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COOKIE SPREE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY

Cape Girardeau, MO – The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri and Old Town Cape are excited to announce a new tradition beginning on the First Friday in February. Downtown businesses, galleries, and studios have combined efforts to host a Cookie Spree for visitors of the First Friday Art Walk from 5 pm – 9 pm on Friday, February 6th.

Established in 2003, First Friday with the Arts is a community-centered event that takes place on the First Friday of every month. Local galleries and gallery-owners initiated First Friday to encourage residents of the Southeast Missouri region to engage in the arts.

Each of the galleries located in and around Downtown Cape Girardeau participate in the monthly event by staying open from 5 pm – 9 pm, hosting artist receptions, as well as providing musicians, appetizers, and beverages to visitors of the event.

For the first time, downtown businesses and galleries are working together to bring visitors downtown by collaborating on a Cookie Spree First Friday event. Modeled after similar events in other areas, businesses and galleries participating in the Cookie Spree will offer different types of cookie for visitors to enjoy. Each visitor will receive a stamp card containing the names and addresses of the participating establishments.

After receiving stamps from 5 or more businesses, participants may redeem their cards for a half-price appetizer at The BAR. Stamp cards are free and will be available for pick up on First Friday at each of the participating businesses.

Participating galleries include: Artisan Gifts, The Artist Studio, The Arts Council, the BLack Door Gallery, the Crisp Museum, DazSpell Creations, The Gallery of Inspiration, The Painted Wren Gallery, River Campus Art Gallery, and WESTRAY Studio.

Participating businesses include: Annie Laurie's Antiques, The Bar, Brick Street Gallery, Cup N. Cork, Lattitudes, Philanthropy, Renaissance, Social's Café, Somewhere In Time Antiques, The Tangled Yarn, Yearning for Yarn, and Yoga East Healing Arts Studio.

Other First Friday partners include: Old Town Cape, StevMark, Something Blue Photography, and The Wright Group.

The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 N. Main Street in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.