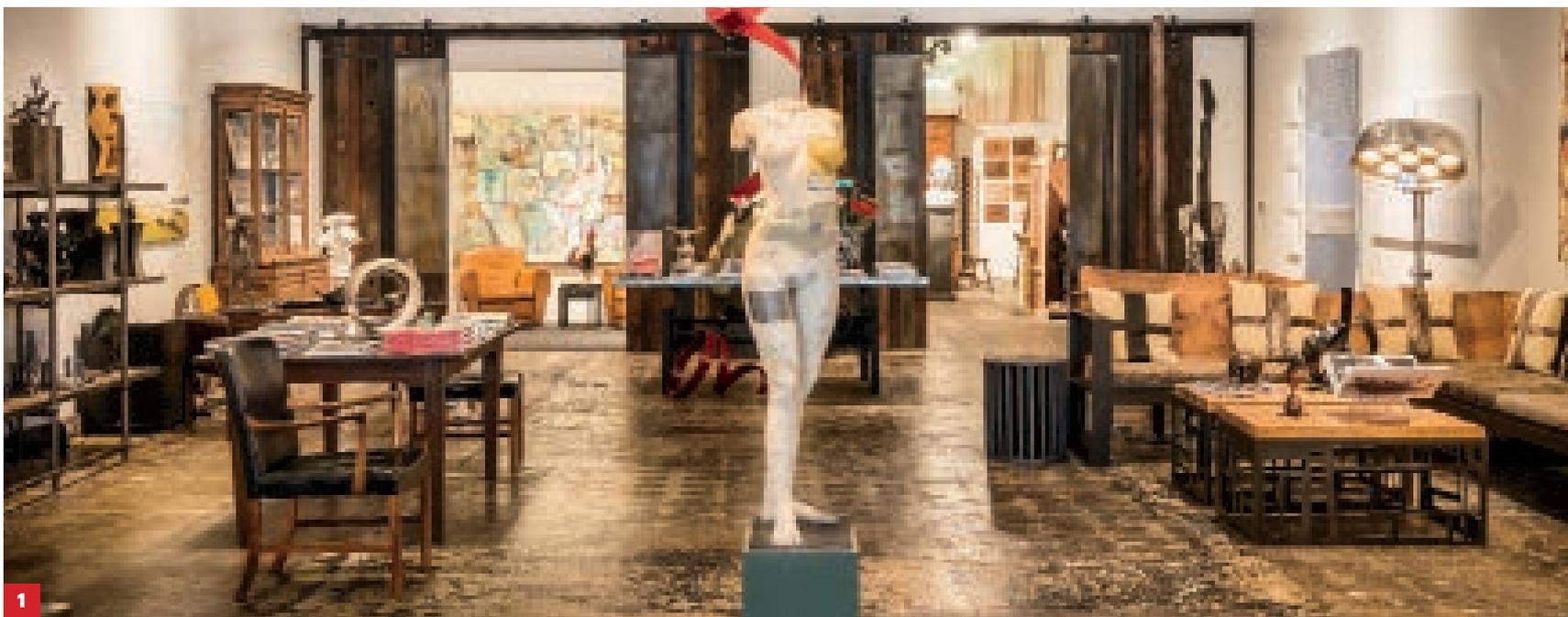


# GALLERY-HOPPING IN HEALDSBURG

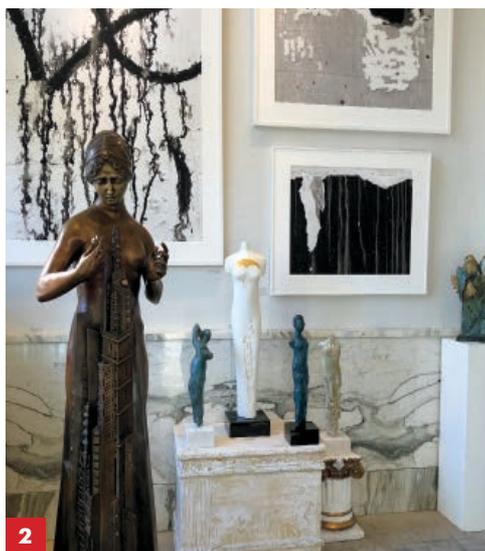
CHECK OUT THE FIRST-RATE ART ON VIEW IN THIS INVITING SONOMA COUNTY TOWN.



**HEALDSBURG HAS LONG BEEN A FAVORITE DESTINATION** for wine lovers, foodies, and those who simply want to spend a day or two enjoying this improbably picturesque getaway.

But in-the-know visitors also appreciate how this once-rural town has become an artistic hot spot. Take a stroll around the leafy central plaza and you'll see how Healdsburg teems with galleries featuring both internationally renowned and local artists. Here are a few of the finest:

**1. Aerena Gallery:** This open, airy space has sister locations in Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville. **2. Stafford Gallery:** Located in the historic Bank of Italy building, Stafford Gallery features award-winning bronze and wood sculpture.



## **Aerena Gallery**

The artists represented by this distinguished gallery—which also has locations in Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville—include some of the region's best. Keep an eye out for gorgeous, atmospheric landscapes by Kate Salenfriend and Alison Haley Paul. [aerenagalleries.bespokecollection.com](http://aerenagalleries.bespokecollection.com).

## **Erickson Fine Art Gallery**

Located in a magnificent building just off the plaza, Erickson Fine Art Gallery features three stories of light-filled exhibition space and a pleasing sculpture garden. This gallery showcases contemporary paintings, sculpture, and mixed media. Of special interest are the sophisticated portraiture by Carlos Perez and kinetic sculpture by Jerome Kirk. [ericksonfineartgallery.com](http://ericksonfineartgallery.com).

## **Healdsburg Center for the Arts**

This dynamic nonprofit presents a new exhibition almost every month, often highlighting the unexpectedly brilliant work of local students. A much-beloved institution in the community, the Center also hosts performances and holds workshops on various art forms and techniques. [healdsburgcenterforthearts.org](http://healdsburgcenterforthearts.org).

## **J. Howell Fine Art**

Right on the plaza is J. Howell Fine Art, highly regarded for its collection of contemporary California artists. For a selection of stunning landscapes that capture the magical light of Sonoma County and beyond, look no further. [jhowellfineart.com](http://jhowellfineart.com).

## **Paul Mahder Gallery**

With more than 10,500 square feet of exhibition space and 30-foot-high ceilings, Paul Mahder Gallery is easily the largest gallery in town. Expect to see a variety of works in different media, including original drawings by Oscar Camilo de las Flores and mesmerizing paintings by Ethiopia-born Wosene Worke Kosrof. [paulmahdergallery.com](http://paulmahdergallery.com).

## **Stafford Gallery**

This impressive gallery describes itself as a celebration of “the exceptional, the unique, the eclectic,” and its collection of paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and jewelry certainly meets that criteria. Leo E. Osborne’s enchanting wildlife sculptures are among the standout artworks on view here. [staffordgallery.com](http://staffordgallery.com). —Deborah Kirk