



FALL 2017

# FOCUS

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## 2017-2018 Art League Lectures & Events

**October 11**

*Gala Membership  
Celebration*

**Art Martin**

*Circular Abstractions:  
Viewing the Contemporary  
Quilt* Lecture: 6:30 pm

**November 8**

**Daryl Thetford**

*Psyche Meets Process:  
The Art of Digital Discovery*  
Lecture: 10 am

**December 13**

**Lisa Rotondo-McCord**

*Asian Art* Lecture: 10 am

**February 14**

**Margaret Samu** *The  
Intersection of Russian  
and Western Art—Karl  
Brulllov's Last Day of  
Pompeii at the 1834 Paris  
Salon* Lecture: 10 am

**March 14**

**Claire Zimmerman**

*Albert Kahn, American  
Architect* Lecture: 10 am

**April 11**

**Ray Silverman** *Saints,  
Painters and Merchants:  
Contemporary Religious  
Art in Ethiopia* Lecture:  
6:30 pm

## A Message from our new President **Diane Eberts**



*Dear Art League Supporters,*

*I am honored to have been elected President of Art League for a two-year term beginning this summer. I am so looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and exploring diverse expressions of art with you through engaging events and lectures. The year will begin with a gala reception and lecture on Wednesday, October 11 by Art Martin, Director of Collections & Exhibitions/Senior Curator, from the Muskegon Art Museum. This lecture will complement the KIA exhibit, 'Circular Abstractions: Bull's Eye Quilts', which opens on September 23. Other lectures and events are listed in this issue of Focus and will include photography, Asian art, architecture, African art and the intersection of Western and Russian art. Our speakers are from near and far – Muskegon and Ann Arbor, Michigan; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and New Orleans, Louisiana. Our popular depARTures (field trips) will be announced soon.*

*I hope you will continue to be a part of this wonderful organization. Please consider renewing your membership if you have not yet done so, or join as a new member. We can promise you will enjoy the educational events and being with others who love the arts as you do.*

*I look forward to seeing you in October!*

*Sincerely,*

*Diane Eberts*

# October/November Speakers

## Gala Membership Celebration

### 2017-18 Board of Directors

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**Circular Abstractions: Bull's Eye Quilts** opens at the KIA in late September, and in early October it will be the focus of Art Martin's presentation for Art League. Martin, Muskegon Art Museum Senior Curator and Director of Collections & Exhibitions was the lead curator of the exhibit.

While we may think of quilts as cozy bedding, the color, design and dazzling array of quilts by exhibition artists from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Canada show us something more. They offer us a body of images that deconstruct and re-assemble the bull's eye, with circles that vary from rigidly geometric to wildly organic. The individual creativity of these contemporary quilt-makers demonstrates the dynamic potential of quilts as fine art. Martin, a dynamic speaker as well as artist, curator and author will help us consider this in his talk, *Circular Abstractions: Viewing the Contemporary Quilt*.

The exhibition will be open prior to the lecture. Following the program you are invited to enjoy the music of the Grace Notes as you join friends and new members for conversation, light refreshments and a glass of wine.



**October 11, 2017**  
**6:30 pm, KIA Auditorium**  
**KIA exhibition gallery open until 6:30**

### Ticket Pricing for all Art League Speaker Events:

**Art League Members FREE**  
**KIA Members \$10**  
**General Public \$12**  
**Students w/ID \$3**

**Art League accepts cash, checks and credit cards!**

Art League memberships are valid for a 12-month season which begins each July. All members of the KIA are eligible and invited to join Art League.



### Please Note!

To avoid conflicts with the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, Art League now schedules **EVEN** year lectures in October, November, December and February, March and April.

In **ODD** years lectures will be scheduled for October, November, December and March, April and May.

In **EVEN** years a special event all-members meeting in May will be scheduled separately from lectures. Details of the 2018 event and meeting TBA.

## Psyche Meets Process

### The Art of Digital Discovery

Artist Daryl Thetford's color-drenched digital photo collages are each composed of bits of up to 100 photographs. "I'm always gathering material, I'm always gathering color," Thetford says.

Before devoting himself to creating art, Thetford's career was in the field of mental health; but after 15 years he left that work to return to his first love, art. He soon discovered that the psychology of behavior and emotion — everything he'd been studying and practicing for years, flowed neatly into his artistic process.

His resulting images range from culturally familiar individual pieces (bikes, cowboys, guitars, cityscapes) to more esoteric series' based on man's inner struggle with modern society or the human sense of isolation in the noise of the modern world. The result is a compelling body of photo collage work that is informed by the richness of the psyche.

Though Chattanooga is his home, Thetford's work has been shown nationwide including in Los Angeles, at SOFA Contemporary, Art Dallas, Art Chicago, the Knoxville Museum of Art, Mobile Museum of Art, the SMart Multimedia Festival in Grand Rapids MI, and is in a number of individual and corporate collections.



**November 8, 2017**  
**10:00 am, KIA Auditorium**

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**Art League memberships are valid for a 12-month season that begins on July 1 and extends through June 30.**

Enrollment forms are available at the KIA reception desk and at [www.KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://www.KalamazooArtLeague.org)



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**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Membership Celebration  
Wednesday, October 11**

art • music • food • beverages • friends • fun and Art Martin discussing  
the upcoming exhibit at the KIA



**Member Benefit / New Directory**

Renew your membership or join Art League by  
October 4th, and you will be included in a new (free)  
Members Directory, available at the October 11 Gala.

If there is personal information you prefer to not share in the  
Directory, please let President Diane Eberts know at  
dianeeberts@gmail.com or leave a message on the  
Art League info-line at 269-585-9296 before October 1st.

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and dedicated 501c3 volunteer  
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**Join today!**