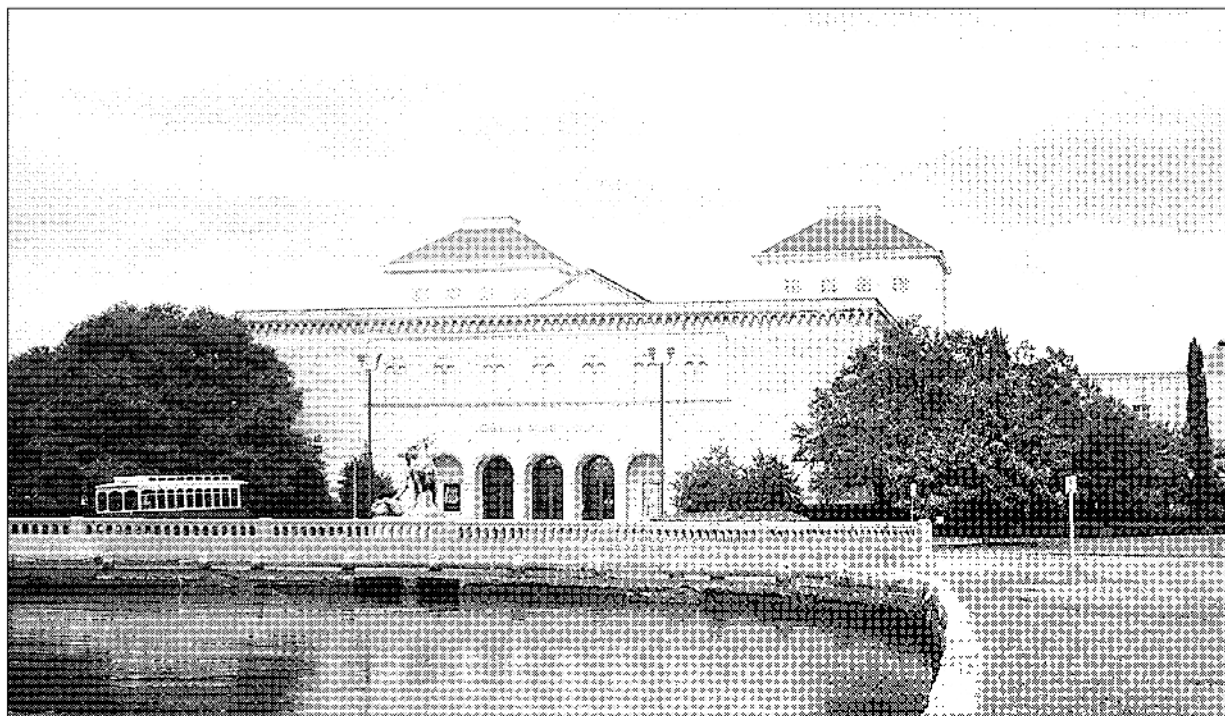


An entertainment trifecta

Try hitting art museum, arts gallery and motor park all in one day



ROBIN SILVERMAN

The Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk offers a timeline of art history.

The Chrysler Museum of Art

Where: 245 W. Olney Road, Norfolk. Take Interstate 64 East to I-264 into downtown Norfolk. Take Exit 11B (Brambleton Avenue). Continue on Brambleton for 1 1/2 miles until Duke

Street. Turn right onto Duke; the museum is ahead on the left.

Phone: (757) 664-6200

Web site: www.chrysler.org

Hours: 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Admission: \$7 general admission, \$5 for students, teachers, seniors and military, younger than 12 free. Wednesdays by donation.

Overview: With two stories' worth of galleries, The Chrysler Museum of Art is a walk-through timeline of art history. Of special note is the glass collection, spanning its own section of the museum. The free audio tour features an acoustic wand, programmed to recite information on specially numbered displays. You can take your time and listen to the entire program, or pick and choose as you go along. Two hours at the museum was just enough time to walk through; plan a longer stay and you won't be disappointed.

Don't miss: Special rotating exhibits. Showing through Jan. 5 is "William Morris: Two Installations," modern glassworks in the form of funerary urns and masklike figures.

Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery

Where: 2865 Lynnhaven Drive, Suite C3, Virginia Beach. From I-64 East, take the U.S. 13 north/Norhampton

Boulevard Exit (Exit 282) toward the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Merge onto state Route 166 north/Norhampton Boulevard/U.S. 13 north. Take the U.S. 60 east/Shore Drive ramp toward "beaches." Turn right onto U.S. 60 east, then bear right onto state Route 279 south, turn right onto Lynnhaven Drive and make an immediate left into Marina Shore Shoppes.

Phone: (757) 496-5567

Web site: www.kanemarie.com

Hours: 10-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sundays

Admission: Free

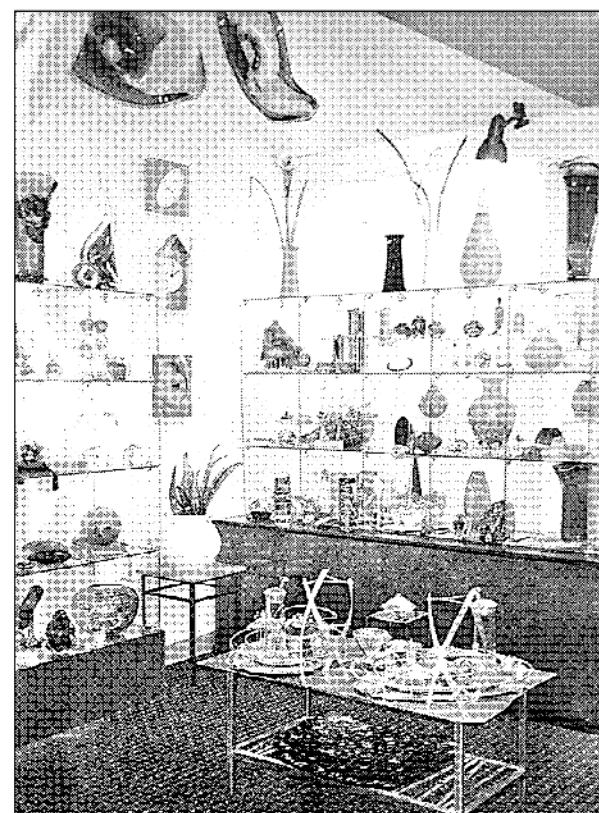
Overview: In Norfolk, you're close enough to the beach to go all the way. So keep going and drive down to the Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery. After perusing the glass galleries at The Chrysler Museum, no doubt you'll be hankering for something shiny and breakable to take home with you. Kane Marie displays a large assortment of glassworks as well as jewelry, pottery, paintings and mixed media for the those with upscale tastes. Friendly staff members are on hand to assist with purchases or to provide background on the pieces. Special exhibits rotate monthly and feature both local and international artists. The current show, "The Figure in Art," ends Saturday. Next up is "Fruit of the Vine," shown in tandem with the Chesapeake Bay Wine Classic, with an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Oct. 4.

Motor World Family Thrillpark

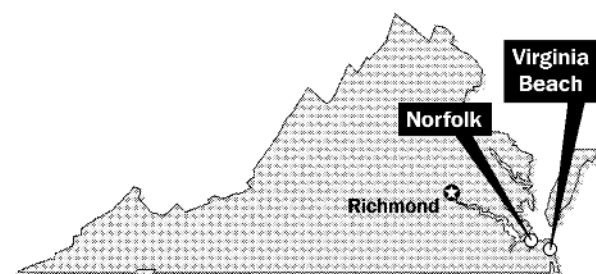
Where: 700 S. Birdneck Road, Virginia Beach. From the oceanfront along Pacific Avenue, continue across the Rudee Inlet Bridge. At 849 General Booth Blvd., take a right turn just past the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The giant gorilla "Hugh" Mongus is out front by Ocean Breeze Waterpark.

Phone: (757) 422-6419

Web site: www.vbmotorworld.com



The Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery in Virginia Beach displays a large assortment of glasswork.



TIMES-DISPATCH

Hours: Open year round. After Labor Day, the park is open 10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends only

Admission: Individual or ticket packs can be purchased for rides.

Overview: After a day full of art and the seaside, what better way to end the evening than with some wild go-kart racing. Motor World has a number of styles of karts and tracks from which to choose. A miniature golf course, Shipwreck Golf, is right next door. If you don't mind a little splashing, try the bumper boats. It's a fun place to be, but be warned, you are liable to run out of funds before you run out of fuel. At \$5-\$6 per ride, the go-karts can empty your wallet at breakneck speed.

Where to stay: A variety of oceanfront hotels are available; check spots a few blocks off the beach for better prices.

Where to eat: The Chrysler Museum has its own restaurant for light fare. A trip to the beach calls for seafood. Both on a corner of Pacific Avenue: Harpoon Larry's Oyster Bar at 24th Street made a fine fish sandwich and Worrell Bros at 19th Street provided well-proportioned dinner specials.

- Robin Silberman