



# First Look

July 2025



View of panels from the traveling exhibition, *Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard*, from the second floor of the Atheneum, May 23, 2025.  
Photographer: Heidi Taylor-Caudill



# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

New Harmony, Indiana, is located in the Central Time Zone.



New Harmony Independence Day Celebration at the Atheneum, July 4, 2024. Photographer: David Angel.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 10 A.M. JULY 4

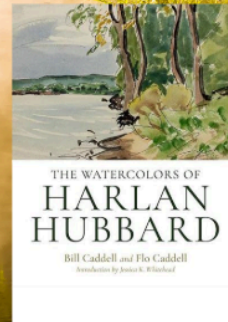
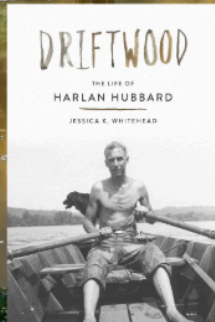
Join Historic New Harmony at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 4 at the Atheneum for the community's annual Independence Day Celebration in partnership with the Friends of the Working Men's Institute and the New Harmony Kiwanis. The celebration includes a keynote speech by Andrew Wilson, a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Karen Moser, and patriotic music led by the New Harmony Community Choir. A golf cart parade follows the event at the Atheneum and ends at Maclure Park with a community picnic.

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# DRIFTWOOD

*The Life of Harlan Hubbard*

**Book Talk and Signing with Jessica K. Whitehead,  
author of *Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard*  
and contributor to *The Watercolors of Harlan Hubbard***



**6 p.m. Saturday, July 12  
Atheneum Clowes Theater**

**This event is free and open to the public**

Atheneum Visitors Center, 401 North Arthur Street

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**BOOK TALK AND SIGNING BY JESSICA K. WHITEHEAD  
6 P.M. JULY 12**

Jessica K. Whitehead, author of *Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard*, will close out the traveling exhibition's run in New Harmony with a book talk and signing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 12 at the Atheneum Visitors Center. After the talk, New Harmony residents Donna and Wes Griffin will be performing acoustic music in the Atheneum lobby to accompany her book signing.

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Historic New Harmony tram tour near the David Lenz House, June 22, 2024. Photographer: David Angel.

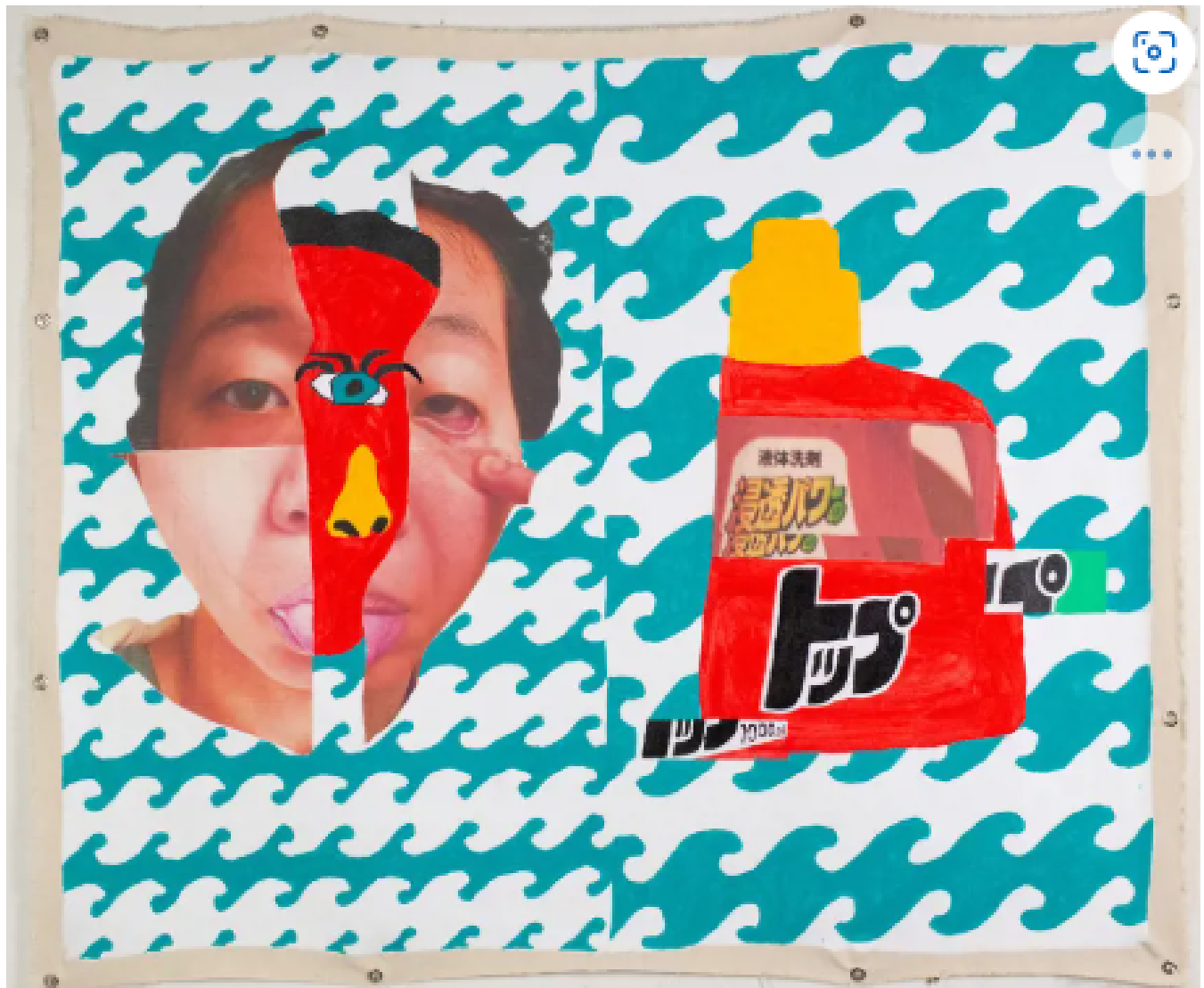
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## HISTORIC NEW HARMONY STAY & PLAY TRAM TOURS 3-4:30 P.M. JULY 20

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 20, the Ribeyre Center will host 20 vendors onsite for a Wedding Showcase and Bridal Fashion Show. Historic New Harmony is offering free Tram Tours of New Harmony, including places to stay and sights to see, starting at 3 p.m.-Please register for the Tram Tours by calling the Atheneum Visitors Center at 812-682-4474.

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# EXHIBITS



Skye Taniai, *Self Portrait with Japanese Laundry Detergent* (2023). Image courtesy of the artist.

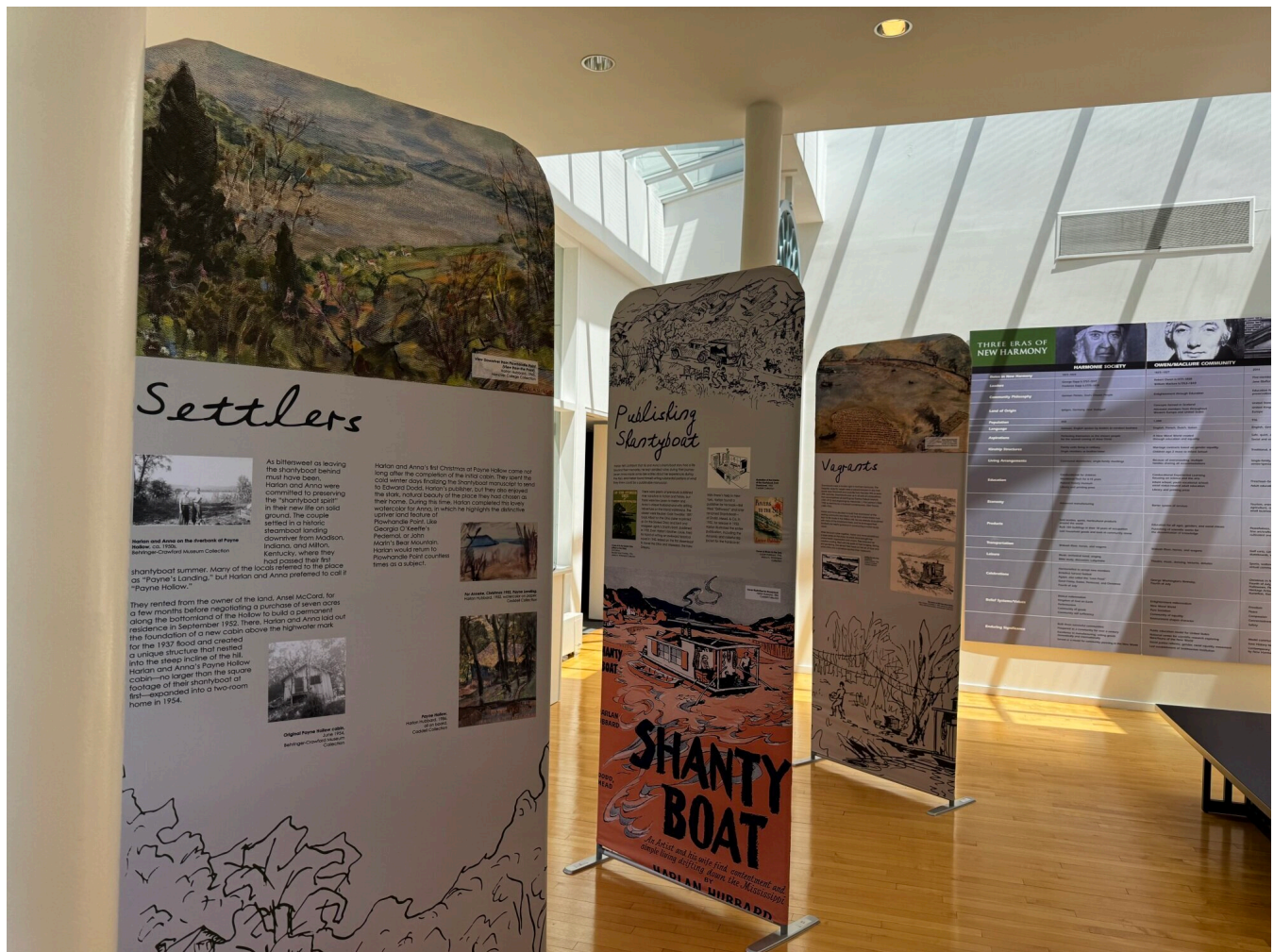
New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

***LIMINAL WORLDS***  
**JULY 12-AUGUST 23**

Curated by Kimi Kitada, *Liminal Worlds* considers the hybrid, multicultural identities of Asian American artists in the Midwest region through the work of seven artists. The featured artists work expansively across printmaking, sculpture, painting, and moving images, including works by Heehyun Choi, Daeun Lim, Lisa Maione, William Plummer, Skye Taniai, Heinrich Toh and Hope-Lian Vinson.

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Panels from the traveling exhibition, *Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard*, May 2025. Photographer: Heidi Taylor-Caudill.

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## DRIFTWOOD: THE LIFE OF HARLAN HUBBARD ON EXHIBIT THROUGH JULY 12

*Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard* is a traveling panel exhibit based on Jessica K. Whitehead's new biography of visionary northern Kentucky artist, writer and sustainability pioneer Harlan Hubbard (1900–88). Often compared to Henry David Thoreau for his simple, self-sufficient lifestyle, Hubbard and his wife, Anna, spent eight years journeying down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers on a shantyboat and then built a home at Payne Hollow, Kentucky. Hubbard's books about their river journey and lifestyle that rejected consumer culture inspired back-to-nature movements in the 1960s and 1970s.

*Driftwood* will be on display at the Athenaeum Visitors Center through Saturday, July 12.

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Christopher Blay, *Signals and Satellites to the AncesStars* (2025). Image courtesy of the artist and New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

## **SIGNALS AND SATELLITES TO THE ANCESSTARS BY CHRISTOPHER BLAY ON EXHIBIT THROUGH LATE AUGUST**

Christopher Blay's temporary public art project located at Maclure Square, *Signals and Satellites to the AncesStars*, forms a dialogue with the layered histories present along the shores of the Wabash River and in New Harmony. The installation evokes the origin myths of the Osage and Myaamia nations who originally inhabited land in present-day Indiana and believed their ancestors emerged from the celestial sky and from bodies of water. The sculpture also plays homage to the early Black pioneers arriving in this area in the early 19th century in what was then the Northwest Territory, as these early homesteaders often navigated trails by starlight. This sculptural installation forms a satellite array made from steel and natural materials that "beams" out layered narratives invoking regional history.

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**





## HISTORIC NEW HARMONY IS A BLUE STAR MUSEUM

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Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and museums across America, offering free admission at participating museums to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve. The 2025 program started on Armed Forces Day (May 17) and runs through Labor Day (September 1).

Historic New Harmony is honored to be a Blue Star Museum. Free tours will be offered for active-duty military members and up to five family members, with a military ID, through Labor Day. Please contact the Atheneum Visitors Center with any questions about our tours and other programs: 812-682-4474.

TOUR INFORMATION

NOTABLE DATES



## USI IN NEW HARMONY CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Historic New Harmony's office and the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will be closed on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. The Atheneum Visitors Center will be open as normal from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

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### **'Signals and Satellites to the AncesStars' Closing Event Block Party**

4-6 p.m. August 28 at Maclure Square (corner of Main and Church Streets)

Join the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art and artist Christopher Blay for an afternoon of fun celebrating the closing of temporary public art project, "Signals and Satellites to the AncesStars" with music, food and art making. Free and open to the public.

### **"Look Both Ways: 50 Years at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art" Celebrating 50 Years of Art Exhibitions at the Gallery + 40 Years with the University of Southern Indiana**

September 6-November 9 at New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (506 Main Street)

Organized by NHGCA Curator Audra Verona Lambert, this survey show coalesces highlights from 50 years of exhibitions at the gallery and looks ahead to 50+ more years of experimentation and artistic expression!



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