's Facebook page](#), and clicking on [Events](#).



# Join Your Neighborhood Association

## Owner or Renter, you can join

### Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association

#### Dues from members help with:

- Newsletters and flyers - We need help! Contact a board member.
- Meetings - Spring, Fall, Holidays- Beverages provided
- Special Events like National Night Out and other holiday festivities
- Neighborhood beautification - plantings at entrances, Marion Street Fountain

**Please join or renew your membership**

**c/o Treasurer**

**Lee Jennings**

**2306 Sumter St. Columbia SC 29201**

I would like to join the neighborhood association.

Dues are per calendar year. Resident: \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per household.

Business: \$50.00 without an ad in the newsletter,

\$125.00 with an ad (4x/yr) in the newsletter.

Business members interested in newsletter ads, please contact Will Thrift, 803-873-5515

Checks may be made payable to "Cottontown." For PayPal contact [Lee Jennings](mailto:lee@bagappraisals.com)

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I am interested in helping, and would like to join a committee:

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| Traffic               | Crime Watch   |                |
| Historic Preservation | Social Events | Beautification |