



The NCMA: Inside and Out

The North Carolina Museum of Art comprises two buildings, East and West, and a Museum Park. Admission to the NCMA, inside and out, is always free. Admission is charged for special exhibitions and programs.

Museum and Box Office

Tuesday–Thursday, Saturday–Sunday 10 AM–5 PM
Friday 10 AM–9 PM
Box Office: (919) 715-5923

Museum Restaurant

Tuesday–Saturday 11:30 AM–2 PM
Friday 5:30–10 PM (last seating 8:30 PM)
Sunday 10:30 AM–2:30 PM
(919) 664-6838

Art Reference Library

Tuesday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM

Museum Park

Open every day, dawn to dusk

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

2110 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 839-NCMA
www.ncartmuseum.org

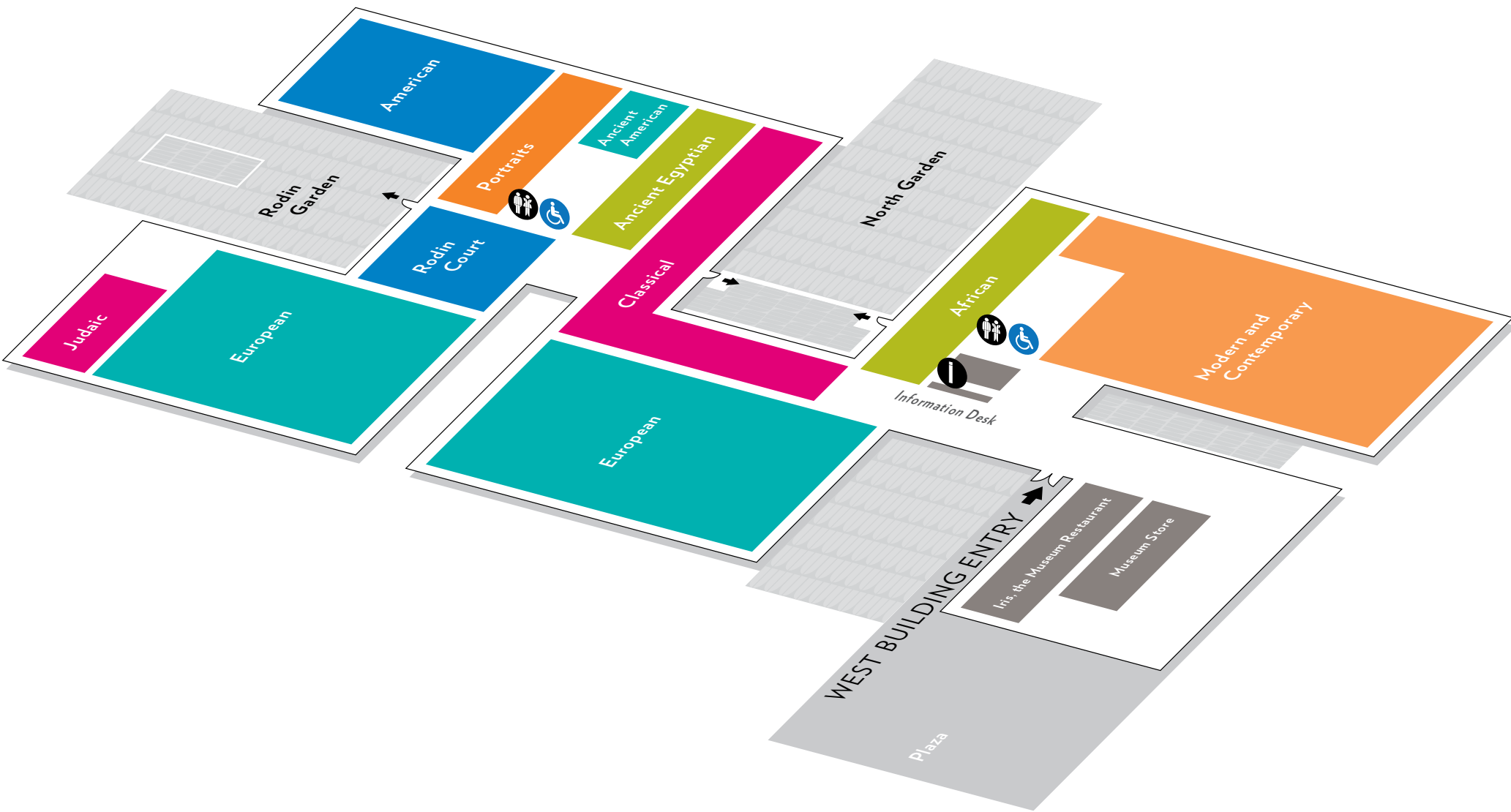
Accessibility

Wheelchairs are available at the Information Desk.
Special tours can be arranged by calling (919) 664-6820, four weeks in advance.
Assistive listening devices are available for lectures and gallery talks with two weeks' notice: call (919) 664-6808.

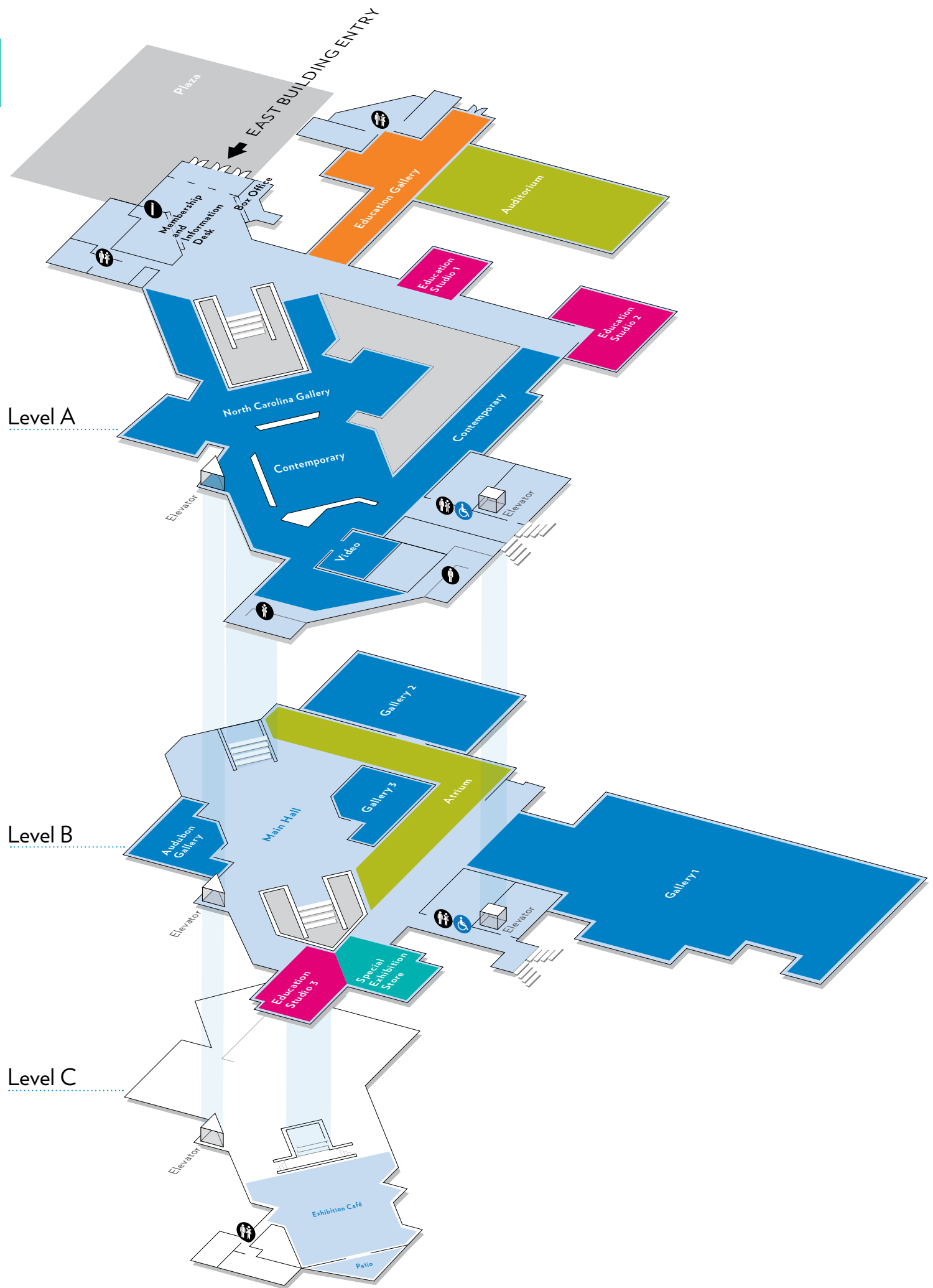
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visitor guide

West Building



East Building



WELCOME TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

This is a museum where you can find your own place—either in contemplative spaces or lively, engaging tours; performing arts; and family workshops. We invite you to create your own captivating experience each time you visit.

WEST BUILDING

The new home of the NCMA's permanent collection, West Building also houses the Museum Restaurant and Store and the Rodin Court and Garden. You may ask questions and pick up Museum schedules at the information desks in both West and East buildings.

Permanent Collection

Savor a different kind of art museum experience. In beautiful day-lit galleries, you can explore ancient Egyptian artifacts and renowned European Old Master paintings, African and Judaic works of art, and innovative contemporary art—all part of the international collection of one of the premier cultural institutions in the Southeast.

Rodin Court and Garden

The Southeast's largest collection of sculpture by Auguste Rodin is presented in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Court and Garden. The garden offers a restful oasis and an opportunity for reflection on the remarkable work of one of the greatest sculptors of the human form.



Museum Store

Open during Museum hours
After exploring the wonders of the NCMA, take home a treasure for yourself or those on your gift list. The Museum Store features unique jewelry, glass, books, cards, scarves, prints, and commissioned works created solely for the NCMA by local and international designers and artisans. You can also shop online at www.ncartmuseum.org/store.

Iris, the Museum Restaurant

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 11:30 AM–2 PM,
Friday dinner 5:30–10 PM (last seating 8:30 PM),
Sunday 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

Dine casually on fresh, innovative cuisine in a contemporary atmosphere. Chefs Andy and Jennifer Hicks specialize in seasonal fare, using many locally sourced ingredients, to create classic dishes with a surprising southern twist. The lunch menu is often inspired by works in the collection that call to mind regional flavors or suggest an enticing pair of cultures. The Museum Restaurant also serves dinner on Fridays and a popular weekend brunch.

EAST BUILDING

East Building is the site of exhibitions, the North Carolina Gallery, our seasonal film series, educational programs, the Education Gallery, additional contemporary galleries, and the Art Reference Library. In the entrance lobby, you'll find the Membership and Information Desk and the Box Office, open during regular Museum hours.

LEVEL A

North Carolina Gallery

The new North Carolina Gallery features exhibitions of work by notable North Carolina artists, presenting both emerging and established artists in rotating solo and group shows.

Contemporary Galleries

Contemporary installations in East Building include works from the permanent collection, loans, video art, and photography.

Education Gallery

The NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Education Gallery showcases artwork by North Carolina students of all ages. Shows rotate throughout the year.

Museum Auditorium and Education Studios

In addition to lectures, engaging slide presentations, and chamber music concerts, the Museum Auditorium hosts the annual spring, fall, and winter film series. Workshops and education programs are held in studios 1 and 2, while special exhibition-related programs are featured in studio 3, on Level B.

MUSEUM PARK

Encompassing 164 acres of fields, woodlands, and creeks, the Museum Park presents a unique setting to explore the interplay of art and nature. Museum Park maps are available at East and West information desks and at trailheads in the Park. The Park is open daily, dawn to dusk.

Works of Art

The outdoor art program features site-specific collaborations among artists, designers, and environmental scientists. These commissioned works are inspired by the natural world and often explore current environmental issues. Visitors encounter dramatic sculptures by riding bicycles, walking dogs, or wandering along paths through a forest or across a prairie. Free guided tours are available with four weeks' notice: call (919) 664-6820. Cell phone tours also available; see "Audio Programs."

LEVEL B

Exhibition Galleries

Tour a special exhibition in one of our newly renovated galleries devoted to outstanding shows traveling the country and making a stop at the NCMA. In East Building you'll also find exhibitions organized by the NCMA, often inspired by works in the permanent collection.

Special Exhibition Store

After enjoying an engaging show, commemorate your visit with gifts for you and your loved ones.

LEVEL C

Special Exhibition Café

Conveniently located one floor down from exhibition Gallery 1, the café is the perfect spot for a light bite.

LEVEL O

(ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LEVEL)

Art Reference Library

In addition to serving the myriad research needs of the NCMA staff, the Art Reference Library is open to the public. Its lush collection of over 40,000 fine-art books, catalogues, and art-related periodicals is noncirculating; visitors may browse open stacks and use reference materials during Library hours, noted on back panel.

Museum Trails and Pond

Designed for hiking, walking, and jogging, the paved and natural Park trails allow visitors to deeply experience art and nature. Cyclists, dogs, and self-propelled wheeled vehicles are welcome on the paved trails. The pond, which collects and recycles rainwater, is part of the NCMA's environmentally conscious design and offers a quiet spot for reflection and rest.

Museum Park Theater

The Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park, a unique performing arts and film venue, hosts an outdoor summer series with an interesting blend of offerings to suit every age and taste—from the best in popular music and family entertainment to blockbuster movies under a canopy of stars. Picnics welcome and food service available. Visit www.ncartmuseum.org for a schedule of events.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

For a schedule of events, check “What’s Up at the NCMA,” available at the information desks, or www.ncartmuseum.org.

AUDIO PROGRAMS

Two audio experiences are offered to visitors in a variety of formats. Audio programs are sponsored by:



The Cell Phone Tour provides casual remarks by Museum curators, educators, and invited scholars about works in the Museum galleries and Park. Access the full indoor-outdoor tour by calling (919) 327-1533 on your own cell phone. Or you may rent an audio wand, which features the indoor portion of the tour. Rentals are available at the West Information Desk for \$3 (free for members). You may also download audio files of the tour onto your own MP3 player from www.ncartmuseum.org.

The Sound Track Experience is an innovative audio program that uses sound to help you discover your own interpretations of works in the collection. Access this free tour by renting an audio player from the West Information Desk or by downloading the audio files onto your own MP3 player from www.ncartmuseum.org.

GUIDED TOURS

Please meet your guide in the West Building Entrance Lobby.

Explore the Collection

Tuesday–Sunday, 1:30 PM

GROUP TOURS

Available for groups of 10 or more. Select foreign language tours offered by request. Please register four weeks in advance. To request a tour, register online at www.ncartmuseum.org, or call (919) 664-6785.

ART ENCOUNTERS

Inquire at the West Information Desk for a selection* of these art-inspired adventures through the galleries. The NCMA offers interactive gallery resources for adults and families designed to help you experience the world of art in new ways.

The NCMA Owner’s Manual

Discover things to do, ponder, and discuss as you explore the galleries.

The Gates of Hell

Learn more about the genius of Auguste Rodin and meet some of the characters residing in the *Inferno*.

Ancient Egypt

Take this resource along as you uncover the mystery of Egypt.

The Grand Tour

Pack your 18th-century English finery and embark on an aristocratic tour on the European continent to “buy” fine art.

A Wedding Celebration

Wed art to anthropology in this exploration of how people “tie the knot” in different cultures.

For Kids and Families

Be a Color Catcher

Look closely to discover how artists use color in surprising ways.

Are You Game?

Explore different galleries as you collect cards you can use to play a game at home.

Tour-in-a-Tote

Pick up a tote and encounter works of art in a kid-friendly, hands-on way. This free resource can be checked out at the West Information Desk. Also available in Spanish.

*Availability may vary.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

Please do not touch the works of art, as natural oils from hands and fingers can significantly damage these treasured objects. Thanks for your cooperation.

Check large items and bags at the coat lockers behind the Information Desk in either building; strollers are not permitted in exhibition galleries.

No food, beverages, candy, or gum in the galleries.

Sketching is permitted in all galleries except exhibitions. Sketching permits can be obtained at the Information Desk.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography of exhibitions is not permitted. Still photography of the permanent collection is permitted on condition the photographs are for personal, noncommercial use. Tripods and video cameras are prohibited.



MEMBERSHIP

Become a Museum member and receive discounts in the Museum Restaurant and Store, free admission to special exhibitions (first visit) and outdoor summer movies, invitations to members-only events, and much more. Memberships start at just \$40. Visit East or West Information Desk, call (919) 664-6754, or join online at www.ncartmuseum.org.

Business Friends memberships are available for companies. For information call (919) 664-6758 or visit our Web site.

STAYING CONNECTED TO THE NCMA

Our social media channels are the fastest ways to stay in touch with Museum events. Check us out on Facebook; Twitter; Flickr; and Untitled, the NCMA blog.

ONLINE COLLECTION

Extend your Museum experience at home. Our collection is accessible on our Web site, www.ncartmuseum.org. Works of art can be searched by artist or collection.