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A TRIP TO THE POLK

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**"The Moon Museum (1969): Apollo XII's Secret Art Mission"** tells the story of a super-secret mission to install art on the moon. Sculptor Forrest "Frosty" Myers asked fellow artists Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, Claes Oldenburg, John Chamberlain and David Novros to create drawings that he then transferred to a tiny ceramic wafer with the help of Bell Laboratories. He contacted NASA officials

and requested it be included in the flight to the moon but they weren't interested. So he claims an unnamed engineer attached it to the landing gear of the moon module that would be left behind after it returned to the ship. No one can verify the claim but I hope it's true.

You can see a duplicate in "Moon Museum," along with vintage photographs, film shot by the astronauts and related artifacts. It opens Tuesday and continues through Oct. 3.

The Polk Museum is at 800 E Palmetto St., Lakeland. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. [polkmuseumofart.org](http://polkmuseumofart.org) or (863) 688-7743.

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