

Sketchwalk 2026

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A day of **free** Sketchwalks: University of Chicago campus

Hosted by Usk Chicago

Open to all and welcoming regional USk Chapters

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9am-4pm



Morning (AM) Route

- 9:00am Gather at Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (1155 E 58th St)
Demo by **Michael Kelley** (9:15-9:45)
- 9-11:30am Start sketching at ISAC area, then walk east to Robie House, then
South on Woodlawn to Rockefeller Chapel (see AM map, next slide)
- 11:30am Group throwdown and photo at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel (5850
S Woodlawn Ave); **Sketch a gargoyle and participate in raffle!**

Lunch on your own in the area (or bring a bag lunch!)

- Plein Air Café (5751 Woodlawn Ave)

55th street eateries:

- Nella Pizza e Pasta (1125 E 55th St)
- Fairgrounds Coffee and Tea (5500a S University Ave)
- Roux (1055 55th St)
- Saucy Porka (1164 E 55th St)
- The Nile (1162 E 55th St)

57th street eateries:

- TrueNorth Cafe (1323 E 57th St)
- Medici (1327 E 57th St)
- Noodles etc. (1333 E 57th St)
- Salonica (1440 E 57th St)
- Subway (1449 E 57th St)



Start morning here

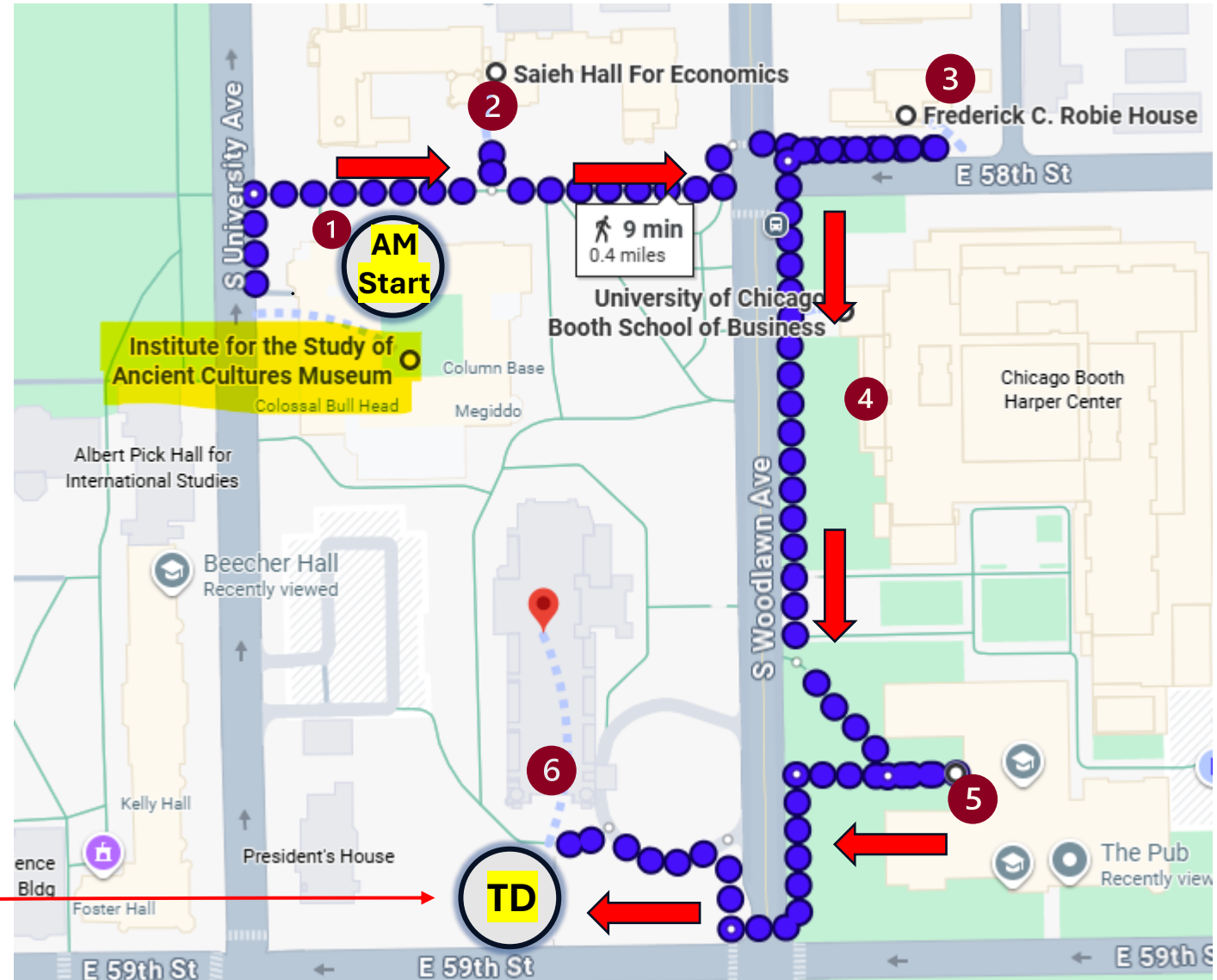


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Morning (AM) Route

- Start at **Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (ISAC)** Walk and sketch along route:
 - Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum, 1155 E 58th St
 - Saieh Hall For Economics, 5757 S University Ave
 - Frederick C. Robie House, 5757 S Woodlawn Ave
 - University of Chicago Booth School of Business, 5807 S Woodlawn Ave
 - Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St
 - Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S Woodlawn Ave
- AM Throwdown (TD) at: **Rockefeller Memorial Chapel**

TD=Throwdown location

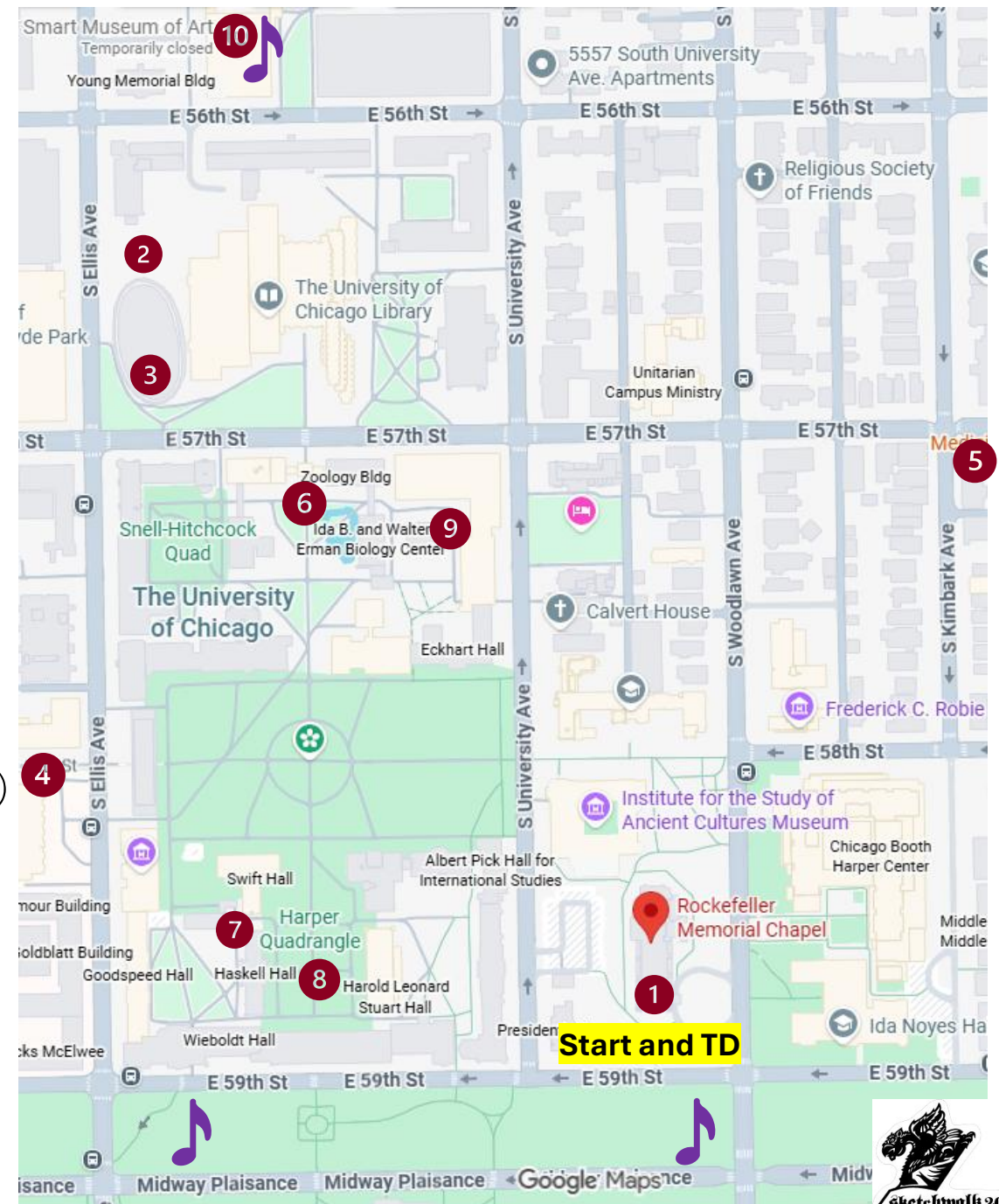


Afternoon (PM) Route

- 1-4pm Start at the front of Rockefeller Chapel and explore University Campus (see next slide) and the Hyde Park Jazz festival.
- 1:15-1:45 Demo by **Joel Berman** at the starting point + Jazz
- 4:00pm Throwdown (TD) and group photo at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S Woodlawn Ave
- 4:30pm Drink and draw at: Jimmy's Woodlawn Tap (1172 E 55th St)

Sketch a gargoyle and participate in raffle!

🎵 - Hyde Park Jazz Festival location



PM Sketching Spots

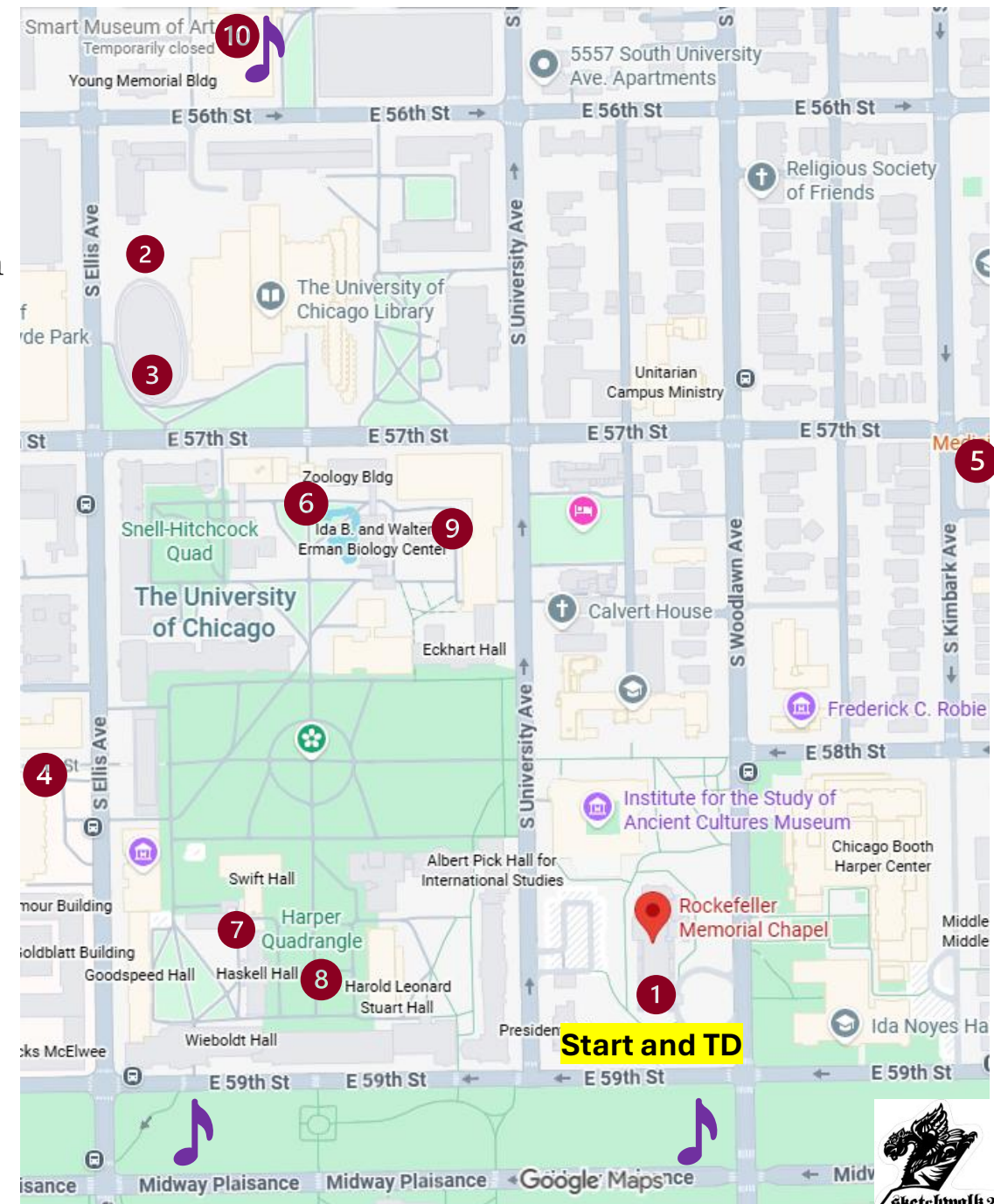
PM Sketching Spots:

1. Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 S Woodlawn Ave – Start, Throwdown [TD], Demo)
2. Nuclear Energy Sculpture, 5625 S Ellis Ave
3. The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, 1100 E 57th St
4. The University of Chicago Bookstore & Café, 970 E 58th St
5. 57th Street Books, 1301 E 57th St
6. Cobb Gate, Hull Gate, and Botany Pond
7. Bond Chapel, 1025 E 58th St
8. Harper Quadrangle/Library, 5555 S Ellis Ave
9. Hutchinson Courtyard, 1131 E 57th St
10. Smart Museum of Art (part of Jazz fest)

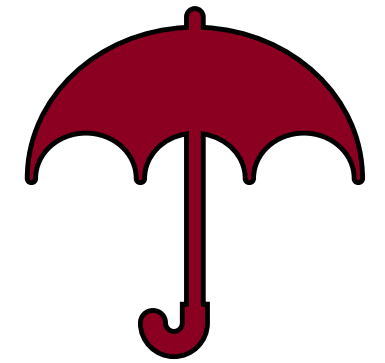
Look up for gargoyles on the buildings!



- Hyde Park Jazz Festival location

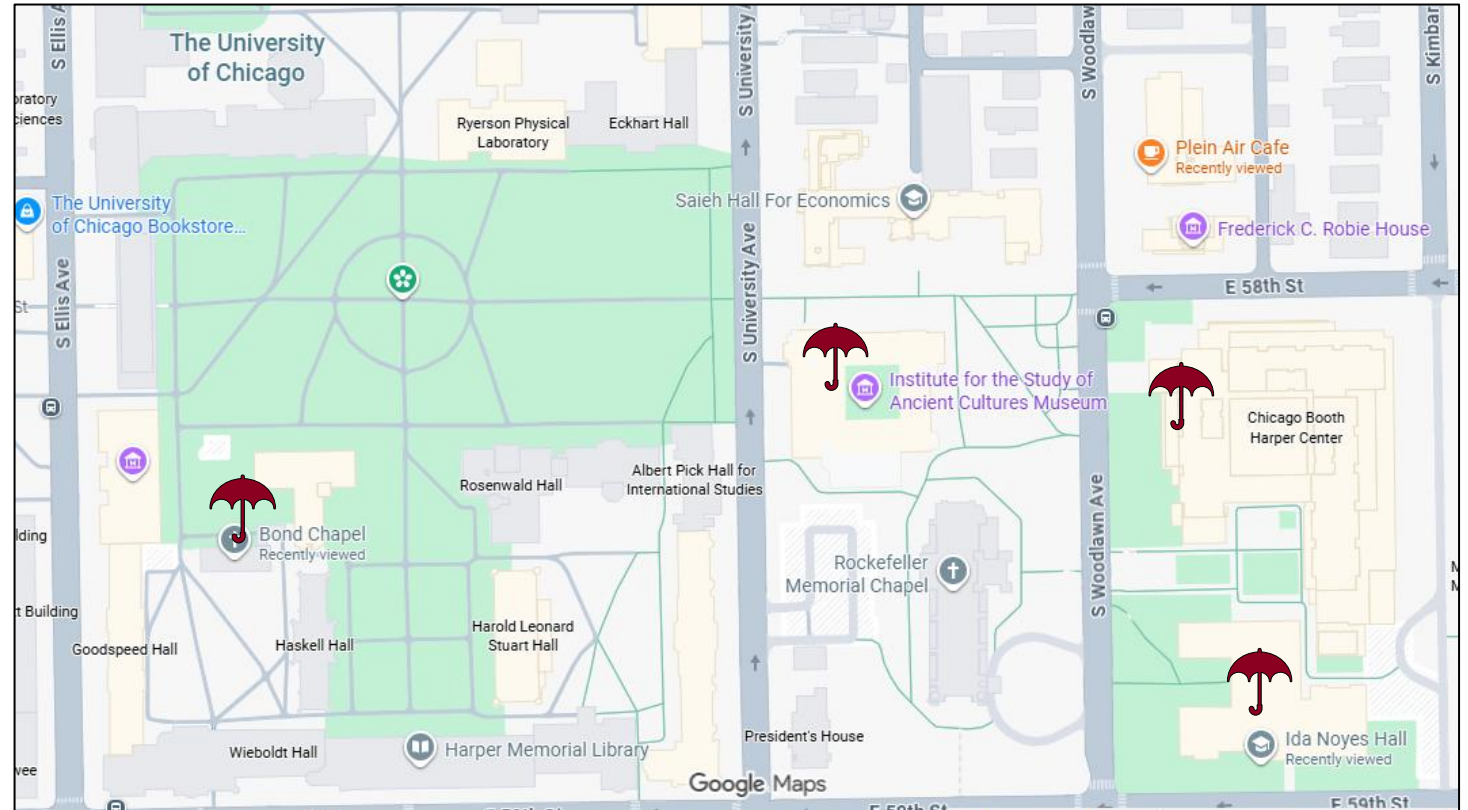


Rainy Day Plan



In case of inclement weather, there are plenty of covered spots:

- Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St – the cloisters off Woodlawn Ave
- Bond Chapel Cloisters
- ISAC
- Booth Harper center cantilevered entrance
- Most on-campus buildings have overhangs



Meet your **AM** Demo Artist

Michael Kelley



Michael first joined Urban Sketchers Chicago in June 2025 while visiting the Windy City from his lifelong home of Texas. He is a proud new Chicago urban sketcher who likes to share with fellow new urban sketchers what he has learned from 2025 and 2026 USk Chicago Sketch Seminars, Sketch Camps, and sketch walks. Michael and his partner, Trish, a fellow USk Chicago member, moved this year to Brookfield from Texas with their two dogs and cat and are loving living their lives to the fullest in Chicago with their fellow sketchy friends. Michael will teach about basic supplies to start urban sketching.

Meet your **PM** Demo Artist

Joel Berman



Joel Berman champions freehand sketching as an essential tool for conceptual design, embracing its speed and intimacy to translate ideas quickly and clearly. His sketches, drawn with a keen architectural eye, aim to show the immediate, emotional truth found in the world around us. A self-proclaimed “River Rat,” Joel lives on the Chicago River, which serves as a constant muse and backdrop for his artwork.

Meet your Sketchwalk hosts:

Hosts will meet at the times and locations listed in the itinerary and generally follow the mapped routes. Feel free to sketch at your own pace and location – you can choose to stay with the group or sketch on your own. Just meet up for the throwdown, photo, and drink & draw!

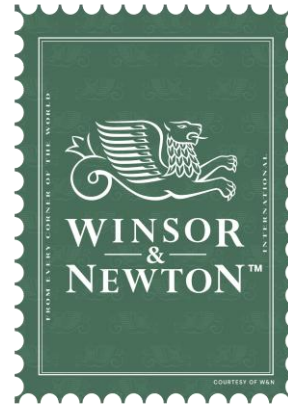


Bernabe Martinez



Olga Kornfeld

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for providing prizes and
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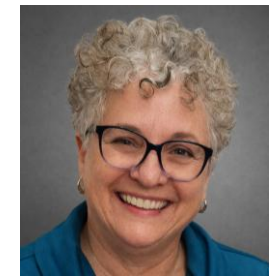
THANK YOU

Meet the Welcome Crew and Drink&Draw hosts:

The Welcoming volunteers (W) will greet you, and make sure you get stickers, stamps, and name tags. Follow the Drink and Draw hosts (DD) for more sketching and fun at Jimmy's.



Sydnye Cohen
W



Sheila Cahnman
W



Michael Kelley
DD



Trish Bergen
DD

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USEFUL NOTES

- **Transportation / Parking**
 - Metra: Metra Electric (ME) line “59th St./University of Chicago” stop
 - CTA: #6 bus, #55 bus
 - Park along University Ave, 59th St, Woodlawn Ave, etc (parking may be limited, zoned)
- As always, attendance is at your own risk, USk Chicago bears no responsibility. Be safe.
- We sketch in the rain. If storms are present, revert to the recommended rain locations.
- We are guests. Students/University staff are present. Conduct yourselves accordingly, the gargoyles are watching.

