

NEWSLETTER

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2021 Cottontown Art Crawl

by Amy Chalmers

In 2019, the historic Cottontown neighborhood in downtown Columbia, S.C. held the first Cottontown Art Crawl. The event drew hundreds of people to explore our neighborhood and its businesses and garnered the 2019 Neighborhood Program of the Year from the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods. The event grew in 2020, and building on the success of the last two years, the 2021 Cottontown Art Crawl (CAC) will be held on Saturday, March 13th from 10 am to 3 pm. “The Cottontown neighborhood is looking forward to supporting the Columbia arts scene on March 13th,” said organizer Julie Seel. “Artists will be selling their work throughout the entire neighborhood.” Eighty-two local artists will be stationed in 40 locations, on front porches and outside businesses. “Some of the artists are emerging, some are quite accomplished, and some are award-winning, juried artists. So we truly have something for every level of an art enthusiast,” said Seel. This event is entirely outdoors and spread over several city blocks, and social distancing and masks will be required. The organizers of the event are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, and providing an opportunity for artists to showcase and sell their work safely.

Due to the success of the last two Art Crawls, this year boasts many more artists than previous years, as well as new sponsorships from local businesses. The event is FREE and open to the public, and will also feature a scavenger hunt with prizes and live music featuring local bands and performers at Indah Coffee’s outdoor stage. The host station is 2150 Sumter Street, where information and maps will be available. For more information about CAC and to see work by artists, please visit the [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, or email jseel1@sc.rr.com.

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A note from the Cottontown Board

by Will Thrift - President

Cottontown couldn't be happier that it's now 2021. We are set to kick off the year with our 3rd annual Art Crawl on Saturday, March 13th. It's a great way to feature artists and our wonderful neighborhood to visitors from Columbia and beyond. Safety protocols in place - of course. The board has been monitoring developments in and around Cottontown including new traffic measures on Bull Street (as well as development there), and potential developments at the former Jim Moore Cadillac site and the former SCDOT property recently acquired by the city just north of Cottontown. When we hear of something definite - we'll make it known.

Meanwhile, we encourage residents and businesses to get involved with the neighborhood - it's the best way to have a hand in making our neighborhood a great place to live and thrive. We're currently looking for volunteers for our beautification committee (or other committees).

Businesses can be members too! Check the membership form on the back page for details. We hope to resume holding in-person meetings later this year. So stay tuned!

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(1 hour shifts from 8-4 pm)
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Cottontown Trick or Treat 2020

Residents came up with creative ways of handing out candy for trick or treaters. The children had lots of fun. Thanks to all who participated.



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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.

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