Adult Group Tours & Art Experiences

The Figge Art Museum welcomes adult groups to explore the museum's exhibitions and collections, and even try their hand at creating a work of art in the studio. Tours are guided by a docent (volunteer tour guide) and last about one hour. Studio art sessions last one hour and include instruction and materials. Both may be tailored to fit your group’s interests and needs.

Schedule a Visit
Heather Aaronson, Education Programs Coordinator
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Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance and are available during regular museum hours. After-hours availability is an option with an additional fee.

Permanent Collection Tours and Studio Art Experiences

Get Figge with It: Museum Highlights
Find out how the Figge came to be! Sample highlights of the building and its contents – including the collection and traveling exhibitions. Enjoy an entertaining look at some of the most important works in the Figge collection and enjoy an introduction to the current exhibitions.

- **STUDIO ART: JOURNAL MAKING**
  Create your own observational journal or sketchbook using simple bookmaking techniques, then customize your cover.

- **STUDIO ART: PAINTING**
  Try your hand at watercolor or acrylic painting, inspired by an artwork in the museum's collection.

Mirror Mirror
Prior to the invention of photography in 1839, people commissioned artists to paint their portrait. A portrait is much more than a likeness. A portrait can teach us about changing fashions, convey the sitter’s social status, and commemorate special events in one’s life. This tour will introduce you to several people from the past through their portraits.

- **STUDIO ART: SELF PORTRAIT**
  Learn about proportion and experiment with different media as you use mirrors to make a self-portrait.

This Land is Our Land
A landscape can be more than just a beautiful painting of nature. During the 19th century, Americans wanted to buy paintings that depicted America's beauty, especially the unspoiled wilderness. In the 20th century, Regionalists depicted their idealized view of the Midwest. This tour will explore realistic, impressionistic, and poetic approaches to painting the land.

- **STUDIO ART: PASTEL LANDSCAPE**
  Use pastels to make a colorful landscape drawing all your own.

Every Which Way but FLAT
Sculpture is fun to look at because you can view it from all sides. Whether a sculpture is cast from bronze or assembled from scrap metal, sculpture has a wonderful tactile quality that is appealing to the eye. This tour will help you appreciate a variety of sculpture mediums and techniques.

- **STUDIO ART: MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE**
  Using anything you can lay your hands on, from wire and feathers to twigs and clay to make your own free form sculpture inspired by the collection.

Adult Fees
*Please note tours are always free for members*

**TOUR ONLY**
- Groups less than 10: $10 per person (regular admission)
- Groups of 10 or more: $6 per person (discounted admission); Senior group (age 60+) $5 per person

**TOUR PLUS STUDIO**
- 10 person minimum: $15 per person

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That means WHAT?
Throughout the centuries, artists have used symbols to communicate ideas and messages. In Christian art, symbolic colors and attributes help identify important Biblical figures. In contemporary art, artists have used personal motifs to convey ideas and emotions. Haitian art is particularly full of symbols that communicate the nation’s history, complex spiritual beliefs and ecological and social problems. This tour will take you deeper into the artworks as you discover their hidden messages.

STUDIO ART: CREATE YOUR OWN SYMBOL
After your inspiring tour, use a variety of sample symbols from different cultures and a variety of media to create an icon that represents YOU! Some media options include printmaking monoprints or metal tooling.

Special Exhibition Tours
For more information about current exhibitions view the Exhibitions page at www.figgeartmuseum.org. Personalized Studio Art sessions are also available for most exhibitions.

Corporate Groups, Team Building and Private Parties
Schedule a Visit
Brian Allen, Creative Arts Coordinator: 563.345.6654 or ballen@figgeartmuseum.org
Several optional programs for corporate groups, team-building sessions, and private parties are offered as stand-alone sessions, or as part of a larger event with museum rental, luncheon, meeting, or gathering.

Wine & Art: Private Session
AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 30 GUESTS PER SESSION
Get ready for 2 hours of fun in the studios as our most popular workshops are tailored for your private group! Delve a little deeper in to some studio time with this hands-on artmaking session, perfect for those of every level of experience.

CHOICES INCLUDE:
Printmaking, acrylic painting, watercolors, pastels, and more
- All supplies, light snacks and a glass of wine are included
- $25 per person, minimum of 15
  No wine: $20 per person
- Add a short tour to this session at no extra charge

Team-building: Off the Grid
AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 50 GUESTS PER SESSION
(Additional guests may be accommodated)
It’s all about togetherness as each team-member works to create a piece of art that is part of a larger gridded image. Everyone has a piece of the puzzle, which can’t be completed without each person’s participation. Go TEAM!

- $15 per person, minimum of 10
- All supplies are included
- Add a short tour to this session at no extra charge

Up to the TASK Party
UNLIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR GUESTS PER SESSION
It is time to be bold and create together! Stretch your imagination and get to know your colleagues a little better in this informal and imaginative session. Don’t be afraid! Each guest will take a “TASK” from the box and leave one for the next. Sing a song, compliment someone, make a hat, start a revolution! You never know quite what is in store, but we can guarantee it will be FUN! We will provide all the supplies and some TASKS to get you started, and everything else builds from there.

- $10 per person, minimum of 10
- All supplies are included
- Add a short tour to this session at no extra charge