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Arts council hosts city's first art walk

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Downtown Starkville will see an explosion of creativity on Saturday as Starkville Area Arts Council hosts Starkville's first Art Walk on Main Street from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Twenty local artists will display, demonstrate and sell their artwork inside Main Street businesses as well as along the sidewalks during the day.

Main Street businesses between Jackson Street and the under construction Municipal Complex are taking part in the event. They include boutiques such as L.A. Green, R. Tabb & Co., Style Revel and The Sundial. Downtown restaurants and merchants including 929 Coffee Bar, Pita Pit, Aspen Bay and Sullivan's Office Supplies are also on the list of participating businesses.

"Art walks, which are being done in communities across the country, help showcase not only local artists but local retailers as well," said Suzy Turner, Art Walk chairperson. "Starkville has such a thriving downtown with unique and varied merchants, as well as a vibrant art scene. The Art Walk brings those together in an exciting way."

The participating artists create diverse art using many different mediums. From photography to woodworking to painting, a variety of art will be a part of the event.

Vicki Burnett will be at Aspen Bay painting her signature cowbells during the event. She will also have several for sale.

"I've painted cowbells for my family since the 80s," Burnett said. "A couple years ago, I began painting them for my MSU family and they have early taken off. It has been a wonderful experience."

Another local artist participating in the event is Dylan Karges, who will be outside of Polka Tots demonstrating ceramics sculptures.

Karges is known for his "little men" sculptures, which feature gaunt faces looking upwards. He plans to have about 100 pounds of clay at the art walk and will be creat-

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Gov. Bryant (left) and another man (right) are seen in conversation during a meeting. Photo by [Name] for Starkville Daily News.

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with the artists. "Art walks introduce art to people who wouldn't normally run across art," Karges said. "It broadens the appreciation for and visibility of arts in general." Many surrounding towns have had successful art walks for several years, including

West Point, which held an art walk last weekend. Burnett believes the Starkville community will be supportive to the event. "I feel like Starkville is very receptive to the arts," she said. "This is one more way that Starkville residents can support our local artists."

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