

The CRMA Spring Break Stay Cation Challenge!

Send us your pix at #crmaspringbreak and/or info@crma.org and we will post them on our social media sites!

Monday: Guerilla art! If you've never paid attention to street art—from graffiti on a building, to sidewalk chalk drawings, to yarn-bombed trees, now's the time! Yes, it's typically considered vandalism and is a crime, so we don't recommend that you create your own street art. But go in search of it. You might see that someone has tagged the side of a train with spray paint or added stick-on googly eyes where they didn't belong. Can't get outside at all today? Check out "*Exit Through the Gift Shop*," a documentary about Banksy (on Netflix or available at the CRPL's Ladd Library). Or check your local library for other books on street art. There are some really amazing things to see if you're paying attention!

Tuesday: Doppelgänger art! Have you ever looked at a painting or statue and thought, *Wow that looks like so-and-so!?* Come to the CRMA today between noon and 4pm and check out the portraits we have on display—paintings, prints, sculpture, and even coins. Find anyone that looks like someone you know? See if you can get a side-by-side photo with that person and their art doppelgänger! Can't get to the museum today? Take a photo of yourself or someone you know, and do a Google image search of it. You'll probably find LOTS of images of people that look similar to your picture; you can narrow the results by entering the words "portrait art" into the search bar. You can make it even easier by perusing a book from the library of portraiture, or even looking at museums' collections of portraits online. For example, visit our Marvin Cone gallery online and search the "people" theme for some familiar-looking faces! <http://www.crma.org/Gallery/Marvin-Cone.aspx>.

Wednesday: Art outdoors! Not all artwork is created to hang on a wall or sit on a shelf. There's all kinds of outdoor art waiting for you to discover it! Large sculptures, paintings on the sides of buildings, even the buildings themselves, are added to our city to bring beauty and interest. How many can you find? (Need a place to start? There is a pair of giant ceramic heads right in front of the CRMA created by Jun Kaneko <http://www.crma.org/Content/Collection/Jun-Kaneko.aspx>! And you can see two other huge outdoor sculptures, and a large *American Gothic*-inspired painting on a building, all within walking distance of them!)

Thursday: Strike a pose! For today's spring stay-cation challenge, we want you to find a painting, drawing or sculpture and recreate it with your body. Visit the CRMA today between noon and 8pm, or visit another museum, and snap a photo of yourself or a friend imitating the pose or expression of someone in a portrait. See if you can recreate a dancer's pose, or dress up like the subject of a painting. And don't limit yourself to human poses! You can use your body to recreate an animal, a building, a machine... let your imagination run wild! Can't get out to a museum today? Try taking a selfie using a photo filter app on your phone, like Primsa, that will turn you into a van Gogh-esque work of art!

Friday: Scavenge for art! If you haven't already visited, come see us at the CRMA today from noon to 4pm and try our scavenger hunt! We've put together a handful of close-up thumbnail images taken from artwork in the new [Hopper](#) and [Hopper's World](#) exhibitions—can you figure out which works these close-ups came from? (And don't worry if you miss it this week! These scavenger hunts are available at the CRMA's front desk until the exhibitions end in May.) If you can't make it out to visit us today, create your own scavenger hunt at home or in your neighborhood! It's easy—just snap some photos with your phone and crop them down to tiny sections of the original subjects. Then challenge your friends and family to identify the original subject of your photos. Was it your couch? Your favorite t-shirt? A box of crackers in the kitchen cabinet?