

# Muscatine Art Center

Helen Keller is quoted as saying, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” That is certainly true at the Muscatine Art Center as we rely on volunteers, other City departments, contracted studio instructors, educators, neighbors, dedicated staff members, supporters, grant funders, other community organizations and leaders, and all of the individuals who champion the arts and our local history.

The day-to-day tasks can be so many that it is easy to miss an opportunity to say thank you to those who volunteer. Outgoing President of the Board of Trustees, Jim Burr, “showed” up in so many big and small ways. At his last board meeting on June 15, we reflected on all that happened during Jim’s tenure on the board. Before Jim passed away on June 29, we all thought his weekly check-in visits and helping hand at events would continue well into the future.

Jim’s family, the staff, his fellow board members, the volunteers, and a significant segment of the Muscatine community continue to feel this huge loss. The sharing of “Jim stories” is helping us cope in the moment. His involvement in the Muscatine Art Center and his passion for all things Muscatine history related will continue to be part of our organization’s makeup. Each time we work with a local history artifact, trace the history of an obscure Muscatine business, or present the sometimes strange and wonderful history of our community, we are carrying on Jim’s legacy as well as the legacies of other local history enthusiasts like Max Churchill, Frank Custer, Mike Knott, and others.

Cheers to Jim and all of the volunteers including those serving on boards and committees, greeting visitors at the front desk, helping set up events, leading student tours, assisting with exhibitions, planting flowers, and completing the unending tasks that take place behind-the-scenes. We could not do it without the help and support of our volunteers and the Muscatine community.

Jim Burr is pictured below along with Board Member Vince Lawson and Volunteers Nita Larson and Suzanne McCleary at the 2019 Ice Cream Social.

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# Stanley Gallery Exhibitions

## *Captivated by Japan: Laura Musser McColm & Her Era*

September 3 - October 23, 2022

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. This exhibition of objects from the permanent collection examines the context around the creation of Laura Musser McColm's Japanese Garden. A Humanities Project Grant, through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, funded author Beth Cody's research and consultation for the exhibition.



**Guided Tour & Japanese Taiko Drum Performance — October 15, 2022, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**  
(see page 3 for performance details)



## *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, along with artifacts from the Muscatine Art Center's permanent collection, are on view in this exhibition.

**Reception & Book Signing — October 23, 2022, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Viewing of "Norman Baker: The Man in Purple" Film at 3:00 p.m.**



## *Elephant & Piggie in WE ARE ART! (A Mo Willems Exhibition)*

November 3, 2022 - February 5, 2023

Through brilliant dialogue, perfect pacing, and relatable characters, Mo Willems' *Elephant and Piggie* have joined the pantheon of beloved children's literary characters. This exhibition features Willems' original black-and-white line drawings from all 25 *Elephant and Piggie* books supplemented with digitally-colored final renderings. Early sketches, dummy books, and size charts reveal Willems' methodical working process. Mo Willems is one of the most celebrated children's book authors and artists working today.

Organized by The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, Massachusetts.

**Family Day — November 5, 2022, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. — see page 6 for details.**

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## Historic House Exhibitions

*Great Leaders of the Indian Nations:*

McKenney and Hall Portraits

*Exploring Early Midwest Cultures*

through March 5, 2023

## Linkage Showcase

*Kokeshi*

from the Collection of

Kristin McHugh-Johnston

through November 6, 2022

Meet Kristin and learn about her

Kokeshi Collection at 1:00 p.m. on October 15.





# Free Special Performances

All performances are scheduled to take place in the E. Bradford Burns Performing Arts Park. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors.

## Mad Creek Mudcats

Sunday, October 2, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Mad Creek Mudcats, an offshoot of the River City Big Band, play lively music that was popular from the 1890s through the 1930s. This time span covers ragtime, early jazz, and some novelty tunes. Most recently, the Mudcats have focused on music of the 1920s, capturing the sounds from 100 years ago! Join us for an evening of spirited music during this free performance.



## Japanese Taiko Drum Group *Soten Taiko*

Saturday, October 15, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Experience the sounds of the Japanese Taiko Drums performed by Japan America Society of Iowa's *Soten Taiko*, central Iowa's only taiko drumming group. This performance is offered free of charge thanks to a grant from the Mary Jo & Richard H. Stanley Human Conditions Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine. Prior to the performance, learn about Kokeshi at 1:00 p.m. and join the guided tours of the "Captivated by Japan" exhibition at 1:30 p.m. Details on page 2.



## Quad Cities Ballet Folklórico & Los Cometas Mariachi

Thursday, October 20, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

The Muscatine Art Center, LULAC Muscatine, and the Stanley Center for Peace and Security are collaborating to offer an evening of dancing, music, and more! The West Liberty student group, *Los Cometas Mariachi*, will begin the evening at 5:15 p.m. Students from Quad Cities *Ballet Folklórico* will share the Mexican culture through the art form of dance during a one-hour performance. Several crafts will be available, including a Luchadores paper mask activity led by artist Miriam Alarcon Avila. Attendees will receive tickets for two free tacos catered by Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant. The performance is free of charge thanks to a grant from the Mary Jo & Richard H. Stanley Human Conditions Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.



## Quad City Arts Presents LADAMA

Thursday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.

Get ready to dance! LADAMA is a group of four women, virtuosic musicians, and educators — Lara Klaus, Daniela Serna, Maria "Mafer" Bandola, and Sara Lucas — from different countries and cultures of the Americas, who are sisters in song, rhythm, and spirit. Harnessing music from their respective countries of origin (Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, and the United States), the group utilizes traditional and non-traditional

instruments from across the Americas but with a modern twist to produce Latin Alternative music. This performance is offered free of charge thanks to a grant from the Mary Jo & Richard H. Stanley Human Conditions Grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, and in partnership with Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Series.

Quad Cities Ballet Folklórico will perform on October 20!

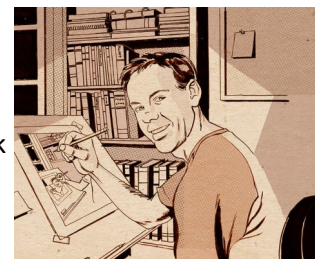


## Programs - Free of Charge

### Sean Fitzgibbon Book Signing & Film Screening

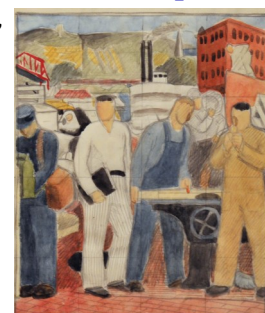
Author of *What Follows is True: Crescent Hotel* — Sunday, October 23, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Artist and author Sean Fitzgibbon's artwork for his graphic nonfiction book, *What Follows is True: Crescent Hotel*, is on view in the Stanley Gallery now through October 23. Sean's hand-painted images document the Baker Hospital and the notorious Muscatine man, Norman Baker, who claimed to have the cure for cancer. **Meet Sean Fitzgibbon during the public reception and book signing on Sunday, October 23 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** Following the book signing, view the short film, *Norman Baker: The Man in Purple*. Filmmaker Chad Bishop and Producer Laura Liegois will discuss the film, following the 3:00 p.m. screening in the Muscatine Art Center's Music Room. Visit [seanfitzgibbonart.com](http://seanfitzgibbonart.com) to learn about Sean and his book. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Muscatine Art Center.



John Bloom Presented by Carol Ehlers — Thursday, November 10, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

John Vincent Bloom (1906-2002) produced paintings, murals, sculptures, lithographs, and drawings that reflected Midwest living and landscapes. Born in DeWitt, Iowa, Bloom became a prominent figure throughout the eastern Iowa art community. In 1932, he won a prize at the Iowa State Fair for an oil painting, catching the attention of fellow Iowa artist Grant Wood, who invited Bloom to study under him at the Stone City Art Colony in Anamosa, Iowa. Figge docent and art lover Carol Ehlers will present on John Bloom's life and work using examples from the Muscatine Art Center's Collection and the Figge Art Museum.



## Adult Studio

*Advanced registration required*

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. 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.

**October 16**

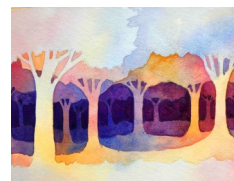
Button Pumpkin Mosaic

**November 13**

Negative Fall Tree Watercolor

**December 4**

Pearl Button Tree Mosaic



Living Proof Creative Session: Suminagashi Ink - Thursday, October 13, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Living Proof Exhibit provides the therapeutic benefits of the arts to those impacted by cancer. Each month Living Proof Exhibit partners with community organizations in the Quad Cities and beyond to bring free Creative Sessions to those impacted by cancer. In this session, artist and naturalist Emily Christenson will guide participants in the art of Japanese suminagashi ink, or "floating ink". Register by calling the Muscatine Art Center at 563-263-8282 or online at [livingproofexhibit.org/creative-sessions](http://livingproofexhibit.org/creative-sessions). Visit [muscatineartcenter.org](http://muscatineartcenter.org) for more details.



Clay Ornaments with Heather Seibel - Thursday, November 17 & December 1, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Pleasant Valley art teacher and Figge Museum instructor Heather Seibel will lead the class in making custom clay ornaments. In this creative ceramic workshop, learn to roll clay slabs, cut out shapes, and add details to the ornaments. A variety of shapes will be available and students will be able to create 3-5 ornaments. Please note that this is a two-session class - **create the ornaments on November 17, and paint the fired ornaments on December 1**. Completed ornaments can be picked up **December 9** after final firing. Fees are \$25 or \$20 for Friends members. All supplies are included.



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. Classes are FREE! Call 563-263-8282 to register.

## October

### Fall is Here!

Fall is HERE and we are so excited! Let's celebrate all the things we love about fall each week! Don't forget to pick up a "Halloween" Take & Make bag from October 21 - 30 while supplies last! There will be no class October 27.

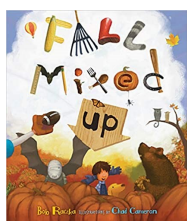
**October 5 & 6:** *The Leaf Thief*

**October 12 & 13:** *It's A Pumpkin!*

**October 19 & 20:** *Fall Mixed Up*

**October 26:**

*Ghost Afraid of the Dark*



## November

### Mo Willems

Mo Willems is a New York times best-selling author and illustrator and is the creator of some of the most adored characters in children's literature. View the exhibit *Elephant & Piggie in WE ARE ART!* on view in the Stanley Gallery, opening November 3. There will be no classes November 23 & 24.

**November 2 & 3:**

*Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*

**November 9 & 10:**

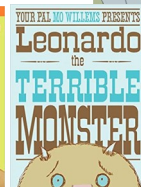
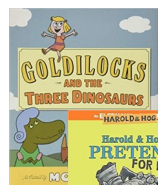
*Are You Ready to Play Outside?*

**November 16 & 17:**

*Harold & Hog Pretend for Real*

**November 30 & December 1:**

*Leonardo the Terrible Monster*



## December

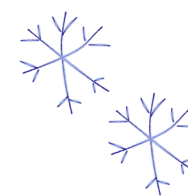
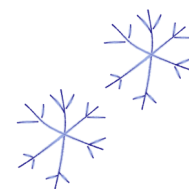
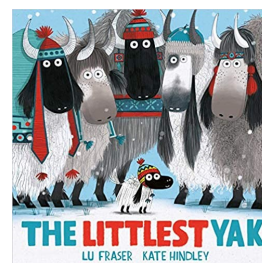
### Let It Snow

Brrr it's cold outside! Let's celebrate snow with books and art! It might be cold outside, but it's cozy in the studio! There will be no classes December 21 & 22, and 28 & 29. See below for dates to pick up a "Holiday Cheer" Take & Make bag to make your own wintry crafts at home.

**December 7 & 8:** *The Littlest Yak*

**December 14 & 15:**

*A Thing Called Snow*



## Take & Makes

Can't make it to class? No problem! Stop by the Muscatine Art Center during open hours and grab a Take & Make bag full of supplies to make several themed projects. These bags are free to pick up while supplies last.

Halloween bags available October 21 - 30

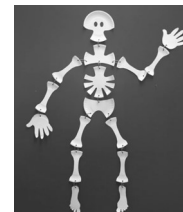
Holiday Cheer bags available December 13 - 23

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

One Saturday a month, join Miss Julie to create your own masterpieces! In these free workshops, kids can paint like a famous artist, learn about another culture, celebrate different holidays, and so much more!

**Dia de los Muertos** - Saturday, October 29, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Join Miss Julie Saturday, October 29** to learn about Dia de los Muertos (or Dia de Muertos), the multi-day Mexican holiday celebrated around the world where families gather to remember their loved ones.



**Laura Musser's Birthday Tea Party** - Saturday, November 12, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Join Miss Julie Saturday, November 12** to celebrate Laura Musser's 145th birthday!

Enjoy a tour of the historic mansion as well as refreshments and Victorian crafts.

Laura Musser was born November 23, 1877, and came to call 1314 Mulberry Avenue her home, which became part of the Muscatine Art Center in 1965.



**Gingerbread Workshop** - Saturday, December 3, 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.

**Join Miss Julie Saturday, December 3** to build your own gingerbread house! Fee for one house is \$12 and includes icing and candy. Class sizes are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration required by November 28.



## For Families

**Felted Pumpkins at Silver Bell Hollow** - Saturday, October 8, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at Silver Bell Hollow Alpaca Farm this October! In this kids workshop, participants will create fuzzy fall pumpkins using a wet felting technique and tour the farm to meet the alpacas! The \$25 fee includes materials for one felted pumpkin and an alpaca cookie. Registration required by September 30. Call the Muscatine Art Center at 563-263-8282 to register. Fee paid directly to Silver Bell Hollow the day of class. **Silver Bell Hollow, 13111 311th Street W., Illinois City, IL 61259**



**Elephant & Piggie Family Day**

Saturday, November 5, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a family event for the opening of the exhibition, *Elephant & Piggie in WE ARE ART!* Explore the exhibition of Mo Willems' original black-and-white line drawings as well as digitally-colored final renderings. Drop in for crafts, story time, and refreshments.

Celebrate Muscatine Art Center at this free event!

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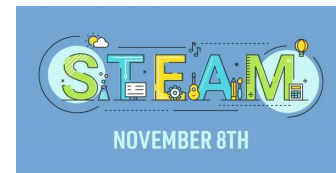
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**National STEAM Day at West Hill Cakery**

Tuesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

National STEAM Day is the day to inspire kids to explore and pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. On November 8, join us at West Hill Cakery, 810 Park Avenue, Suite 13, to celebrate the national day with a free cookie and STEAM activities.



**Sant-O-Rama** - Sunday, December 11, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Get into the Holiday spirit! Drop in Sunday, December 11 between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. to create Santa-related crafts with Miss Julie. There is no fee to participate in this workshop and no registration is required. While at the Muscatine Art Center, view the beautiful Christmas decorations in the historic Musser-McColm home.





## Where would be without our Friends?

Each year, Friends of the Muscatine Art Center raises funds to support two essential staff positions at the Muscatine Art Center. Members of Friends help provide educational content for students, families, and adult learners.

We could not do it without the support of our Friends!



**As a Thank You to members of Friends, the Muscatine Art Center is raffling off a set of four tickets to *Annie* at the University of Iowa's Hancher Auditorium on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

Members of Friends are automatically entered into the drawing. To be eligible for the drawing, your Friends membership must be current on October 28, 2022—the day the winner will be selected. The winner will be notified by email and/or a telephone call. To find out if your membership is current, please contact the Muscatine Art Center at 563-263-8282 or email [art@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:art@muscatineiowa.gov).



### Not a Friends member, yet?

Use the form on the back, and join by October 28 to enter the drawing.

## Holiday Closures

### Veteran's Day:

Friday, November 11

### Thanksgiving:

Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25

### Christmas:

Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26

### New Year's:

Friday, December 30 closing at 2 p.m.; Closed Saturday, December 31 through Monday, January 2



## Gift Ideas

### For Adults or Families:

*Gift memberships to Friends of the Muscatine Art Center are available*

### Books/Booklets for Adults:

*What Follows is True: The Crescent Hotel* by Sean Fitzgibbon—illustrated non-fiction

*Van Gogh's Untold Journey: Revelations of Faith, Family, and Artistic Inspiration* by William J. Havlicek

*The Making of Japanese Garden in Iowa*—booklet released in October 2022 by the Muscatine Art Center



### Children's Books:

*Begin with a Bee* written by Liza Ketchum, Jacqueline Briggs Martin, and Phyllis Root; illustrated by Claudia McGehee

*Fishtastic! A Tale of Magic and Friendship* by Tess Weaver; illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt



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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 **discounted 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

Phone

Email Address

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

Join or  
Renew

Membership enclosed: \$

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