

WHAT IS YOUR ARKANSAS STORY?

MAKE ART WITH AMFA

Join the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (AMFA) in celebrating Arkansas and America 250 through Community Created—an art project that invites everyone to contribute to a collective work of art.

Inspired by AMFA's painting *Clay County Farm* by Thomas Hart Benton, design a postcard that illustrates everyday life in Arkansas. Consider highlighting the diverse people, places, and stories across our state. What is your Arkansas story?

When your creation is complete, mail your postcard to the Museum. Your contribution will be added to an art installation on view at AMFA in summer 2026. Be on the lookout for your invitation to visit AMFA and see the installation. Let's celebrate Arkansas and America 250 together!



**COMMUNITY
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AMERICA 250



Visit arkmf.org for full project details, to find inspiration, related programming, and more.

Thomas Hart Benton (Neosho, Missouri, 1889 - 1975, Kansas City, Missouri), *Clay County Farm*, 1971, oil on canvas, 32 × 22 in., Bequest from the Estates of Louise and Fred Dierks, 2012.008.001.

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1. DISCOVER



Look closely at AMFA's painting *Clay County Farm* by Thomas Hart Benton.

A leading American artist, Benton's work highlights the lives of everyday Americans. In *Clay County Farm* notice Benton's use of curving lines, rhythmic composition, and vibrant colors.

Benton's art reflects his connection to his home state of Missouri. Most of his art focuses rural and working-class life, including scenes of Arkansas.

What words would you use to describe this landscape? What story do you think is being told? If you stepped into the painting, what would you hear, see, smell, and feel?

2. REFLECT

Arkansas is rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Like Thomas Hart Benton, think about the people and stories that inspire you about your community.



PEOPLE

Who is someone from Arkansas — past or present — whose character, actions, or values inspire you?



PLACES

Where in Arkansas feels meaningful to you? How does that place reflect the spirit of the state?



STORIES

What Arkansas story, history, or tradition do you want to share with others?

3. CREATE



Join Community Created: America 250 by designing a postcard celebrating life in Arkansas.

- Your illustration can feature a single story or a combination of ideas.
- Add the name of who or what inspires you in your design or on the back.
- Be creative! Use any art supplies and materials to make your postcard.

Visit arkmfa.org or email connect@arkmfa.org to request a pack of 30 Community Created postcards or visit the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts to pick up packs or individual postcards.

- Prefer to use your own materials? Any 5.5 inch x 8.5 inch paper will fit the project dimensions.
- When your creation is complete, fill out the contact form on the back before mailing. For homemade postcards, don't forget to include your name, city, school or organization, and state region: Central, NE, NW, SE, or SW.

4. CONNECT

Share your postcard with AMFA to be included in the Community Created: America 250 collaborative art installation to be unveiled in summer 2026.

- Drop off or mail postcards to: Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, 501 East Ninth Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
- If you are submitting for a group or want to keep your original artwork, visit arkmfa.org for details.

Additional America 250 Activities:

- Visit AMFA and tour the galleries to see Benton's *Clay County Farm* and the work of other artists exploring America 250 themes. To schedule a Museum tour guide, visit arkmfa.org.
- Be sure to visit AMFA's calendar for additional America 250 events.