

Muscatine Art Center

Thanks to the comments received from nearly 700 survey takers and dozens of participants in virtual and in-person meetings, the team at the Muscatine Art Center has gained insight into the community’s hopes and dreams for the organization. Throughout the first many months of 2022, de Novo Marketing worked with the Muscatine Art Center team to conduct a **community engagement study**. Now that the Final Report is available, the Muscatine Art Center team is integrating the feedback into a new Institutional Plan.

The **Institutional Plan** will cover the organization’s operations through the year 2026. The document outlines four main themes: (1) Bolstering the Organizational Infrastructure; (2) Planning for and Funding Our Future; (3) Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Our Existing and Emerging Audiences; and (4) Serving as Diligent Stewards of the Collections, Facilities, Historic Landscape, Financial Assets, and Other Resources Held in Trust for Our Community. Melanie Alexander, Director, will share specifics about the plan during a noon program on Wednesday, August 3rd, held at the Muscatine Art Center. (Details on page 4.)

In addition to mapping out the next four years, the team drafted a new **mission statement** and a new **vision statement**. The Board of Trustees adopted the mission “to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit creations of aesthetic value, local history artifacts, and objects connected to the historic estate.” The new vision statement is “to inspire our community and visitors to explore the area’s past, engage with the arts, and imagine the world through the perspectives of others.” Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Friends board, Support Foundation Advisory Committee, volunteers, staff, and others who participated in the process!

Update: The **Japanese Garden Rehabilitation** will begin later this summer. The National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa are currently reviewing the archaeological report and other documents.

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Stanley Gallery Exhibitions

Where Children Sleep:

Photographs by James Mollison

May 26 - August 21, 2022

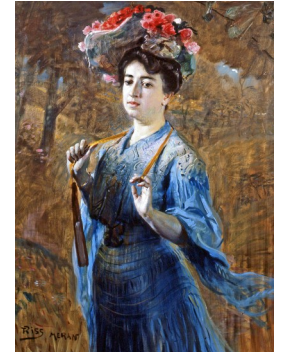
Photographer James Mollison presents the diverse stories of children from around the world, told through portraits and pictures of their bedrooms. Mollison addresses the complex situations and social issues affecting children by documenting the bedrooms of children in all kinds of circumstances.



Captivated by Japan: Laura Musser McColm & Her Era

September 3 - October 23, 2022

This exhibition of objects from the Muscatine Art Center's permanent collection explores the circumstances that contributed to the installation of Japanese-style gardens in the Midwest prior to World War II. As a young woman, Laura Musser McColm (1877-1964) developed a fondness for Japanese design, and this enthusiasm was shared by her peers in Iowa and throughout the United States as well as the Western world. Laura's Japanese Garden, created in 1930, will undergo rehabilitation throughout 2022-2023.



What Follows is True: Crescent Hotel by Sean Fitzgibbon

September 3 - October 23, 2022

Sean Fitzgibbon recently completed writing and illustrating this visually stunning, hand-painted, 240-page, exhaustively researched documentary-style, nonfiction graphic novel that depicts the mythologies surrounding the Crescent Hotel's strange two years as the Baker Hospital, a Depression Era cancer hospital in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Norman Baker claimed to have the cure for cancer, but some people were skeptical. "What Follows Is True: Crescent Hotel" is a haunting and beautiful visual experience. Fitzgibbon's original artwork will be on view in this exhibition. A reception for the artist is planned for October 2022.

Historic House Exhibitions



The Sanctuary of the Sun: Seasons and Time

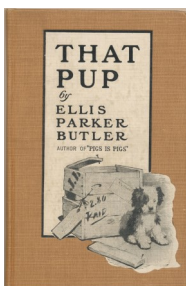
by William Havlicek

June 2 - September 11, 2022

*Great Leaders of the Indian Nations:
McKenney and Hall Prints
from the Permanent Collection*
through March 5, 2023



Linkage Showcase



Incredible Minds: Muscatine Authors

March 9 - August 21, 2022



Kokeshi

from the Collection of
Kristin McHugh-Johnston
September 3 - November 6, 2022

Special Events

Community Stage presented by the Muscatine County Arts Council

Thursday, August 18, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbors for a "back to school" celebration during the Community Stage event held on the grounds of the Muscatine Art Center. During this family-friendly event, enjoy the writings and musings of local residents - including selections from the Wandering Words project, hear music by the Muscatine Brass Band, create crafts to kick-off the new school year, and play games on the lawn. Admission is free of charge.

Are you interested in sharing a poem, short story, a song, or other performance on stage?

Contact Ed Chamberlin with the Muscatine County Arts Council by email at edchamberlin@machlink.com.

Annual Ice Cream Social sponsored by Kent Corporation



Sunday, August 21, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Summer would not be the same without the Annual Ice Cream Social! Enjoy live music by Crusin' from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. and the Civic Chorale from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., play some games with the family, explore the exhibitions, join the family bike ride to the event, and purchase some ice cream and pie to support Friends of the Muscatine Art Center. Free Admission.



(This year's bike ride will depart from the Charles & Jean Harper Pavilion on Houser Street at 1:00 p.m.)

Encore for Murder: The New Adventures of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer

created by Max Allan Collins and presented by Friends of the Muscatine Art Center

Saturday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. at Muscatine High School Auditorium, 2705 Cedar Street

The Friends of the Muscatine Art Center is pleased to announce the production of *Encore for Murder: The New Adventures of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer* created by Max Allan Collins. Presented in a radio show format, this is the first production of the show in Iowa. In 2010, the play was staged at the International Mystery Writers Festival at Owensboro, Kentucky, and in 2018, in Clearwater, Florida, at Ruth Eckerd Hall's Murray Theatre, in both instances with Gary Sandy, of *WKRP in Cincinnati* fame as Mike Hammer. The Muscatine production is a special tribute for the 75th anniversary of the publication of the first Mickey Spillane novel, *I, the Jury*, in 1947. Upon Spillane's death in 2006, Collins developed the unfinished Hammer drafts including a single page written by Spillane with the plot for this production. Local actors from Muscatine High School, Muscatine Community College, Pearl City Players, and local business personalities will appear on stage.

Don't miss this one-night only production celebrating Mike Hammer and the career of Max Allan Collins. [Ticket details will be announced in July 2022 and posted on \[muscatineartcenter.org\]\(http://muscatineartcenter.org\).](#)



Crusin' will perform at the Annual Ice Cream Social on August 21st!

Programs

The Tree of Acknowledgment at the Stanley Center's New Home

Meet Artists Nancy Judd and Deana Dartt — Thursday, July 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Judd and Deana Dartt, PhD (Coastal Chumash, Mestiza) are creating an art installation for the Stanley Center for Peace and Security's new home in Muscatine. This artwork will represent the Stanley Center's efforts to reconcile its relevancy in Native lands and will bring public awareness to the colonial history and ongoing injustices faced by Native people as well as move toward healing the past and forging ahead in partnership with Native people. The public is invited to learn about the commissioned sculpture and the Stanley Center's progress on repurposing the former home of the Musser Public Library. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of The Tree of Acknowledgement by painting paper leaves made from decommissioned library books. Leaf painting begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by a presentation at 5:30 p.m. at the Muscatine Art Center. Admission is free of charge.

National Sprinkle Day at West Hill Cakery (810 Park Avenue, Suite 13)

Join Program Coordinator, Katy Loos — Saturday, July 23, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Katy Loos and West Hill Cakery are celebrating National Sprinkle Day — the annual day to celebrate the tiny colorful flecks of sugar we all know and love. Join Ms. Katy for a book reading of *Sprinkles* by Allison Wood, craft projects, and free cookies (one per person, please) covered with sprinkles.



The Muscatine Art Center's Next Four Years: An Update on the Institutional Plan

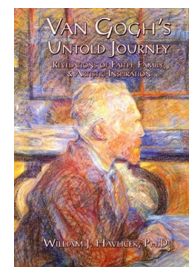
Wednesday, August 3, noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Muscatine Art Center

Over the past six months, the Muscatine Art Center, including members of staff, the Board of Trustees, the Friends board, the Support Foundation Advisory Committee, volunteers, and others have taken an in-depth look at the operations and the hopes for the organization's future. During this presentation, Melanie Alexander will share the details of the plan as well as the insights and findings of de Novo Marketing, who conducted surveys, focus groups, and other meetings earlier in 2022. Attendees may bring a sack lunch, and cupcakes will be served. Free Admission.

Van Gogh's Untold Journey: Revelations of Faith, Family & Artistic Inspiration

by William J. Havlicek — Thursday, September 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Muscatine Art Center

William Havlicek is the author of the book, *Van Gogh's Untold Journey*, and the artist who created the exhibition, *The Sanctuary of Sun*. Join Havlicek for a virtual presentation discussing his exploration of Van Gogh's letters which provide insight into the artist's character, his faith, the influence of his family, and the solicitude he felt for mankind. Participants can view the virtual presentation as part of a group at the Muscatine Art Center or join from home. GoToMeeting login details: <https://meet.goto.com/218347397> or dial in using your phone at 646-749-3122, code: 218-347-397. Signed copies of *Van Gogh's Untold Journey* can be purchased for \$35 at the Muscatine Art Center.



In Concert: Francis Verba, French Classical Guitarist

Sunday, September 18, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Muscatine Art Center

Verba will present a wide and colorful repertoire of European and Latin American music with his unique custom made 12 string guitar. His revolutionary new position holding the instrument allows him to express his virtuosity transcending sounds to levels that will enchant all your senses. This concert is offered free of charge thanks to a grant from the Mary Jo and Richard Stanley Human Conditions Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine. For one day only, concert goers will also be treated to the visual delights of painted portraits by Cecile Houel, whose portrait of the Dalai Lama was included in the Muscatine Art Center's 2020 invitational exhibition, *Hard Won, Not Done*.



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.

July 10

Polymer Clay Bluebird Pin



August 14

Owl Magnets



September 11

Whimsical Animal Watercolor Notecard

Acrylic Workshop with Kay Flanders - Saturday, August 6, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Local artist Kay Flanders leads this workshop where participants can create a meaningful work of art on a 11x14 canvas using acrylic paint, stencils, and decoupage. Bring a copy of a favorite quote to use, or find inspiration in one of the provided examples. Fees are \$25 or \$20 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. **Advanced registration required by August 5.** Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.



Bookbinding with Heather Seibel - Thursday, August 11, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Pleasant Valley art teacher and Figge Museum instructor Heather Seibel will lead this class about Coptic bookbinding. This unique way of bookbinding uses a Coptic stitch style binding that doesn't use any glues and where the stitching is left exposed. Fees are \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. **Advanced registration required by August 10.** Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.



Needle Felted Owls at Silver Bell Hollow - Saturday, September 10, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at Silver Bell Hollow Alpaca Farm this September! In this adult workshop, participants will create whimsical snowy owls using needle felting techniques and tour the farm to meet the alpacas! The \$35 fee includes an alpaca cookie, but you are welcome to bring other snacks. If you would like to carpool with other participants, please meet at the Muscatine Art Center on Saturday, September 10 at 1:10 in the Cedar Street parking lot, or meet us there at the address below. **Advance registration required by September 2.** Call the Muscatine Art Center to register. Cash, check, or Venmo paid directly to Silver Bell Hollow.



Silver Bell Hollow Alpaca Farm is located at 13111 311th Street W., Illinois City, IL 61259.
(approximately 8 minutes from the Muscatine Art Center)

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.

Thursday, August 25: Polymer Clay Marbled Pendants

Thursday, September 15: Alcohol Ink Washer Pendants



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., and some Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.** Advanced registration is required. **If you are not able to attend, ask staff about picking up a "Take & Make" project to complete at home.** Classes are FREE! Call 563-263-8282 to register.

July

Children Around the World

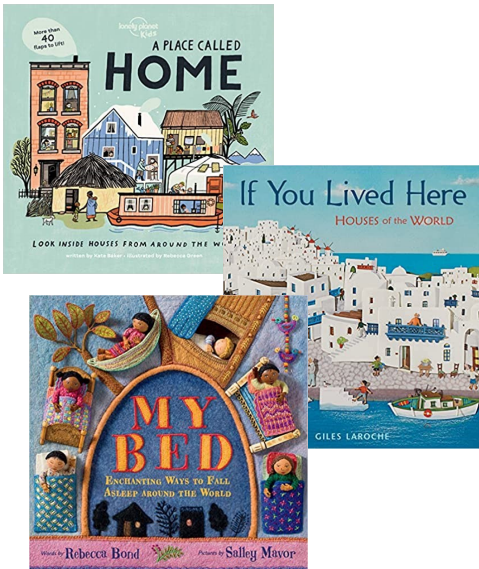
This month we will explore the different places where children and their families live around the world. How are we similar? How are we different? The exhibition *Where Children Sleep* is on view in the Stanley Gallery through August 21.

No class on July 6 & 7

July 13 & 14: *A Place Called Home*

July 19, 20 & 21: *If You Lived Here*

July 26, 27 & 28: *My Bed*



August

Explore the Stars

For the month of August, we will look to the skies to learn about stars, planets, spaceships, and maybe even some aliens. All aboard the rocket ship!

No class on August 3 & 4

August 9, 10 & 11: *A Place for Pluto*

August 16, 17 & 18:

A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars

August 24 & 25: *Astronaut Training*

August 31 & September 1:

A Trip Into Space



September

Celebrate Japan

This month we will celebrate Japan's beautiful culture through books and art. The exhibition *Captivated By Japan: Laura Musser and Her Era* is on view in the Stanley Gallery through October 23.

September 7 & 8:

Yoko's Paper Cranes

September 14 & 15: *Natsumi!*

September 21 & 22:

A Boy Named Isamu

September 28 & 29:

Sakura's Cherry Blossoms



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.**

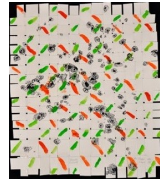
Modigliani Pastel Portraits - Saturday, July 23, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Miss Julie Saturday, July 23 to learn about Italian painter and sculptor Amadeo Modigliani and create a pastel portrait in his iconic style. Please register by July 22.



Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti Prints - Saturday, August 27, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Miss Julie Saturday, August 27 to celebrate the life of Muscatine artist Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti by creating woven prints in the late artist's style. Please register by August 26.



Illuminated Letters - Saturday, September 24, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Miss Julie Saturday, September 24 to learn about this intricate art form that dates back centuries and create letters of your own. Please register by September 23.



SUMMER WORKSHOPS **Ages vary** Advance registration required

The Visiting Artist Summer Workshops for Kids are back! 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 the day before the workshop.**

Hand Puppets with Eulenspiegel (2nd-6th grade) - July 7 & 8, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre and learn how to make and perform with hand puppets! The Puppeteers will lead participants in creating a traditional hand puppet following a process the Puppeteers have used in the classroom for over 25 years. Create the puppets on July 7 and write, practice, and perform a short skit on July 8!



Mandalas with Danna Fruetel (4th-6th grade) - July 16, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Artist Danna Fruetel will lead students in the art of drawing mandalas! Draw mandalas by folding square pieces of paper and using the fold lines to create designs that are radially symmetrical. Use pens, pencils, and watercolors to make the intricate designs come to life.



Painted Owls with Megan Bishop (2nd-5th grade) - July 30, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Iowa City artist Megan Bishop will lead students in painting their own whimsical owls! Get creative with colors and watch your owls fly off the page!



Stuffies with Heather Seibel (3rd & 4th) - August 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Pleasant Valley art teacher and Figge Museum instructor Heather Seibel in making your own stuffed creatures! Kids will learn the basics of sewing to design and sew their own stuffed animal or monster.



Clay Whistles with Heather Seibel (5th & 6th) - August 12, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Sculpt clay and create music in this fun studio class with Heather Seibel! Learn how to create a functional whistle out of clay while using various clay techniques to personalize your whistle.





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of the muscatine art center

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BECOME a "FRIEND"!

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!

Membership Information: (please print)

Name
Address
City **State** **Zip Code**
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Email Address



Individual	\$30
Family	\$50
Contributing	\$100
Patron	\$250
Sustaining	\$500
Benefactor	\$1000

Membership enclosed: \$

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