

What are the differences between an art center, an art museum and an art gallery?

An art center is distinctly different from art galleries or art museums. An art center is a community center with a specific responsibility to encourage arts practice and to provide facilities such as workshop space, gallery space for local and regional artists, venues for musical performances, and educational facilities - all for arts-interested people in the community. (Adapted from the information on Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia.)

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts looks to local and regional artist to display artwork in the galleries. The Artistic Administrator (this would be the curator) researches artists to see if their work would be of interest to our community. Artists are selected for their unique approach to a process such as painting, photography and/or sculpture (there is a long list of artistic processes of which any could be selected as an exhibit for the Turner Center). Once selected, the artist sends artwork to the Turner Center to be hung for display and tagged for sale. The Artistic Administrator must decide where and how each artist's work is displayed so those viewing the work will get the greatest impact from the display. Each show is approximately 6 weeks in length and is kicked off with a reception that is open to the community. The Turner Center also opens its doors to community artists with exhibits such as Youth Art Month, Spring into Art and The Draw Program.

The Turner Center offers pottery classes for students and adults and adult painting workshops. Students are encouraged to participate in tuition-free classes such as guitar lessons, Art Explorations (a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club for after school classes), drawing and graphic design classes and summer camps. Explore the possibilities through the [Turner Center's website](#).

An art museum or an art gallery is a building or space for the exhibition of art. Museums can be public or private, but what distinguishes museums is they usually own the collection of art and it is not for sale. An art gallery also displays art but it is usually by an existing artist and is usually for sale. Art galleries primarily provide space to show works of visual art, however, they are sometimes used to host other artistic activities such as performances, music concerts, or poetry readings. For both art museums and art galleries paintings are the most commonly displayed art, however, sculpture, decorative objects, furniture, textiles, costumes, drawings collages, photographs and installation art are also displayed. (Adapted from the information on Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia.)