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SUMMIT METRO PARKS PARTNERS WITH AKRON BLACK ARTIST GUILD TO CREATE NATURE-INSPIRED ART

Art in the Park Collective brings exclusive programming to park district.

Join the park district for Art in the Park, exclusive programming brought to you by a collaboration between Summit Metro Parks and the [Akron Black Artist Guild](#). With support from the Knight Foundation, this partnership aims to enrich the community by showcasing the talents of local Black artists and creating engaging art experiences at various Metro Parks. Programs include:

- [Floral Portraits Workshop](#) with Derin Fletcher, June 3 at Munroe Falls Metro Park. Participants ages 12 and up will complete a series of floral portraits using colored pencils and other weather-safe materials while exploring the natural artistic playground of Tallmadge Meadows. Registration begins May 25.
- [Nature Keepsake Jewelry Making Class](#) with J. Travis on August 19 at Summit Lake Nature Center. Participants will have the opportunity to craft unique, durable and fashionable jewelry using resin, dried flowers, sand and acrylic paint drippings. Registration begins August 10. J. Travis
- [Dance and Mystery in the Park](#) with Matthew Roberts on Saturday, October 7 and 14 at Liberty Park Nature Center, and October 21 and 28 at Summit Lake Nature Center. Join a family-friendly interactive dance performance with a fast-paced mystery story and game that unfolds with you, the audience! The program is costume and pet-friendly. No registration is required.
- [Fight for Love](#) with EbaNee Bond on Friday October 20 at Sand Run Metro Park. Fight for Love is an interactive experience that will showcase a series of poems performed by artist EbaNee Bond. The selected poetry will share and communicate a transformational, emotional journey for love. Audience members ages 18 & up will listen, read and compose poetry during the evening. Registration begins October 11.

In addition to celebrating the richness of artistic expression, these programs also create opportunities for diverse communities to connect with nature in meaningful ways. For more information, including registration information, visit summitmetroparks.org.

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In 2023, Summit Metro Parks is celebrating the benefits of native plants through Wild Back Yards. The park district manages more than 15,000 acres throughout 16 parks, three nature centers and over 150 miles of trails, including 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance is approximately 5.5 million visits. Find us online at summitmetroparks.org.



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