

# Williamsport First Friday™

A MONTHLY CARNIVAL OF COMMUNITY AND CREATIVITY

By Debi Burch | Photos by Lycoming Arts



Just like a clock that ticks relentlessly forward, every first Friday of the month from May through October, the city of Williamsport comes to life with a festive celebration. A celebration that captures the heart of the community, reflects the local culture, and signifies the city's love for art, creativity, and gastronomy. The Williamsport First Friday is not just an event: it's a carnival—an exuberant expression of local pride.

“There is an atmosphere of fun and engagement. It reflects all that is great about living in Lycoming County.” Artists from all walks of life, painters, sculptors, or musicians, find a platform to display their talents, while craft enthusiasts add to the vibrant atmosphere with their handmade wonders. From intricate jewelry to locally-tapped maple syrup to imaginative home décor, the array of crafts found walking the streets add unique charm.

The monthly Lycoming Arts Gallery show is a heartfelt tribute to the artistic flair of the region, featuring artwork from a selected local artist. These shows occur all 12 months of the year and are “launched” in conjunction with our First Friday event. We invite the public to join

us in celebrating the rich diversity and creativity of our community through these exhibitions.

Art2GO! Mobile Art Cart is another of our features each month. Designed to spark creativity in our youngest community members, we encourage them to explore the joy and wonder of art! Equipped with a variety of art supplies, Art2GO! offers kids a chance to dive into an engaging art project guided by a Lycoming Arts board member and/or volunteers. Whether it's crafting or drawing, each activity is designed to stimulate imagination, nurture artistic skills and most importantly, provide a fun experience. The best part? It is entirely free! “We believe every child should have the opportunity to express themselves through art, Art2GO! is our way of ensuring that.”

The food trucks, largely locally owned, not only serve mouth-watering foods but also stimulate the local economy. The regular influx of visitors to First Friday encourages these businesses to innovate and expand offerings, doing their part in what is a dynamic and gastronomic adventure.

We are highlighting the incredible variety and quality of our local restaurants with a new feature for Williamsport

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First Friday, "A Taste of Williamsport." This offers event-goers a chance to sample some of the best culinary creations the city has to offer. Local chefs showcase their creativity and flair, crafting delicious bite sized treats that range from American fare to exotic international dishes. These flavors are as diverse as the city itself and carry the essence of Williamsport's culinary scene.

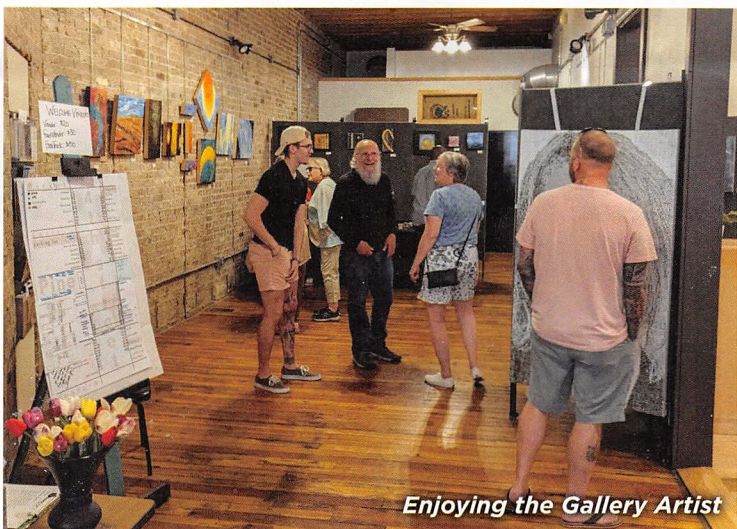
Williamsport First Friday is a testament to the vibrant spirit of this beautiful city and its people, and without our downtown merchants staying open late, hosting artists, and helping make the evening special, this event would not be as successful as it is! So head downtown and enjoy over 80 local artisans and food trucks, local artists and bands from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is free parking downtown after 3 p.m. For more information go to [www.lycomingarts.org](http://www.lycomingarts.org).



Music at the Pine Street Stage



Our Local Vendors



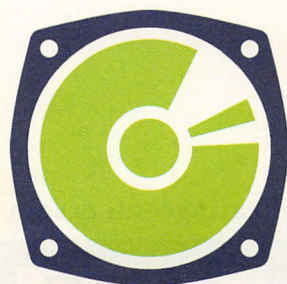
Enjoying the Gallery Artist

**Friday, July 7**  
**Pepper Street:** Music on Pine Street  
**Coast to Coast:** Music on Community Arts Center Stage  
**Uriah Hammond:** Gallery Artist

**Friday, August 4**  
**Lynn & Farly 5:** Music on Pine Street  
**Chad Andrews:** Gallery Artist

**Friday, September 1**  
**Trip to Light:** Music on Pine Street  
**Uptown Music Collective:** Music on Community Arts Center Stage  
**Tommy Grieco:** Gallery Artist

**Friday, October 6**  
**Family Ties:** Music on Pine Street  
**Emily Flake:** Gallery Artist



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