

# Muscatine Art Center

Like a kid – or an adult – working on an elaborate LEGO® creation, the team at the Muscatine Art Center is putting into place the pieces to fulfill a vision. There are many projects and activities that are highly visible to the local community and patrons, and these almost always take a great deal of planning— sometimes taking place over several years. One example is the upcoming exhibition, **Sean Kenney’s Nature Connects® Made with LEGO® bricks**. Details about the exhibition and related events are on pages 2 and 3.

Similarly, the commission and creation of the new sculpture, **Expressive Spirit by David Zahn**, and the development and implementation of the landscape plan for the surrounding area has been years in the making. It is a milestone to celebrate the dedication of the sculpture to **Mary Jo Stanley** on September 9. Special thanks to the University of Iowa’s Hancher Auditorium for arranging **Step Afrika!’s performance** at the Muscatine Art Center. All of those involved in the sculpture commission and the dedication, including the performance, felt honored to celebrate Mary Jo and her love of both visual and performing arts.

Another milestone is the implementation of the **Historic Landscape Preservation Plan for the Japanese Garden** which is currently in its early stages. Development of the plan gained traction in the spring of 2019 with Associate Professor **Heidi Hohmann** completing the plan in 2020. The local community can expect to see changes in the garden beginning in spring of 2022. Meanwhile, project consultant, **Beth Cody** (author of *Iowa Gardens of the Past*), is wrapping up her research, and her findings will be shared in a booklet to be published in early 2022 and during public presentations scheduled for 2022.

After these substantial projects, you may wonder what the Muscatine Art Center plans to do next. That is where we need your help. The **Board of Trustees** is working on a new **Strategic Plan**, and there will be opportunities for completing surveys, participating in discussions, and sharing ideas. We want to know what you appreciate about the Muscatine Art Center and how we could play a part in addressing community needs. Please be on the lookout for ways to have your voice heard later this year and into 2022.

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*Moth Orchid* on view in the Nature Connects® Exhibition

## Stanley Gallery Exhibitions



***Alterations.***  
*tailored solutions*  
*to climate change*  
 May 29 - October 31, 2021

***Rose Frantzen:***  
***The Optics of Illusion***  
 September 2 - October 31, 2021



### **Sean Kenney's Nature Connects® Made with LEGO® bricks**

Members of Friends Preview Days - November 12, 13, 14

**On View to the Public:**

**November 16, 2021 - February 20, 2022**

This award-winning, exhibition of art made with LEGO® pieces displays the work of acclaimed artist Sean Kenney, whose enormous, ambitious, gravity-defying, and astoundingly precise structures will delight the whole family. At times whimsical, gripping, and awe-inspiring, the exhibition is sure to be an unforgettable experience!

Nature Connects® is made possible by a bequest from Stanley M. Howe. Additional grant-funded support was received from Travel Iowa, the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Muscatine Charities.



## Historic House Exhibitions

***Broadmoor School***

***Gift of Col. Richard G. and Sandra D. Toye***

June 10, 2021 - February 20, 2022

***Alan Arkema and Muscatine County 4-H***

August 26 - October 17, 2021

***Jon Fasanelli-Cawelti***

October 23, 2021 - February 20, 2022

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## Members of Friends Preview Days

### Free Admission

Friday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 13 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 14 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Members of Friends are in for a real treat! From the delicate suspension of a hummingbird on the edge of a flower to the ferocity of a fox on the hunt— Sean Kenney's art sparks a joyful sense of wonder in those both young and young-at-heart.

Not a member of Friends? Individual memberships start at \$30 per year. A family membership is just \$50 per year. The membership form is located on the back of this newsletter.

**The exhibition opens to the public on Tuesday, November 16!**

## Exhibit Your LEGO<sup>®</sup> Brick Creation

On view November 12, 2021 - February 20, 2022

Builders of all ages are invited to display a favorite completed set or a unique creation.

Entries will be displayed in the showcases by the Front Desk for the duration of the Nature Connects<sup>®</sup> exhibition. Entries must fit on the shelves in the showcases, and the size limitation is 10.25" wide. Please limit one entry per person. Entries may be dropped off between October 26 - November 4, 2021 and picked up between March 1 - 13, 2022. An entry form must be completed at drop off. Space availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Partner Event

### Living Proof Exhibit - Family Workshop with LEGO<sup>®</sup> Bricks

Saturday, December 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join this Family Workshop presented by Living Proof Exhibit and learn how to use LEGO<sup>®</sup> bricks to create art. The studio instructor will lead activities such as stamping with LEGO<sup>®</sup> pieces and adding playful features to each stamp. Then, enjoy time exploring the Nature Connects<sup>®</sup> exhibition and building your own creations.

Workshop is open to anyone who has been impacted by cancer.

Admission is free of charge.

Fox and Rabbits on view in the Nature Connects<sup>®</sup> Exhibition

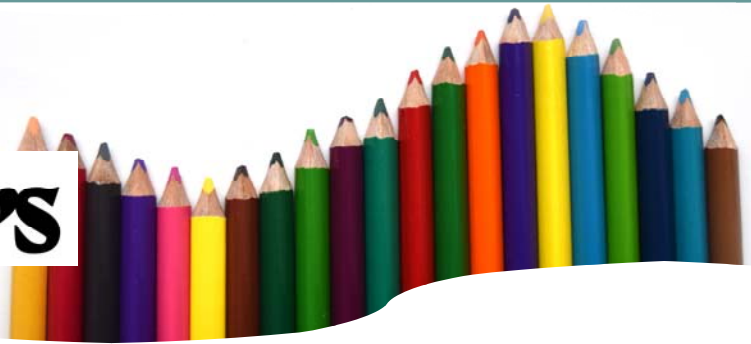




For Kids

# 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. and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.* Advanced registration is required. Classes will 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 group, you can request permission to be added. We can also provide links to the videos on our YouTube channel. Classes are FREE! Call 563-263-8282 to register.

## October

### Let's Explore

Let's get outside and explore our world, even if it's just in your own backyard!

**October 6 & 7:** *Run Wild*

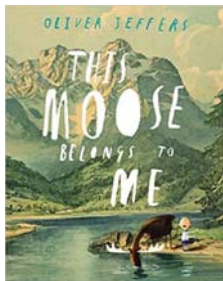
**October 13 & 14:**

*This Moose Belongs To Me*

**October 20 & 21:**

*Please Take Me For a Walk*

**October 27 & 28:** *Finding Wild*



## November (online only)

### On the Farm

Tune in this month to hear funny stories about life on the farm and watch how to create farm-themed crafts. **Online only this month.** See above on ways to participate.

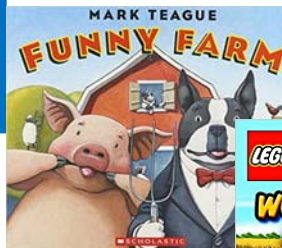
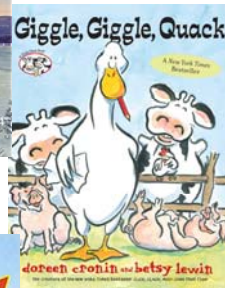
**November 3:** *Sleep Tight Farm*

**November 10:** *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*

**November 17:** *Funny Farm*

**November 24:**

*LEGO® City: Work This Farm!*



## December

### Caldecott Winners

This month we'll celebrate these beautiful award-winning books.

**December 1 & 2:**

*The Lion & the Mouse*

**December 8 & 9:** *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*

**December 15 & 16:**

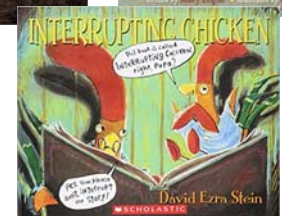
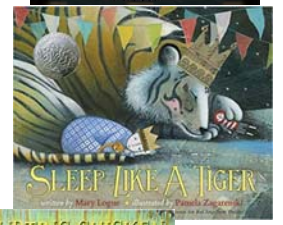
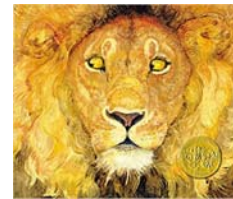
*Sam & Dave Dig a Hole*

**December 22 & 23:**

*Sleep Like a Tiger*

**December 29 & 30:**

*Interrupting Chicken*

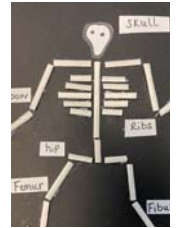


## KIDS SATURDAY WORKSHOPS *Ages 7-14 Advanced registration required*

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 unless otherwise noted.**

### *Dia de los Muertos - Saturday, October 30*

The Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos, is a Mexican holiday associated with the celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. During this multi-day holiday, family and friends gather together to remember loved ones who have died. Join Miss Julie *Saturday, October 30 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.* to learn more about this holiday and to make paper straw skeletons.



### *Laura Musser's Birthday Party - Saturday, November 20*

The Musser Mansion at the Muscatine Art Center was built in 1908 and is named after Laura McColm, the woman who called 1314 Mulberry Avenue "home". After Laura passed away in 1964, her home was donated for use as a museum. Join Miss Julie *Saturday, November 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.* to celebrate Laura's birthday with an old-fashioned tea party and a Laura Musser "tea bag" biography.



### *Gingerbread House Workshop - Saturday, December 11, 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.*

A family favorite is back! Miss Julie will lead this special workshop where participants can build and decorate their own gingerbread house! Fee for one house is \$10 and includes icing and candy. **Class sizes are limited and registration is required by December 3.** Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Kits are available for purchase for \$10 to assemble at home with a link to an instructional video.



## *Free For Families*

### *Eulenspiegel Puppets Presents Bremen Town Musicians - Friday, October 22, 12:30 p.m.*

The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre will perform an adaptation of *The Bremen Town Musicians*, a beloved Grimm's fairy tale, on Friday, October 22 at the Muscatine Art Center. Featuring live music by musician Laura Kittrell and Eulenspiegel puppeteers Monica Leo and Stephanie Vallez, this fun family musical features a bluesy hound, a rockin' rooster, and a jazzy cat! The **free** performance will be held outside on the Muscatine Art Center grounds. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy outside before the performance and bring a chair or blanket for viewing. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Music Room.



### *Scarecrow & Jack-O-Lantern Competitions - Entry forms due by September 21*

The Muscatine Art Center is inviting families, artists, crafters, and students to participate in the Scarecrow & Jack-O-Lantern Competitions this October. The base for scarecrows will be provided, and pumpkins will be available to create hand-carved Jack-O-Lanterns. **Competition entries will be exhibited at the Muscatine Art Center from Thursday, October 28 through Sunday, October 31.** Vote for your favorites. Cash prizes will be awarded for those winning the popular vote. Visit [muscatineartcenter.org](http://muscatineartcenter.org) or call 563-263-8282 for more information and to request an entry form. Free to participate.



### *Sant-O-Rama - Sunday, December 12, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.*

Get into the Holiday spirit! Drop in on *Sunday, December 12 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.



## *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.

**Halloween bags available October 22 - 31**

**Holiday Cheer bags available December 17 - 23**



## For Adults

### Red Barn Studio with Vada Baker

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. Now offered on Sundays.



**October 17, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

Watercolor Techniques for Painting Trees

**November 7, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

Watercolor Mosaic Leaf Earrings

**December 5, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

Button Christmas Ornaments

### Thursday Night Makerspace

Join our Program Coordinator Katy on select Thursday nights to create fun projects to decorate your home or to 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.



**October 7, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

Finger Knit Yarn Pumpkin



**November 18, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

Decoupage Jar Luminary



**December 2, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.**

Christmas Ornaments (your choice)

### Living Proof Exhibit Creative Session

Living Proof Exhibit (LPE) 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 at [livingproofexhibit.org](http://livingproofexhibit.org).

**October 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Air Dry Clay with Brian Allen, Studio School and Education Galleries Coordinator at the Figge Art Museum



# Hours

The Muscatine Art Center will be closed on November 25 and December 24 and 25. The Stanley Gallery will be closed from November 1 through November 11.

## Wine at 5 “Alterations” Workshop

### October 1, 2021

5 to 7 pm  
at the Rendezvous



Gather your team for a creative and engaging evening!

- Learn about the Price of Fashion
- Work with your team to build a sculpture from repurposed materials

Tickets:

**\$40/person**  
**\$210/table of 6**

For sale at the Muscatine Art Center

Price includes one drink, appetizers, crafting tools, upcycled materials, or bring your own repurposed materials.



Featuring Artist, Environmental Educator, and Creator of the “Alterations” Exhibition

### Nancy Judd

Nancy will lead the workshop via Zoom.

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**ART**  
**CENTER**

### Ticket Order – Wine at 5 “Alterations” Workshop (at the Rendezvous on October 1, 2021)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of the other guests at your table:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Individual Ticket \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40/each

Table for Six \_\_\_\_\_ x \$210/each

I cannot attend, but will donate. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Ticket price includes one drink, appetizers, crafting tools, upcycled materials, or bring your own repurposed materials.)

**Proceeds benefit:**  
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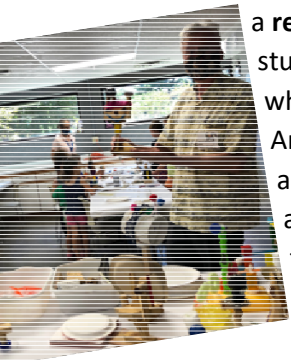
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## BECOME a "FRIEND"!

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 the Muscatine community!

### Membership Information: (please print)

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



<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Contributing</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

**Membership enclosed: \$**

**Make checks payable to:** Friends of the Muscatine Art Center

**Mail to:** Friends, 1314 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine, IA 52761