

# ADULT TOURS

## FAQ | About Gadsden Arts | Tour Do's and Don'ts

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How many people can be in my group?

The maximum number of visitors for a one-hour tour slot is 60. Suggested size is 20 per touring group. Groups of 25 or more will be split into 2 groups.

#### When should I schedule my tour?

Please schedule docent-guided tours at least 2 weeks in advance. Self-guided audio tours are available on demand.

#### Is there a cost for exhibition tours?

While there is no additional cost for a guided exhibition tour, Gadsden Arts has a \$5 suggested exhibition admission per visitor (children and members free).



### Tours at Gadsden Arts

Are you looking for an engaging activity for visiting friends and relatives, a club, civic group, or church group? Docents are trained tour guides who are available to lead group tours of Gadsden Arts exhibitions for four or more visitors. Learn about the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum and our historic 1912 building, and gain insight into varied exhibitions of art in the galleries. Each tour is customized for the visiting group.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### What will be the tour topic?

Exhibitions change quarterly, so topics will change depending on the current exhibitions. However, a few items are regularly on display such as the Mark Lindquist *Ichiboku Series*. Selections from the Permanent Collection change annually.

### How long are tours?

Most tours are 30 to 90 minutes, including introduction, gallery tour, and time to explore galleries and gift shop on your own. Tour length can be adapted to fit your group.

### How do I schedule a tour?

Please contact our Education Director, Anissa Ford at 850-627-5023 or [anissa.ford@gadsdenarts.org](mailto:anissa.ford@gadsdenarts.org).

## About The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum

The Gadsden Arts Center and Museum grew out of a community effort that began in 1989 when a local artist and her husband developed Art in Gadsden: a juried exhibition of fine art. Beth Appleton and David Harbaugh developed Art in Gadsden to bring fine art to Gadsden County, foster the careers of local artists, and to draw the community together. In the beginning, Art in Gadsden was displayed in empty downtown store fronts in Quincy, and eventually grew into the Gadsden Arts Center, incorporated in 1994. On March 1, 2016, the Gadsden Arts Center was awarded the highest honor for a museum in the United States - American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Accreditation. AAM Accreditation means that the Gadsden Arts Center meets the highest standards and best practices for U.S. Museums, and this is why we added 'museum' to our name.

Gadsden Arts has been located in the historic Bell & Bates Building since 2000, after the Bates family donated the c. 1912 building to the organization. Many features of the building's nearly 100 year history as a hardware store remain, such as the old office, safe, several rolling ladders, and a rope and pulley freight elevator.

Through conservative growth, Gadsden Arts now offers a range of studio art and interpretive programs for children, students, and adults. Additionally the Gadsden Arts' Permanent Collection has grown to 78 works of art, including a traveling Vernacular art collection.

## Luncheon Tours at Gadsden Arts

In addition to regular guided tours, Gadsden Arts offers **Luncheon Tours**. Bring your book club, church group, or any other group for a tour of Gadsden Arts and use our Bates Community Room as a complimentary luncheon space. Round tables with white tablecloths and black chairs are available for use for your luncheon. These special group tours are available for up to 30 guests.



# ADULT TOURS



---

## Tour Do's and Don'ts

---

### *Please Don't:*

- ...snack inside the galleries. Feel free to enjoy your refreshments in the Bates Community Room, but please refrain from eating or drinking inside of the main galleries. You're doing your part to help us preserve the art for future generations.
- ...touch the artwork. There is salt and oil hidden in your skin that will soil the work, and any contact pressure may damage the work.
- ... be distracted. Cell phones are a huge distraction to both you and the docent. If you need to take a call, feel free to step outside and re-join the group after.
- ...miss the tour! Time will be given after the tour for you to explore the galleries and gift shop on your own, so please stay with your group while the tour is happening so that you don't miss a thing! Staff and volunteers prepare and schedule time to work with each group. If you need to cancel or reschedule, please contact us at (850) 627-5023.

### *Please Do:*

- Feel free to engage with your docent. Questions are encouraged and conversation about the art enriches each tour.
- Learn both before and after the tour! Feel welcome to pick up at our front desk or download complimentary copies of the **Family Gallery Guide** and **Exhibition Calendar** to learn more about the current exhibition and what is happening at Gadsden Arts.
- Take photos! We only ask that you refrain from using the flash on your devices and do not reproduce the artwork. Over time flash photography can damage the artwork, so please help us in preserving our works.
- Take home your own treasure! **Visit Gadsden Arts' unique gift shop**, full of original art, regional books, prints, cards, and home decor, all affordably priced – fabulous gifts for everyone.
- Return and join! Membership supports the work of Gadsden Arts, and provides you with information, exhibition admission, a museum shop discount, and more.
- Spread the word! Feel free to leave us a note on our Yelp or Facebook page to let us and your community hear about your experience here at Gadsden Arts.