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**Crooked River Contrasts Exhibit at a Community Near You**

Venue	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
MetroHealth Main Campus												
Summit Artspace, Downtown Akron			4/13-5/18									
Kelvin Smith Library, Case Western Reserve University			4/15-9/2									
University Circle Light Blades, CLE						WOW 6/19						
Xtinguish Torch Fest												
Playhouse Square Gallery, CSU (tentative)						6/28-8/4						
Standing Rock Cultural Arts, Kent												
CLE Hopkins Airport S. Tubbs Jones Gallery												
Magalen Gallery, Slavic Village, CLE												
Cuyahoga Valley National Park								8/31-11/3				
Cuyahoga Community College, East Campus									10/20-12/15			
West Creek Reservation, CLE Metroparks									11/5-12/30			

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**Xtinguish the past, ignite the future! Led by the West Creek Conservancy team, **Crooked River Contrasts** will travel through communities along the Cuyahoga River in 2019. It will connect the public to the complex history of the river, centered on its rebirth in the 50 years since the infamous 1969 burning. All exhibits are free and open to the public.**

The exhibit features the work of top and emerging Northeast Ohio photographers of the Cuyahoga and Lake Erie watersheds: **Ian Adams, Jeffrey Gibson, Jennie Jones, William Rieter, Jim Roetzel and Christina Sadowski**. Contrasting their views are images, video and text from noted historical collections covering the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

An Interactive kiosk allows people to give voice to thoughts, stories and memories, describing their own relationship with the river and balancing visual contemplation with ongoing conversation. Courtesy of Wick Poetry Center of Kent State as part of their NEA River Stanzas project.

In addition, video monitor(s) will present little-known clips dating back 50 years, including interviews and river montages in its polluted, improving and current state.

**Crooked River Contrasts** details an extraordinary story of resilience by both the natural world and the citizens of Northern Ohio! The story of the evolving partnership between industry, citizens and the civic landscape is rich and visually arresting. Themes address a major environmental event in U.S. history that led directly to the Clean Water Act, EPA and urgent action nationwide to curb unrestrained land, water and air pollution. Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes created a regional and national legacy.

Visitors will explore topics of community identity; making connections across several eras; our interdependence on natural areas; and shaping new dialogues and realities.

Historical images and video are courtesy of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cleveland Memory, NE OH Broadcast Archives, Kent Historical Society, Peninsula Historical Society and Western Reserve Historical Society.

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1. **MetroHealth Main Campus**, 2500 Metrohealth Drive, Cleveland - **April 1-June 30**
2. **Summit Artspace**, 140 East Market Street, Akron - **April 13-May 18**
3. **Kelvin Smith Library, CWRU**, 11055 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland - **April 15-Sept 2**
4. **Digital Light Blades, Tobey's Plaza, University Circle** - **Dates TBD**
5. **Cleveland Hopkins Airport - Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gallery** - **June 1-Dec 30**
6. **XTINGUISH Torch Fest**, Kent, Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Peninsula, CVNP, Cleveland Flats - **June 19-22**
7. **Standing Rock Cultural Arts, Kent**, 300 N. Water St., Kent - **July 1-31**
8. **The Magalen**, 5203 Fleet Ave., Cleveland - **Sept 1-Oct 31 (may extend to Nov 30)**
9. **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**, 1550 Boston Mills Rd. Peninsula – **Aug 31-Nov 3**  
MD Garage @ New Visitors Center, Seiberling Gallery
10. **Cuyahoga Community College, Eastern Campus** - 4250 Richmond Rd., Highland Hills, Mandel Scholars Academy - **Oct 20-Dec 15**
11. **West Creek Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks**, 2277 W. Ridgewood Drive – **Nov 4-Dec 30**