

Muscatine Art Center

Hosting *Sean Kenney's Nature Connects® Made with LEGO bricks®* was a team effort, and the Muscatine Art Center team thanks all involved - the board members who maneuvered heavy crates, the weekend staff who worked extra hours, the Public Works crew who unloaded and loaded the trucks, and the volunteers who helped with school groups, greeted visitors, and put up posters around town. For this exhibition, the team went above and beyond. The staff worked a few holidays, managed multiple years of payments, secured several grants, launched a large marketing campaign, and fielded lots of phone calls. We are so appreciative of everyone who helped make the exhibition a success and to **Stanley M. Howe** whose generous bequest made it possible.

While the Nature Connects exhibition will be a highlight for several years, there are many exciting exhibitions in 2022. See page 2 for details on **exhibitions** on view this quarter. Congratulations to the Art Array artists! Our thanks to jurors Jennifer Saintfort and Dawn Wohlford-Metallo for their work on the exhibition and to the Muscatine County Arts Council for providing area artists this opportunity. Congratulations to the **Muscatine Junior High and High School** students in this year's student exhibition! And, do not miss the exhibitions of work by **William Havlicek** and **Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti**.

Page 3 spotlights two programs on the **Japanese Garden**. The rehabilitation of the garden is the largest project to take place at 1314 Mulberry since the 2016-17 facility upgrades. For many years, the staff considered several options for improving conditions in the garden. The water feature has not recirculated water for decades, making it necessary to keep the stream dry most of the time. Staff has also observed issues with the yews such as brown spots and limbs so overgrown they cannot support their own weight. By following the **Historic Landscape Preservation Plan** developed by Heidi Hohmann, the historic character will be returned to the garden. To get there, however, many, many trees will be removed in 2022. There will be periods of time when the sidewalk between the Cedar Street parking lot and the main entrance on the Mulberry side will be blocked. Please be patient as the project enters a more active phase. Two grants are funding the project: the **Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program** and the **Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust**.

Work in the Japanese Garden is on scheduled for completion in May 2023.

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Ornamental Sumac in the Japanese Garden, Photograph, circa 1930, Gift of William Atkins McWhirter

Stanley Gallery Exhibitions

Student Art Exhibition

Featuring the work of Muscatine Junior High and Senior High Students
March 10 - May 15, 2022

Celebrate the creativity of local students! Visit with the student artists, art teachers, and partners from Muscatine Sister Cities and Global Education at the Stanley Center during the reception at the Muscatine Art Center on Thursday, March 31 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Remarks at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Free Admission.



Where Children Sleep:

Photographs by James Mollison

May 26 - August 21, 2022

Photographer James Mollison presents the diverse stories of children from around the world, told through portraits and pictures of their bedrooms. Mollison addresses the complex situations and social issues affecting children by documenting the bedrooms of children in all kinds of different circumstances.



Hang, 5, Beijing, China

Historic House Exhibitions

Art Array 2022 - Muscatine County Arts Council

March 18 - May 29, 2022

Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti

Through May 15, 2022

Art Array: Peter Xiao,

Rumor Mill Clouds, Oil on Masonite



The Sanctuary of the Sun: Seasons and Time by William Havlicek

June 2 - September 11, 2022

Meet artist William Havlicek on June 2 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Havlicek grew up in Cedar Rapids and graduated from the University of Iowa.

While he now lives in California, his roots are in Iowa.

William Havlicek, Sanctuary of the Sun #2



Linkage Showcase

Incredible Minds: Muscatine Authors

March 9 - August 21, 2022



Rehabilitation of the Historic Japanese Garden

Thursday, April 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

2022 will be a transformational year for Laura Musser McColm's historic Japanese Garden. How did the Muscatine Art Center staff and board determine the scope of work for the garden project? What steps will take place this spring, summer, and fall? How is the project funded? Muscatine Art Center Director, Melanie Alexander, will discuss the project goals and describe the roles of the individuals and companies involved. A question and answer session will follow.



Laura Musser McColm's Japanese Garden and Early 20th Century Japanese Gardens in the Midwest

Sunday, May 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

In 2021, Beth Cody, author of *Iowa Gardens of the Past*, researched Laura Musser McColm's Japanese Garden, placing it in historical context and exploring the influences behind the garden. In this presentation, Cody will discuss Japanese Gardens at the World's Fairs, landscape designers who created some of the earliest Japanese Gardens in the Midwest, the fate of many Japanese-style gardens during World War II, and other influences connected to the garden at 1314 Mulberry Avenue. A grant from Humanities Iowa funded the project, and a booklet about the garden will be available at the Muscatine Art Center this summer.



RED CEDAR
CHAMBER
MUSIC

Presents "Brinton Surprise"

Sunday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.

This multi-media extravaganza features magic lantern slides and early silent films from the Brinton Collection of early entertainment materials accompanied by chamber music. Philip Wharton has created a magical score for *The Fairy of Springtime*, a 1902 French film which features hand-painted color. Michael Kimber has scored *Venetian Tragedy*, a nine-minute drama with a surprise ending. And new to Red

Cedar for this project, a duo of French composers, Jean-Francois Charles and Nicolas Sidoroff, have teamed up to create a major multi-media work which explores the life of the great French filmmaker Georges Méliès, best known for the 2011 film *Hugo*. Historian Michael Zahs joins the core ensemble - violinist Miera Kim and cellist Carey Bostian - as well as guest artists guitarist John Dowdall and flutist Claudia Anderson for this entertaining program. Free Admission.

Detail from Shawl belonging to Laura Musser McColm

For Kids

mini masters

Ages 2-7



Introduce your children to the world of art with free art classes. Each class consists of a story and two art projects! **Classes meet Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. & Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.** Advanced registration is required. If you prefer to stay home, classes will also be pre-recorded and can be viewed on the Muscatine Art Center Mini Masters Facebook page. Classes are subject to change so check our Facebook page and our website for up-to-date information. To become a member of the Facebook group, you can request permission to be added. Links to the pre-recorded videos are on our YouTube channel. Classes are FREE! Call 563-263-8282 to register.

April

Poetry

April is National Poetry Month, so let's celebrate by reading some fun stories in the form of poems and creating something fun to go along with the poems.

April 6 & 7: *A Giraffe and a Half*

April 13 & 14:

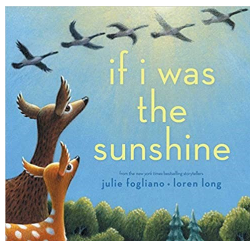
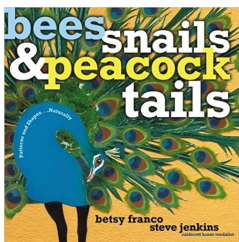
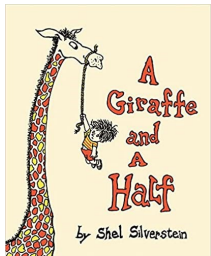
Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?

April 20 & 21:

Bees, Snails and Peacock Tails

April 27 & 28:

If I Was the Sunshine



May

Silly Stories

For the month of May, we'll get silly and read some imaginative books and make some silly creations!

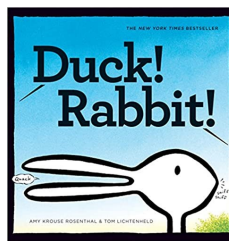
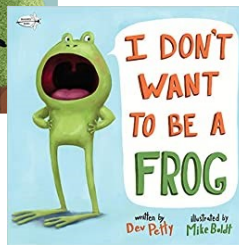
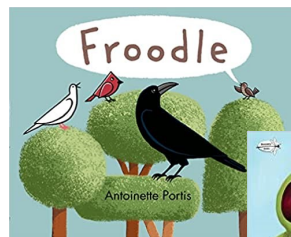
May 4 & 5: *Froodle*

May 11 & 12:

I Don't Want to Be a Frog

May 18 & 19: *This is a Taco!*

May 25 & 26: *Duck! Rabbit!*



June

Under the Sea

This month we'll explore the oceans and the creatures that live in them. We will create our own versions of the sea creatures we encounter!

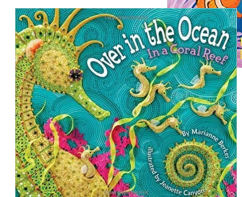
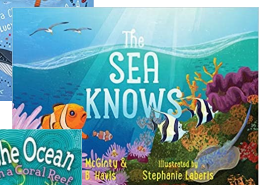
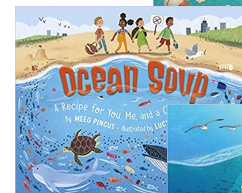
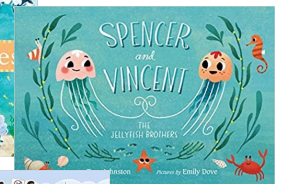
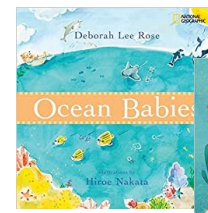
June 1 & 2: *Ocean Babies*

June 8 & 9: *Spencer and Vincent, The Jellyfish Brothers*

June 15 & 16: *Ocean Soup*

June 22 & 23: *The Sea Knows*

June 29 & 30: *Over in the Ocean In a Coral Reef*



KIDS SATURDAY WORKSHOPS *Ages 7-14* *Advanced registration required*

One Saturday a month, join Miss Julie to create your own masterpieces! In these workshops, kids can paint like a famous artist, learn about another culture, celebrate different holidays, and so much more - each workshop offers something different! **These free workshops are held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the date listed.**

Paint Like Van Gogh! - *Saturday, April 30, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch painter who is one of the most famous artists in history. He created over 2,000 artworks characterized by bold colors and dramatic brushworks. Although he was not famous during his lifetime, his painting *The Starry Night* is one of the most recognized works of art in the world. **Join Miss Julie Saturday, April 30** to learn more about the famous artist and recreate your own vase of sunflowers just like Van Gogh! Please register by April 28.



Happy Birthday, Frank Stella! - *Saturday, May 14, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

Frank Stella is an American painter, sculptor, and printmaker. He became famous in the early 1960s for his bright, geometric paintings and oddly shaped canvases. He lives and works in New York City, and has been influential in the modern art movement since the beginning of his career. **Join Miss Julie Saturday, May 14** to celebrate Stella's birthday by recreating one of his famous "protractor" paintings. Please register by May 12.



Happy Birthday, Jim Dine! - *Saturday, June 18, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.*

Jim Dine is an American artist whose work includes painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and photography. Dine has been associated with numerous art movements throughout his career. Much of his art focuses on self-reflection and includes numerous motifs such as hearts. **Join Miss Julie Saturday, June 18** to celebrate Dine's birthday by creating a painting inspired by the artist. Please register by June 16.



SUMMER WORKSHOPS *Ages 7-14* *Advance registration required*

The Visiting Artist Summer Workshops for Kids are back this summer at the Muscatine Art Center! These workshops are supported by Quad City Arts, through the Arts Dollars re-granting program, supported by the Illinois Arts Council Agency and the Hubbell-Waterman Foundation. The program aims to fund special art projects throughout the Quad Cities and surrounding communities. Workshops are **free** of charge. Please register by June 28.

Creepy Crawlers - *June 29, June 30, & July 1, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.*

Elementary art teachers Nancy Foxen and Mary Alice Sessler are back to lead another workshop together this summer! The theme for these workshops is "creepy crawlers"! Create a 3D colorful paper chameleon, corrugated paper insects, and a symmetrical cicada.



Take Home Projects

Stop by the Muscatine Art Center during open hours and grab a "Take & Make" bag. Each bag contains a few projects that you can complete at home with just a few additional supplies. These bags are free to pick up while supplies last.



Spring Crafts
Available May 3 - 8



4th of July Crafts
Available June 24 - July 3

Free For Families

Easter Sugar Eggs - Saturday, April 9, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Sugar eggs have been made for decades, though the history of the sweet Easter confection is relatively unknown. It consists of an egg-shaped shell made out of sugar that is decorated with frosting. It's kept open to view a little scene made of frosting and other sweets. **Join Miss Julie to celebrate spring by making a sugary egg just in time for Easter.** Please register by April 7.



Kids Open Studio - April 16 & May 7, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Let's get creative! Join Program Coordinator Katy in the studio for a Kids Open Studio! **Kids and their families can drop in anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on the days above to try their hands at different crafts and art projects provided.** Registrations are not required for this free drop in workshop. Projects appropriate for ages 4 -14.

Eulenspiegel Production - Friday, June 10, 12:30 p.m.

Uncle Rabbit's Adventures (Las Aventuras de Tio Conejo) combines two trickster tales into one delightful story celebrating the victory of the small but clever rabbit over his larger, wealthier, and more powerful adversary. This story is presented bilingually and features live music. The performance will be held in the Brad Burns Performing Arts Park (on Mulberry, next to the Muscatine Art Center). Bring a sack lunch to enjoy before the performance! In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the Muscatine Art Center. Free Admission.



Family Picnic - Friday, June 24, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

This June, gather your family and some snacks and join us for a family picnic! Families are encouraged to spread out on the Muscatine Art Center lawn while enjoying calliope music, free ice cream, window painting, and "Take & Make" projects to complete at home. There is no registration for this free event. **Free ice cream sponsored by Kent Corporation.**



Live Animals with Muscatine County Conservation

In partnership with the Muscatine County Conservation Board, join us in the Brad Burns Performing Arts Park (on Mulberry, next to the Muscatine Art Center) to learn about some animals with naturalist Michelle Berns! Kids will get to see live animals and hear about animal habitats and habits. Then, make a craft inspired by that animal to take home! In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the Muscatine Art Center studio. There is no registration for this free event.

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Raptors (studio only)

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Snakes

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Turtles



The Tree of Acknowledgement

Saturday, May 7, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and Friday, June 24, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Local residents are invited to help create a commissioned sculpture for the Stanley Center for Peace and Security. Nancy Judd (*Alterations: Tailored Solutions to Climate Change*) and artist Deana Dartt, PhD (Coastal Chumash, Mestiza) aim to bring public awareness to our colonial history and the ongoing injustices faced by Native peoples. The large metal tree will be welded from aluminum railings salvaged from the old Musser Public Library and covered in leaves cut from withdrawn/deleted library book pages. The leaves will be painted green and inscribed with reflective statements.

Native and non-Native people will be involved at every stage in the process of this community-based sculpture. This spring and summer, the Muscatine Art Center will present opportunities to cut and paint leaves. **Join us during the May 7 Kids Open Studio and the Family Picnic on June 24 to participate in this project. No registration required.**

The process of creating the Tree of Acknowledgement is a conversation, a collaborative, and on-going exploration of what meaningful reparations in action for Native peoples can mean. Muscatine is on the ancestral homelands of the Kiiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Sauk and Meskwaki, and the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ (Dakota/Lakota/Nakoda (Sioux) Nations.



Adult Studio

Red Barn Studio with Vada Baker - *Sundays 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.*

Local artist Vada Baker gives step-by-step instructions on how to complete your project. Create a project just like Vada or add your own personal flair. Learn new techniques and have all your questions answered in this fun studio class you won't want to miss! Fees are \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. Advanced registration required. Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.

April 10

Ocean Waves Watercolor



May 15

Underwater Watercolor



June 12

Eagle Feather Painting



Thursday Night Makerspace - *Thursdays 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.*

Join our Program Coordinator Katy on select Thursday nights to create fun projects to decorate your home or give as gifts. Painted signs, keychains, fabric bowls, stepping stones, and more - there's always something new to try! Fees are \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. Advanced registration required. Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.

April 21

Painting on Photo Paper



May 19

Wood Garden Signs



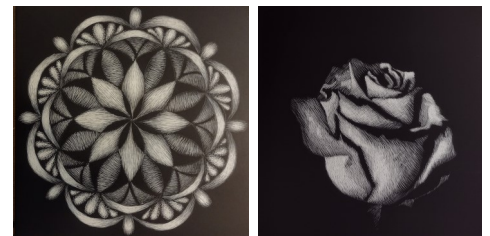
June 16

Garden Stepping Stones



Introduction to Scratchboard - *Saturday, April 23, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.*

Danna Fruetel, Vice President of Iowa Artists (iowaartists.us) leads this introduction to scratchboard. During the workshop, participants will try several techniques and tools. Fee is \$25 or \$20 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. Advanced registration required. Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.



Living Proof Exhibit (LPE) Creative Sessions

Living Proof Exhibit provides the therapeutic benefits of the arts to those impacted by cancer. Each month LPE partners with different community organizations throughout the Quad Cities and beyond to bring free Creative Sessions to patients, survivors, families, and caregivers. Advanced registration required by calling the Muscatine Art Center at 563-263-8282 or online at livingproofexhibit.org/creative-sessions. Free of charge.

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Accordion Books with Megan Bishop

Thursday, June 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Acrylic Mixed Media on Canvas with Gina Kirschbaum



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The "Friends" organization provides **critical funding** for program development, student studio art **scholarships**, **busing** for schools, and **stipends** for interns.

As a "Friends" member, you will be among the first to **learn** about upcoming exhibitions, classes, and events. Members receive **discount admission** on select events and

a **reduced fee** for adult studio classes. Best of all, when you attend the Annual Ice Cream Social, an exhibition opening, or a program, you will have the **satisfaction** of knowing your membership helped to **make it all possible**.

Join Friends and become **part of the team** bringing arts and history programming to Muscatine!



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