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PRESS RELEASE

Highwaymen painting by Mary Ann Carroll is now on display in City Hall

WINTER PARK, FL (March 19, 2025) The city's [Public Art Advisory Board \(PAAB\)](#) is pleased to announce the unveiling of a 1999 oil on canvas landscape painting by [Florida Highwaymen](#) artist [Mary Ann Carroll](#) (1940-2019). The painting is graciously on loan from [The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art](#), and will remain on display in the lobby of Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at 401 S. Park Ave., through 2025.

The Florida Highwaymen are a group of 26 African American landscape artists who created large numbers of paintings from the mid-50s through the mid-80s. The artists were collectively named The Highwaymen because they traveled the highways of Florida to sell their paintings depicting the bright skies and lush landscape of the tropical state. Artist Mary Ann Carroll was the only Highwaywoman. She was inspired to paint by watching Highwaymen artist Harold Newton, honing her skills and selling her work throughout Florida from the trunk of her 1964 Buick Electra. The [Museum of Florida History](#) in Tallahassee displays paintings by 23 of the original 26 artists. In 2004, all 26 artists were inducted into the [Florida Artist Hall of Fame](#).



The city's Public Art Advisory Board is committed to collecting, preserving and interpreting notable works of art and implementing educational opportunities concerning art in public spaces. One of the board's most recent initiatives is the creation of the city's first-ever online [Public Art Collection](#), which features almost 100 pieces of art representing various mediums from artists around the world installed in public city facilities or open spaces.

The City of Winter Park gratefully welcomes substantial art piece donations to be added to its public art collection. Donations must be presented to the Public Art Advisory Board for consideration and ultimately reviewed for approval by the City Commission. Additionally, funding for ongoing maintenance, as well as city-owned installation sites are limited. To present donations for consideration, please contact coneil@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3506.

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