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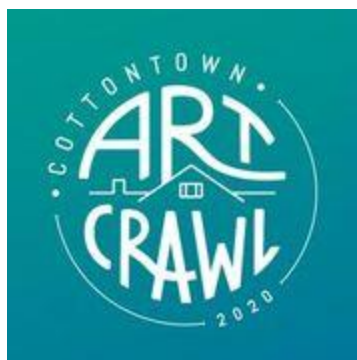
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## 2020 Cottontown Art Crawl

**Sat, March 14th,**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Get ready for the second annual Cottontown Art Crawl! Building on the success of last year's inaugural art crawl,

the 2020 event is bigger and better! Over 50 artists and crafters will set up on front porches and lawns throughout our historic neighborhood. Their work will be available for purchase including original paintings, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, wearables and other creations. This event is open to the general public. Last year, an estimated 300 visitors came to Cottontown to enjoy the art and stroll the tree-lined streets. While they are here, guests are encouraged to hop on a FREE Blue Bike, cruise the neighborhood and shop, eat and drink in our growing business district. All this activity is great for Cottontown! It brings positive attention to the neighborhood as a creative, vibrant place to live: giving our local artists and crafters an outlet to show and sell their work, and increasing patronage for our neighborhood businesses. So get ready to put our best feet forward as we prepare for our visitors! We are grateful for the efforts of the neighborhood board of directors and the Cottontown Art Crawl planning committee for putting the event together. For up-to-date information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/546297726100119/>. Please share and invite your friends and family.

## A Note from the Cottontown Board

**By Will Thrift, President**

Cottontown (Columbia's best small neighborhood) has ushered in a new year and with it, a newly elected board. We welcome our newest board member, Daniel Machado – the primary designer of the Cottontown logo (seen on our t-shirts and other items), and of the Art Crawl logo. We also welcome back Cottontown board veteran, Paul Bouknight as Vice President.

The trend is development in our area of Columbia. Our Main Street commercial corridor, Sumter/Franklin hot spot, and nearby Bull Street should experience growth, and the Cottontown board is ever-ready to guide the way in terms of our scale and historic context. Oh, and we're happy to share Cottontown's warm, neighborly spirit at the events such as the upcoming Art Crawl, the Indie Grits Film Festival kick-off event, our Spring Membership Meeting and more!

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## Q and A with Julie Seel and the Cottontown Art Crawl

**Q:** What was the inspiration for developing the Cottontown Art Crawl?

**A:** I have several friends and neighbors who are fantastic artists. Often, they work a normal job during the day and their spare time is spent honing their art, which leaves them little or no time to market their artwork or build a following. The Cottontown Art Crawl was designed to enable artists to participate for free (only a \$10 City permit is required). Also, because the artists are directly hosted on the porches and businesses of our historic neighborhood, set up for an event like this is as easy as possible. This event was created to celebrate these artists and their talents, and to celebrate the neighborhood I live in. Cottontown is a true community in the finest sense of the word.

**Q:** What details about the 2020 Cottontown Art Crawl do you want people to know?

**A:** We have over 50 artists represented at this year's event to be held on Saturday, March 14th from 10-3. We have a dedicated public Facebook page for the 2020 Cottontown Art Crawl that we encourage everyone to join and share. It has a list of participating artists, samples of their artwork, their host locations, etc. Parking is available in the church parking lot at Wallace and Elmwood Avenue, in the gravel parking lot at Scott and Sumter Streets, Studio 2LR off of Main and Confederate Streets, and street parking through the neighborhood. We have a host station located at 2136 Sumter Street that will have Cottontown apparel and other logo items, event maps, and Blue Bike SC will have their bikes available for free for the duration of the event.

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# Cottontown/ Bellevue Historic District

## Historic Columbia

Established in the late 1890s, Cottontown is listed as the "Bellevue Historic District" in the National Register of Historic Places and is protected as an architectural conservation district by the City of Columbia. Bounded by Grace Street, Bull Street, Elmwood Avenue, and Main Street, the neighborhood is remarkable as an intact example of one of Columbia's earliest planned suburbs. While you are visiting the artists during the Cottontown Art Crawl you can immerse yourself in our historic neighborhood. Walking maps will be available during the CAC or if you like something more digital, there's an app for iPhones: Cottontown Historic Columbia. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cottontown/id489316471>



## We would like to thank our sponsors of the Cottontown Art Crawl 2020



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## Cottontown Merchandise

## Cottontown Porch Parties



Porch parties will start back up in April. Please contact Secretary Robin Spaniel if you want to be a host. The host house will provide a non-alcoholic beverage, and everyone brings a side to share. We have had many great evenings sitting in front lawns, porches and back yards, meeting new neighbors and catching up with "old" neighbors. This is a great evening for adults and children.

We have a new T-shirt color and koozies. Donations for items are: Shirts -\$20, Koozie \$3. Contact Ginger Thrift or Brent Baston.

### **OWNERS and RENTERS, please JOIN your COTTONTOWN/BELLEVUE HISTORIC DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!**

#### **Dues from members of the neighborhood association help with:**

- Newsletters and flyers – if you have something to contribute, contact a board member!
- Meetings – Spring, Fall, Holidays, July 4th, and more! Beverages are always provided.
- Special events like our National Night Out and holiday festivities.
- Neighborhood beautification – plantings at entrances, the Marion St. Fountain.

#### **Join or renew:**

Fill out the form below and mail / deliver with your payment to:  
**Cottontown Neighborhood Association, c/o Treasurer Shari Porter**  
**1228 Confederate Ave. Columbia, SC 29201**

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**I would like to join the neighborhood association. Enclosed are my dues for \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

Dues are per calendar year. **Resident:** \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per household. **Business:** \$50.00 without an ad in the newsletter, or \$125.00 with an ad (4x/yr) in the newsletter. Business members interested in newsletter ads, please contact Will Thrift to discuss options. **Checks may be made payable to "Cottontown."**

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