

# OHIO TRAILS & TALES



# CREATIVITY

AMERICA 250-OHIO PROGRAM

# Creativity Fieldguide

We believe  
everyone is  
creative!

Show us what  
you've got!







# Share Your Story with America 250



Your story is America's story. For nearly 250 years, Americans from all walks of life and every corner of the country have had a hand in shaping our nation's history. The national America 250 organization launched America's Invitation as your opportunity to get involved in the countdown to 2026. They want to hear from you—your reflections on our past, present, and future. They will use these stories to tell the American story on social media, through videos and to create the most inclusive commemoration in our history.

Use whatever artform you want! No story is too small. Share your story with the nation by following this link:

**[america250.org/share-your-story/](https://america250.org/share-your-story/)**



# Journal Your Ohio Creativity Trail Adventure



Lorain native Toni Morrison once said, **“If you find a book you really want to read but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.”** The best way to get started is to begin.

Consider keeping a journal or recording your thoughts on your phone as you travel the Ohio Creativity Trail. Don't write with a purpose in mind. Just write (record, sing, dance or draw!) to capture your thoughts. Maybe you want to use a sketch book to journal so you can create drawings or doodle. It's your journal, so have fun with it. You may be surprised about what you discover about yourself and your travels.

## Write, record, sing, dance or draw

The great thing about journaling is that there is not a right way to do it, only your way! Here are a few prompts to get you started.

- How did I feel after visiting this site? Why?
- What did I find surprising or inspiring?
- What do I want to share with my friends and others about this experience?
- What book do I really want to read that hasn't been written yet?

If you've creating something to share, please tag us at [#america250ohio](https://twitter.com/america250ohio).

# My Ohio Creativity Trail

# Journal



Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Tell a Story Through Cartooning

Billy Ireland was born in Chillicothe in 1880. He began working as a cartoonist for the *Columbus Dispatch* shortly after graduating from high school. While there, he nurtured the talents of other Ohio cartoonists such as Milton Caniff, Dudley Fisher and Ray Evans. All three went on to create widely-circulated and well-known cartoon series.

The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum says, "Humor and his pen were Ireland's weapons to target what he thought wrong or foolish and to endorse causes he believed in. He was a tireless supporter of community improvements, an avid outdoorsman, a perceptive critic of political events, and a generous mentor."

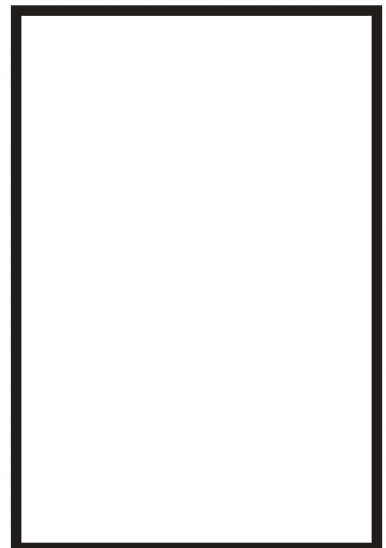
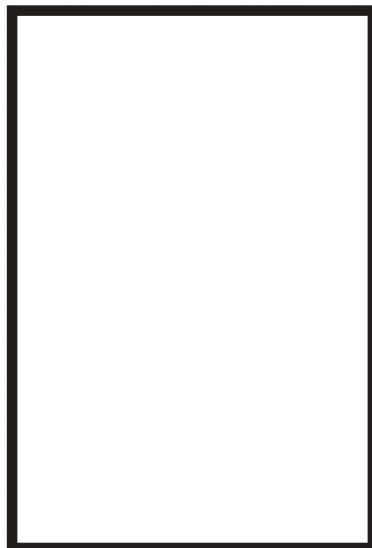
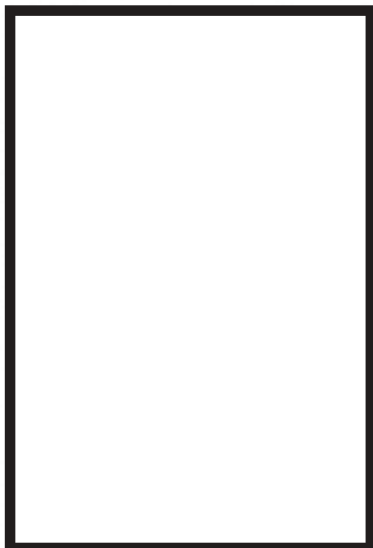
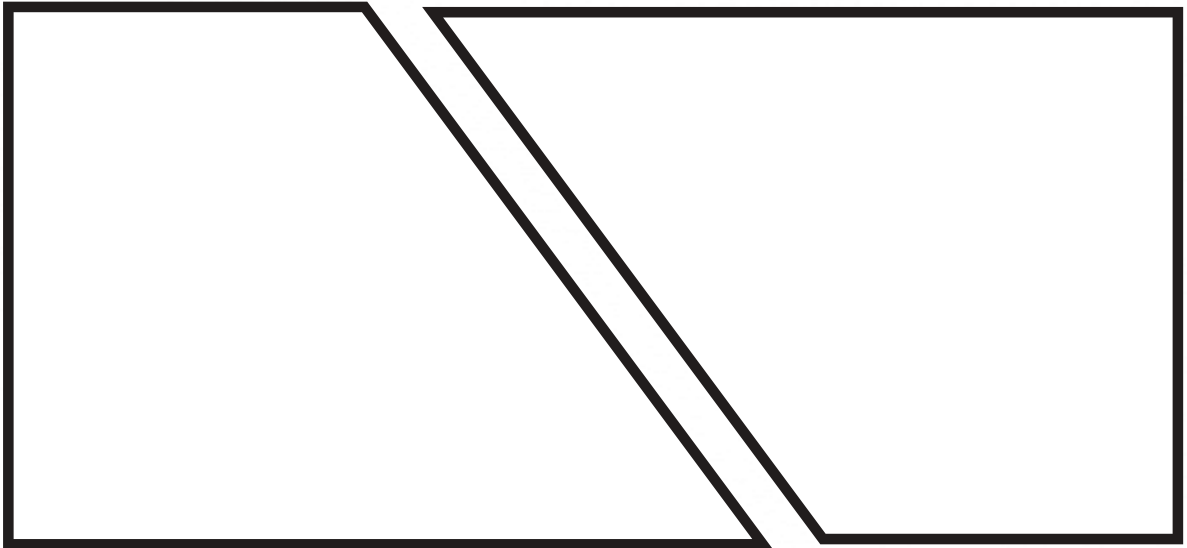
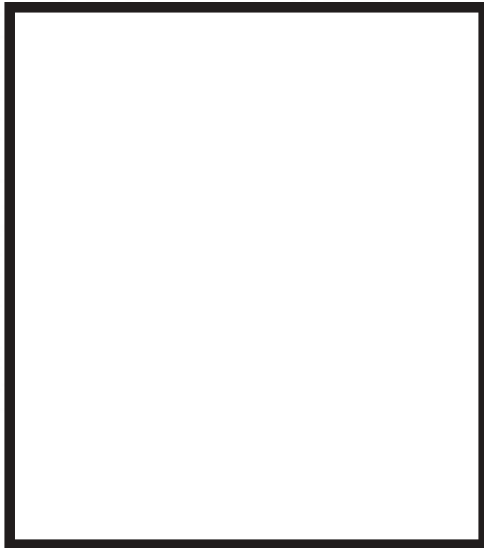
## Use humor and your pen

Think about a story or message you want to tell, then make it come to life on the next page.

Here are a few prompts to get you started, but it's entirely up to you!

- What if you had breakfast with George Washington?
- What if you traveled the Ohio Creativity Trail and went back in time to meet one of the famous artisans from Ohio?
- What if you learned something from a site on the Ohio Creativity Trail and became inspired to try something new? What if something unexpected happened when you did?

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# Create Your Own Carousel Design

Have you noticed that one side of a carousel figure tends to be more elaborately decorated than the other? Or that the figures on the outer ring are often the most ornate and typically larger than those in the inner rings?

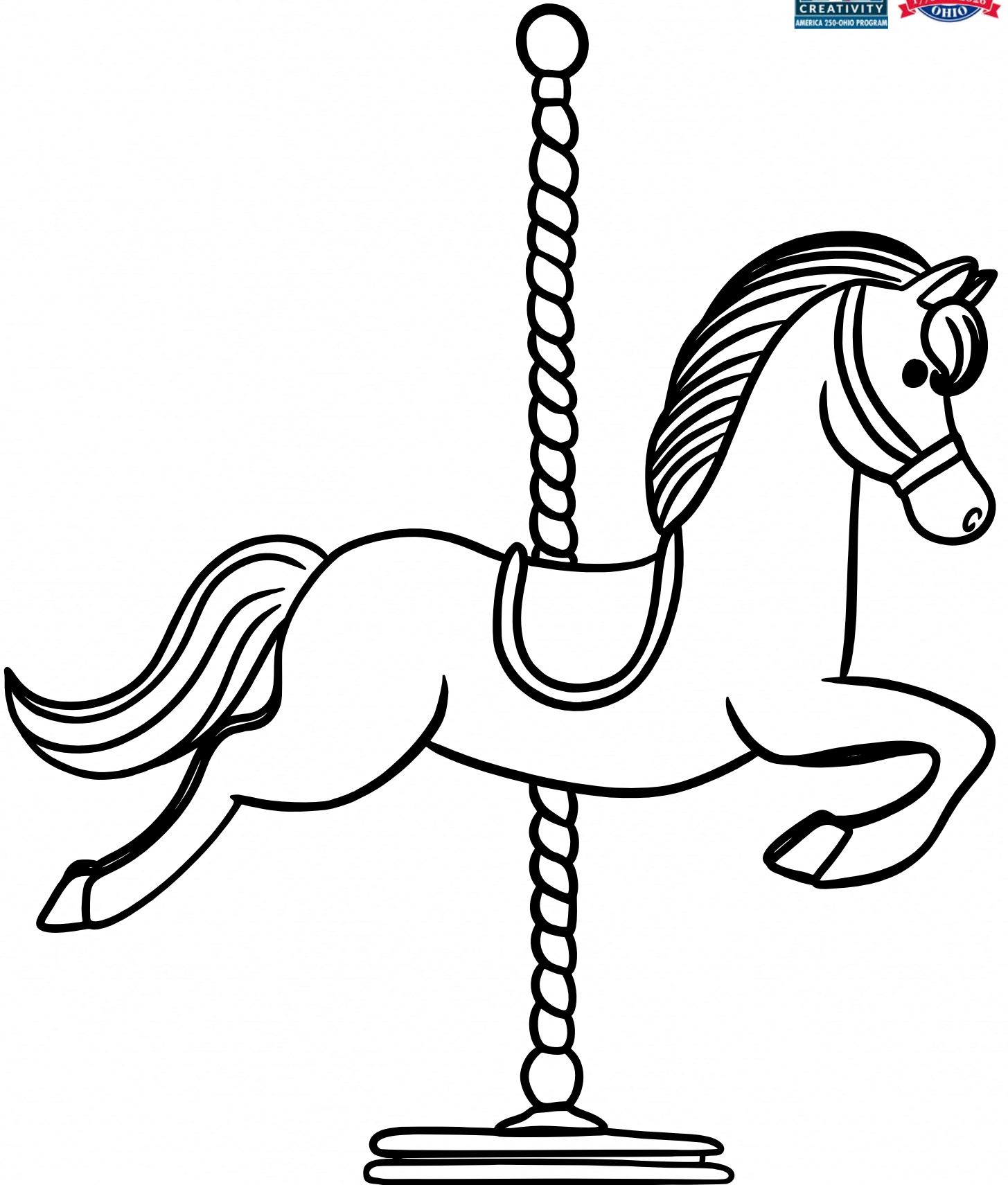
In the early days of carousels, ride operators were paid per ride. That meant they had to find a way to attract customers. One way was to put their most vibrant and captivating figures facing outward to draw attention. However, the intricate carving and painting required was costly, so they focused their time and resources on enhancing the side of the figure that faced the guests. This is referred to as the “romance” side of a carousel figure.

## Give it a whirl

Using the carousel horse drawing on the next page, create your own carousel design! You may choose a theme (such as a patriotic America 250-Ohio) or just let your imagination gallop wild and free.

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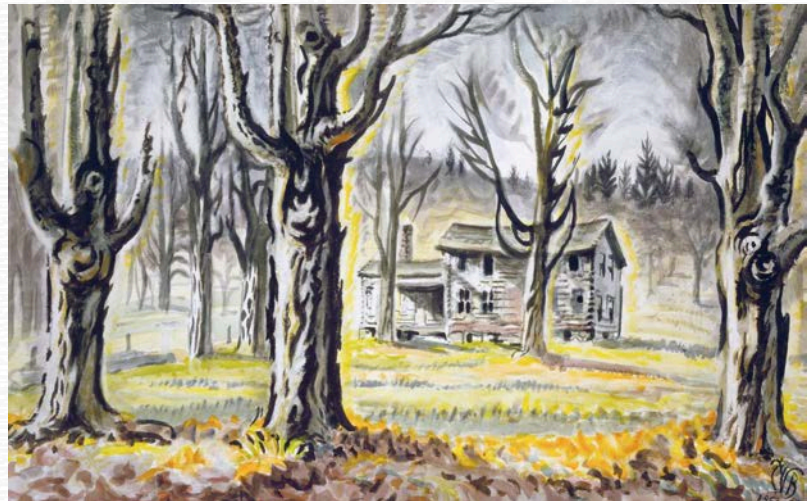






# Sketch Your World

One of America's most respected painters, Ohio-born Charles Burchfield captured the romance of everyday life, particularly nature. He studied at the Cleveland School of Art (now the Cleveland Institute of Art). His work was influenced by the school's watercolor painting tradition and the artist Henry Keller, who helped establish Cleveland as an important place for watercolorists.



**Charles E. Burchfield (1893-1967) Old Farm House and Maple Trees, 1953-58**  
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## Draw what you see

Pick one of the sites on the Ohio Creativity Trail and sketch what you see around the building. Maybe it's a broad landscape, or maybe your attention is drawn to the tiniest details, such as a leaf on the ground or how the sun hits a tree.

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# My Ohio Creativity Trail

## Sketch





# Take an Everyday Pop Art Adventure

Roy Lichtenstein is famous for being a leader of the Pop Art movement. He received both his undergraduate and graduate arts training from The Ohio State University, where he also served as an instructor.



Roy Lichtenstein - Cleveland Museum of Art  
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## Make Something Pop!

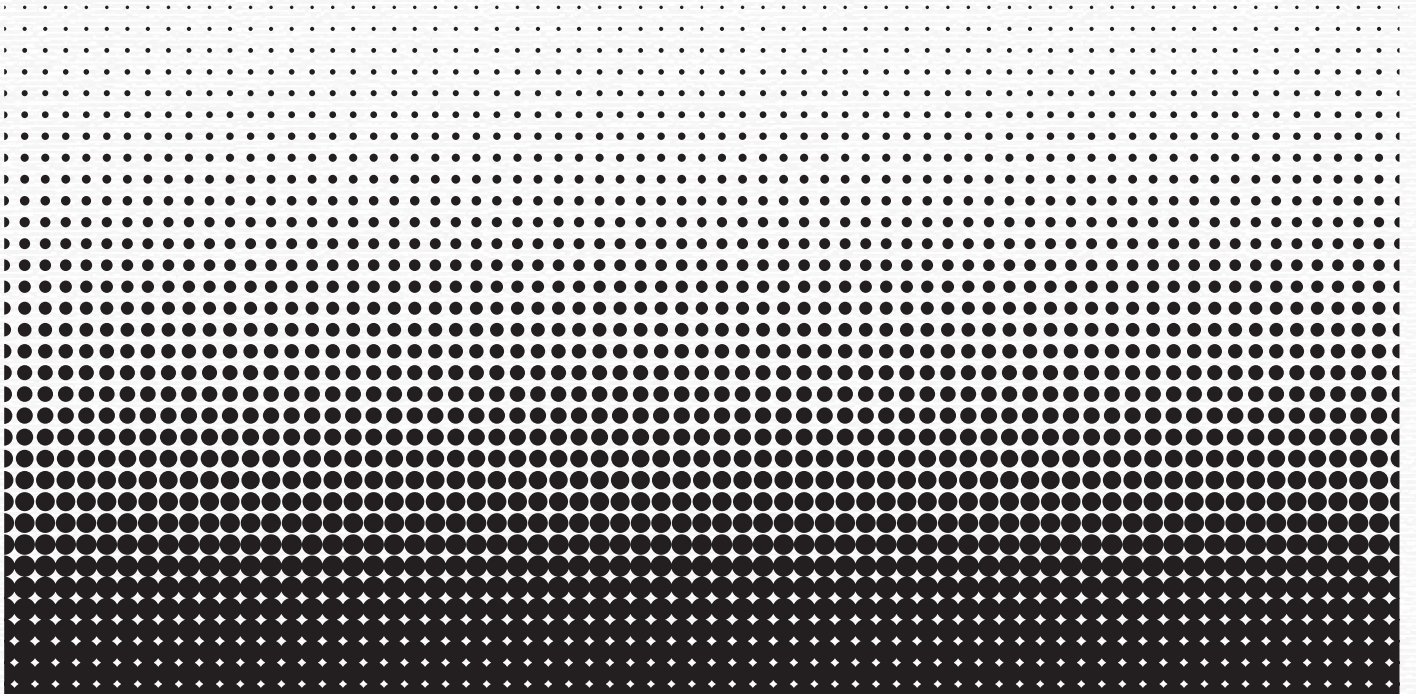
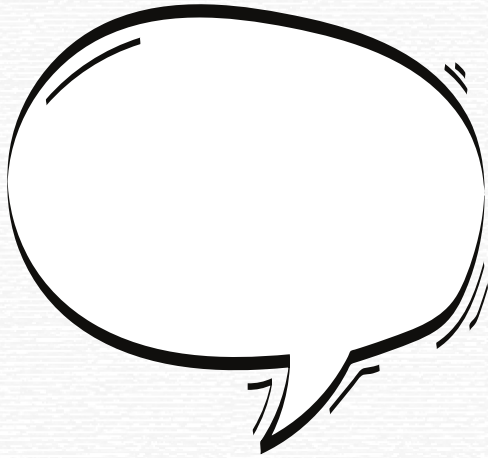
Pick an everyday object or activity (such as a pair of shoes or brushing your teeth.) Jot down what makes this object or activity unique - pick something you find funny or simply unusual.

Using a black marker, start sketching. The goal isn't to make it entirely realistic, and don't forget that you can exaggerate perspectives just like Lichtenstein often did.

Use primary colors (red, yellow and blue) and color the scene. We've added some speech bubbles and dots on the next page that you can cut and incorporate.

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# My Ohio Creativity Trail

## Pop Art



# Ohio Creativity Trail Sites



1. **Karamu House** (Playwright Langston Hughes), Cleveland
2. **Lorain Public Library** (Author Toni Morrison), Lorain
3. **Malabar Farm State Park** (Author Louis Bromfield), Lucas
4. **Maple Valley Branch Library** (Poet Rita Dove), Akron
5. **Mazza Museum** (art of picture books), Findlay
6. **Toledo Lucas County Public Library** (Nancy Drew Collection), Toledo
7. **The Clyde Museum** (Author Sherwood Anderson), Clyde
8. **Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum**, Columbus
9. **Thurber House** (Author James Thurber), Columbus
10. **The National Road & Zane Grey Museum** (Author Zane Grey), Norwich
11. **Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site** (Author and Poet Paul Laurence Dunbar), Dayton
12. **William Holmes McGuffey House & Museum** (Author of McGuffey's Eclectic Readers), Oxford
13. **Harriet Beecher Stowe House** (Author Harriet Beecher Stowe), Cincinnati
14. **Make Way for McCloskey Mural & Lentil Sculpture** (Author and illustrator Robert McCloskey), Hamilton
15. **Seed of Life - Oregon District 8/4 Memorial** (Collaborative art project), Dayton



1. **Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works**, Bucyrus
2. **National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame**, Euclid
3. **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**, Cleveland
4. **Sacred Steel Music & History Museum**, Toledo
5. **The Columbus Washboard Company**, Logan
6. **Music Makers Museum**, Hillsboro
7. **The Ted Lewis Museum**, Circleville
8. **Logan County History Center**, Bellefontaine
9. **Cincinnati Black Music Walk of Fame**, Cincinnati
10. **Cincinnati Music Hall**, Cincinnati
11. **Cincinnati Music Heritage Mural**, Cincinnati



1. **Akron Art Museum**, Akron
2. **Allen Memorial Art Museum**, Oberlin
3. **Burchfield Homestead Museum**, Salem
4. **The Butler Institute of American Art**, Youngstown
5. **Canton Museum of Art**, Canton
6. **Clayton Bailey's World of Wonder Museum**, Akron
7. **The Cleveland Museum of Art**, Cleveland
8. **Mansfield Arts Center**, Mansfield
9. **Medici Museum of Art**, Warren
10. **The Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens**, Kelleys Island
11. **Toledo Museum of Art**, Toledo
12. **Glass City River Wall**, Toledo
13. **Columbus Museum of Art**, Columbus
14. **Ohio Statehouse**, Columbus
15. **Richard M. Ross Art Museum**, Delaware
16. **Watch House and Circle Mound**, Dublin
17. **Wexner Center for the Arts**, Columbus
18. **Dayton Art Institute**, Dayton
19. **The Contemporary Dayton**, Dayton
20. **Richard & Carole Cocks Art Museum**, Oxford
21. **Cincinnati Art Museum**, Cincinnati
22. **The National Afro-American Museum**, Wilberforce
23. **Springfield Museum of Art**, Springfield
24. **Hartman Rock Garden**, Springfield
25. **National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**, Cincinnati
26. **Taft Museum of Art**, Cincinnati
27. **Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio and Museum**, Zanesville
28. **Dairy Barn Arts Center**, Athens
29. **Kennedy Museum of Art**, Athens
30. **Zanesville Museum of Art**, Zanesville
31. **John Ruthven Studio and Gallery**, Milford

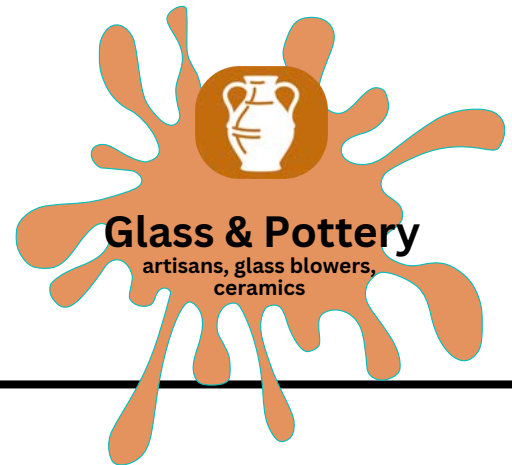




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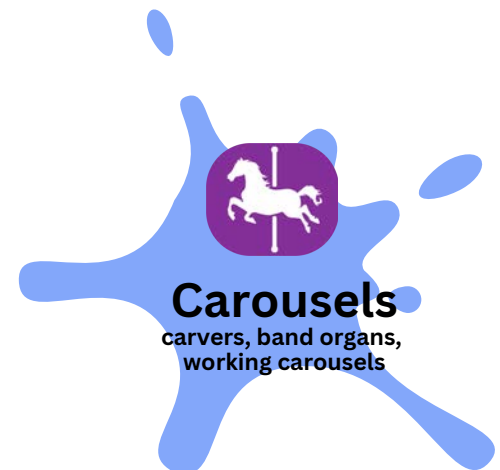
1. **Cowan Pottery Museum**, Rocky River
2. **Museum of American Porcelain Art**, South Euclid
3. **Museum of Ceramics**, East Liverpool
4. **Millersburg Glass Museum**, Millersburg
5. **Fostoria Glass Heritage Gallery**, Fostoria
6. **Hawkes Crystal**, Tiffin
7. **Tiffin Glass Museum**, Tiffin
8. **Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion**, Toledo
9. **Ariel-Foundation Park**, Mount Vernon
10. **The National Heisey Glass Museum**, Newark
11. **Gay Fad Studios and Glass Museum**, Lancaster
12. **Ohio Glass Museum & Glass-Blowing Studio**, Lancaster
13. **Ohio History Center**, Columbus
14. **BeauVerre Riordan Studios**, Middletown
15. **Rookwood Pottery Company**, Cincinnati
16. **National Imperial Glass Museum**, Bellaire
17. **Jack Pine Studio**, Laurelville
18. **Mosser Glass**, Cambridge
19. **National Museum of Cambridge Glass**, Cambridge
20. **Zanesville Museum of Art**, Zanesville
21. **Zanesville Pottery**, Zanesville



1. **Donn Drumm Studios & Gallery**, Akron
2. **Hale Farm & Village**, Bath
3. **Historic Zoar Village**, Zoar
4. **Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens**, Dover
5. **Kent State University Museum**, Kent
6. **Sauder Village**, Archbold
7. **Decorative Arts Center of Ohio**, Lancaster
8. **Ohio Craft Museum**, Columbus
9. **Ohio History Center**, Columbus
10. **Harmon Museum & Art Gallery**, Lebanon
11. **American Sign Museum**, Cincinnati
12. **Barkcamp State Park**, Belmont
13. **Home Grown on Main**, Logan
14. **Dairy Barn Arts Center**, Athens



1. **Adventure Zone Carousel**, Geneva-on-the-Lake
2. **Akron Zoo Conservation Carousel**, Akron
3. **Circle of Life Carousel**, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland
4. **Memphis Kiddie Park Carousel**, Cleveland
5. **Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel**, Cleveland History Center, Cleveland
6. **Schoepfle Gardens Carousel**, Wakeman
7. **Richland Carrousel Park**, Mansfield
8. **Tuscora Park Carousel**, New Philadelphia
9. **Merry-Go-Round Museum**, Sandusky
10. **Midway Carousel**, Cedar Point, Sandusky
11. **Kiddy Kingdom Carousel**, Cedar Point, Sandusky
12. **Cedar Downs Racing Derby**, Cedar Point, Sandusky
13. **Kimberley's Carousel**, Put-in-Bay
14. **The Toledo Zoo African Carousel**, Toledo
15. **The Grand Carousel**, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell
16. **Columbus Commons Carousel**, Columbus
17. **Carousel of Dayton Innovation**, Carillon Historic Park, Dayton
18. **Carol Anne's Carousel**, Cincinnati
19. **Cincinnati Zoo Carousel**, Cincinnati
20. **Cowtherine's Carousel**, Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs
21. **Grand Carousel**, Kings Island, Mason
22. **Logan County History Center** (Stinson Band Organ exhibit), Logan





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