

UNVEILING THE HIDDEN GEMS: ORLANDO'S LESSER-KNOWN ART MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Everyone is aware that Orlando is a magical destination where you can experience incredible landscapes with endless adventures and amazing experiences that you can't get elsewhere. With a rich and documented history of Indigenous colonists, space travellers, African American trailblazers, creative visionaries in addition to a strong local support of the arts Orlando can also be considered a popular destination for those who love culture. You may want to discover the past, view historical art through your own eyes or simply take in beautiful art and sculptures that you'll never forget. Take time to [visit Orlando's](#) galleries and museums which include the following families-friendly options.

HANNIBAL SQUARE HERITAGE CENTER

In the middle of Winter Park, learn about the luxurious Hannibal Square district's origins as one of the first Florida's African American communities at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. Within the two-story building it is possible to peruse black and white images, artwork, or oral history in a cosy environment that invites visitors to look closer and delve into the history that has made this community a proud one.

The gallery also has the timeline which begins with 1880 and covers local events like the founding in 1911 in Winter Park's Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on Welbourne Avenue. Admission and parking are free.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL RESOURCE AND EDUCATION CENTER

The centre is located within Maitland near Winter Park, about 30 minutes to the north from International Drive, the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center does more than just educate on the history of. It also has a focus on a brighter future free of antisemitism, as well as all forms of racism and bigotry.

One of the museum's most interesting exhibits asks you to wear Oculus goggles to experience a thrilling virtual reality experience that takes visitors to the secret Annex, in which Anne Frank and her family protected themselves from the Nazis and with Frank telling her inspiring story as she travels. Other thought-provoking exhibits are waiting and will be accompanied by specific programming that explores relevant subjects as well as historical past events.



ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER

It is housed in a historical 1927 county courthouse located in the centre of downtown Orlando the Orange County Regional History Center explores more than 12,000 years of history in the local area on three floors of vibrant permanent collections. Beginning with the prehistoric era of the region it will show the evolution of our city into an Indian settlement, through the smallest cattle and citrus town, and finally to our current city that is a hub for technology and tourism.

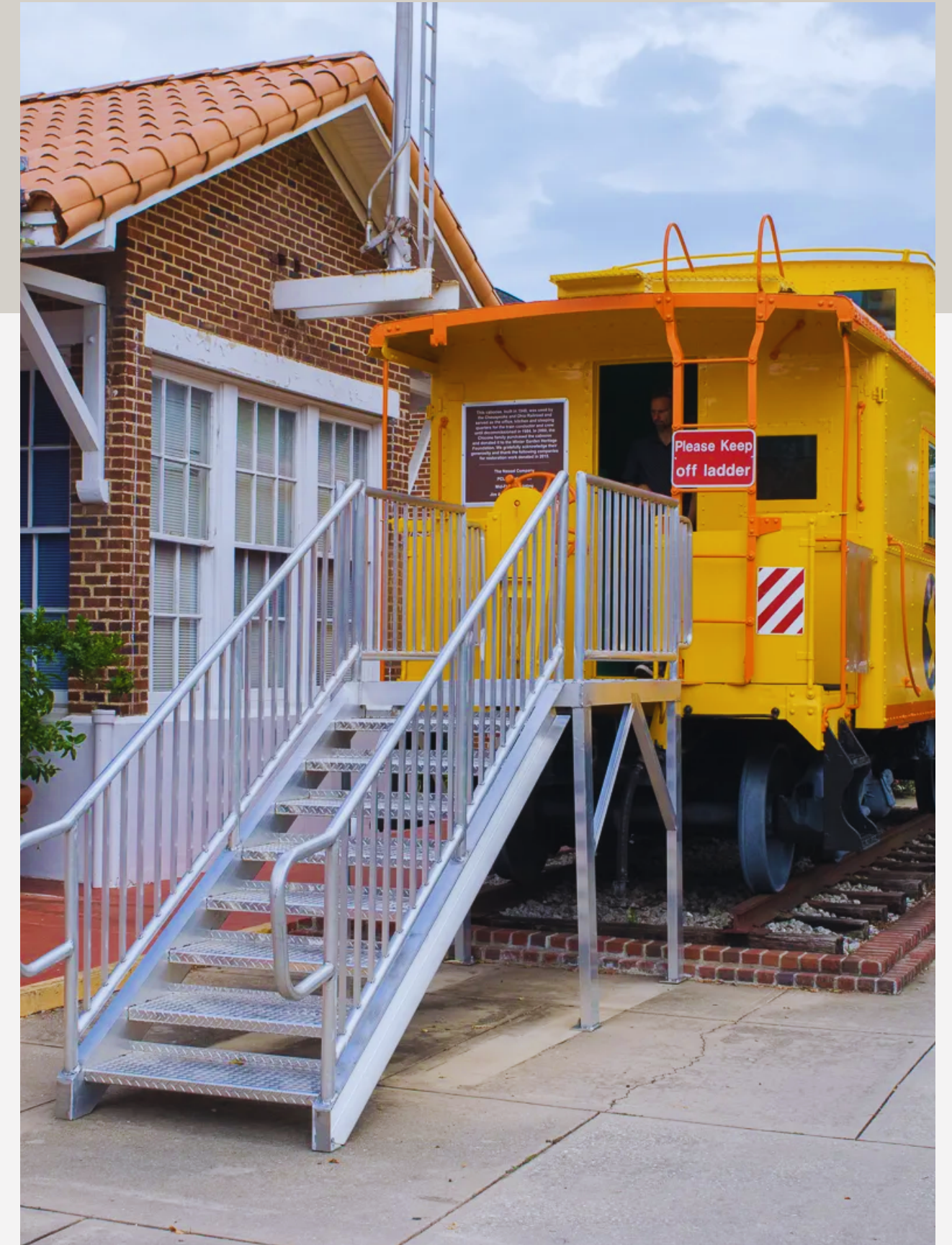
The History Center is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate that is accredited by the American Association of Museums, the History Center also hosts limited-run national exhibitions and many activities and educational programs for both adults and children such as camps, lectures and workshops. The grounds of the museum also include Heritage Square Park, a gorgeous outdoor space in which you can take in sculptures and other works of art, as well as people-watching.



WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The city is named after it located in the city of its name, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation operates three historical sites, each located about 25 minutes to the west of International Drive. The first of them, The Heritage Museum, features exhibits that examine the rich history of West Orange County.

Just a few steps only a few feet away from The Heritage Museum just a few steps away, just a few steps away from the Heritage Museum, History Research & Education Center also documents the history of the region through an extensive archive. Just a short stroll will take you to a place that is ideal for young people and those at heart and the Central Florida Railroad Museum, which, like its name suggests, is a celebration of the role played by railroads on the development of Florida. Yes, they do have trains. All on board!



ALBIN POLASEK MUSEUM & SCULPTURE GARDENS

In 1879, in what is now The Czech Republic, internationally acclaimed sculpture artist Albin Polasek moved from the Czech Republic to the U.S. in his early 20s. Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens located in Winter Park, about 20 minutes to the north along International Drive.

A lot more than a venue for arts, The Albin Polasek Museum used to be his Winter Park home, in the year 1950, where he resided until his death in the year 1965. In the end, you can literally walk in the footsteps of the master as you explore his sculpture and galleries as well as the outdoor gardens. They highlight a range of art that is created to tell captivating stories.



ART & HISTORY MUSEUMS

The cultural program of Maitland, Art & History Museums are a part of the cultural offerings in Maitland. Maitland offers plenty to provide that it is unable to be contained in one structure.

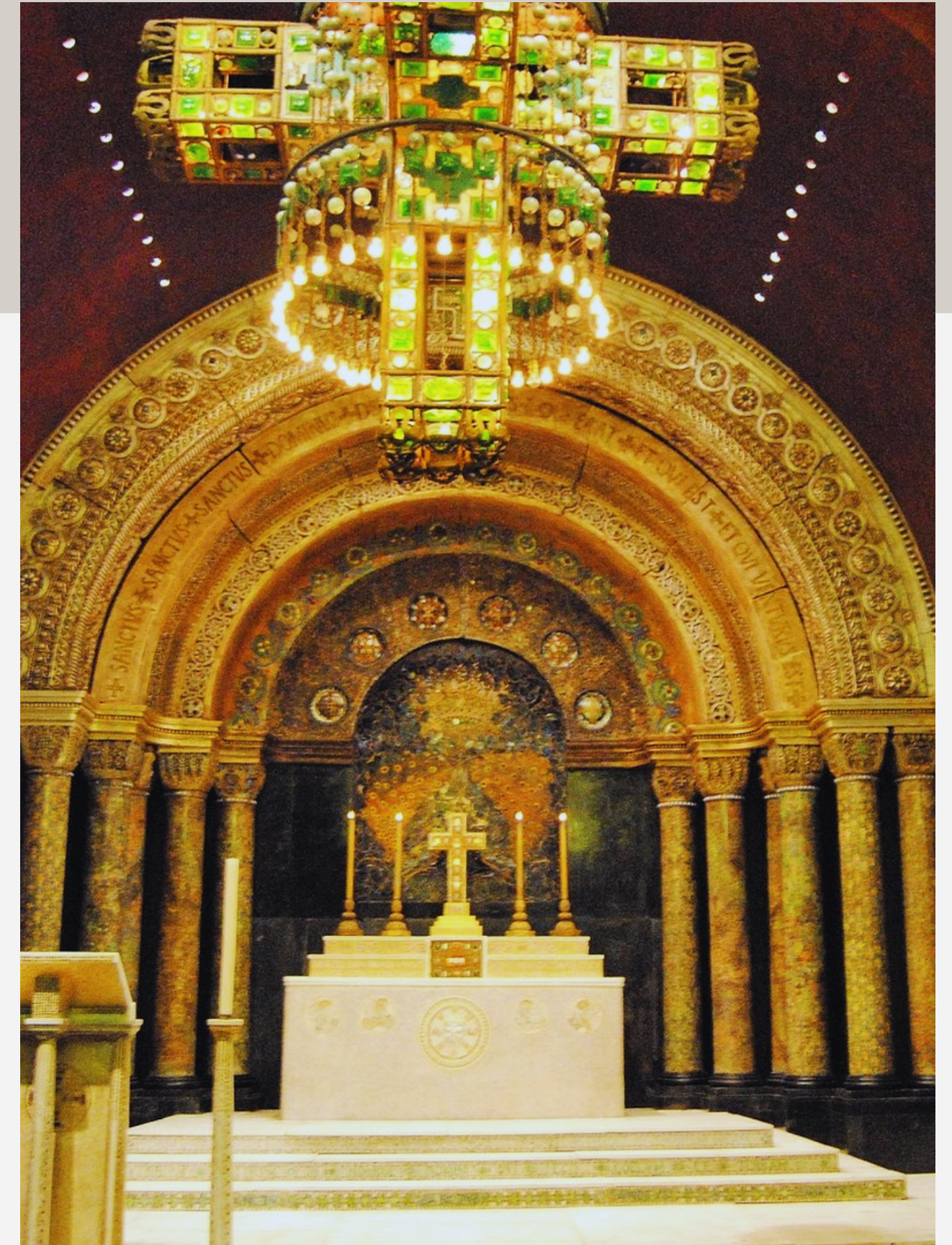
The Maitland Art Center is also designated a National Historic Landmark, thanks in large part, to the unique Aztec and Mayan-influenced structures and is one of the Southeast's most surviving instances that exemplify Mayan Revival designs. The campus also has other examples of distinctive architecture and lush gardens, along with numerous collections, current exhibits and educational programs.



CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

It is located in the heart of Winter Park, The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art is one of the most stunning hidden treasures that await you in the Orlando region. And we're talking about "dazzling" quite literally. The reason is that it has the world's largest collection of works by the famous designer and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany, best recognized for his stained-glass windows and lamps.

The collection also contains Tiffany's pottery, Tiffany's jewellery and paintings, along with displays that include American artwork, art pottery, Art Nouveau furnishings and objects, late 19th and 20th century paintings and much more. There's even a glimpse of the restored Byzantine-Romanesque chapel that Tiffany created to host the 1893 World's Fair, as well as a huge, permanent display of the surviving art and architectural items that Tiffany inherited from his Laurelton Hall estate.



CITY ARTS

Discover a collection of diverse art galleries in one place at CityArts, a unique space in downtown Orlando which serves as the centre of visual arts in Our Downtown Arts District. The galleries showcase a diverse collection of international and local works of art, with new works being added every month. In addition, admission is free.



MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

An acclaimed and self-taught artist Earl Cunningham was best known for stunning coastal scenes that he captured, not just those that he saw in Florida but as well throughout Georgia. Since 1998 the work of his has been preserved, showcased and interpretive by the Mennello Museum of American Art that is located in Loch Haven Park just north of downtown Orlando.

In addition to the ongoing Cunningham exhibit, the museum also hosts a rotation of temporary exhibits, as well as enriching education and programming in addition to it hosts the Marilyn L. Mennello Sculpture Garden. It features a huge, 350-plus year-old live oak tree for its central feature The garden is home to a variety of sculptures set in Old Florida landscaping and walking trails, some that connect directly to Orlando Urban Trail. Orlando Urban Trail.

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