

Fall 2016

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KALAMAZOO ART LEAGUE FOCUS



Kalamazoo Art League's Membership Celebration Presents:

World Art Adventure With Robert Duncan



For 38 days in 2015, Robert and Karen Duncan, and their friends Kathryn and Mark, flew around the world in the Duncans' modern art inspired plane, 'Hummingbird,' meeting with artists in far-off lands, and collecting contemporary sculptures for the Duncans' private collection.

The arts—music, performance, written, and visual arts—have been central to the Duncans' lives for many years. Their rolling 40-acre estate in Lincoln, Iowa has become home to a world-class contemporary sculpture garden—including nearly 2,000 works—that is ranked among the 50 best in the country.

In recent years, at an auction in Clarinda, Iowa, where they both grew up, the Duncans purchased the original Carnegie Library. They have restored it for a private gallery—a way to open more of their extensive collections of art and books (over 10,000) to the community while preserving a national treasure. Known as the Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, it opened to the public in 2014.

During our very special season opening event, Robert Duncan, chair emeritus of Duncan Aviation, Inc., will share the adventures he and Karen, and their friends, experienced during their around-the-world-in-38-days adventure. He will introduce us to cities and countries they visited, share stories of some of the artists they met, and describe reasons pieces were selected for their collection.

Please help welcome the Duncans and their artist guests during the Membership Celebration Reception following the lecture where new and renewing members will kick off the new season in style!

As a special bonus, the Duncans' plane will be at the Kalamazoo Airport sometime during their visit. Check our Facebook page for specific information about when and where.

Join Us on Wednesday, October 12, 2016

6:30 pm Lecture in the KIA Auditorium / 7:30 pm Reception

FREE Art League Members

\$10 KIA Members

\$12 General Public

\$3 Students w/ID

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2016–2017
Calendar of Art
League Lectures
& Events

October 12

Opening Program
& Membership Celebration
Robert Duncan,
World Art Collector
Lecture / 6:30 pm

November 9

Steve Frykholm, Graphic
Artist, Art of the Poster
Lecture / 10:00 am

December 9

Brian Leigh Dunnigan,
Curator, Art of Maps
Lecture / 10:00 am

March 8

Joe Lucchesi, PhD
Romaine Brooks Influences
Lecture / 10:00 am

April 12

Joseph Becherer, PhD
Building Meijer Gardens:
America's Garden of Art
Lecture / 6:30 pm

May 10

Sean O'Neill, Illustrator,
Graphic Storytelling
Lecture / 6:30 pm

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See information
on page 2 about
an upcoming
'sweet' adventure

**Please
Join Us
& Bring
Friends!**





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A Message From the President

Greetings, Everyone!

I am so excited to serve as your Board President this year. We are looking forward to another season full of engaging programs and astute speakers. The year will start off with a Membership Celebration—that was revamped last year to be more of a ‘welcome back’ and ‘welcome to new members’ party—with wonderful food/drinks, people, and an awesome lecture. We are so fortunate to have Robert Duncan, world art collector, as our first speaker of the season.

Other exciting lectures this year will include Herman Miller Picnic Posters with Steve Frykholm in November; The Art of Maps 1500–1900 with Brian Leigh Dunnigan in December (preceded by a Members ONLY reception at Larry Bell’s home on Tuesday evening before the talk); Romaine Brooks in London and Paris: A Legacy of LGBTQ Visibility in Portraiture with Joe Lucchesi in March; Meijer Gardens: Building America’s Garden of Art from Rodin to Ai Weiwei with Joseph Becherer in April. We will be closing the lecture series in May with Comics, Graphic Novels, and the Tradition of Visual Storytelling with Sean O’Neill.

Now is a GREAT time to be engaged with this wonderful organization. I hope you will continue to be a part of our growth journey this year by renewing your membership, and inviting others to join you.

See you in October!

Sincerely, *Marissa Harrington*

A Tasty DepARTure is Planned

Valentine’s Day Sweet Adventure

Detroit Institute of Arts’ special exhibit, *Bitter | Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate*, is the destination for this sweet and oh-so-good-for-you adventure on February 14, 2017. Small-batch chocolate makers Mindo Chocolate of Dexter MI will start the day with information about how great chocolate is grown, harvested, and crafted—a tasting is included!

The DIA’s exhibition of world-class coffeepots, tea canisters, chocolate pots, and paintings illustrate an “insatiable demand” for serving vessels. “In a departure from traditional art exhibitions, their presentation will be complemented by multi-sensory interpretive elements that engage all five senses—the museum’s first-ever exhibit to do so.”

Travel back to Kalamazoo will include a stop at Astro Coffee for a cup of specially roasted coffee.

Laugh, look, and learn with a busload of art lovers on Valentine’s Day!

Included in registration: transportation by luxury motor coach, tips, admissions, lunch, and snacks. Look for more details as the date approaches.

Art League members
\$148

KIA members
\$168

Non-members
\$198

Deadline for registration is January 6, 2017. Space is limited, so early registration is advised. Participants can hold a place with a non-refundable deposit of \$50, with balance by January 6. Enrollment forms are available at the KIA reception desk, at Art League meetings, and online at www.kalamazooartleague.org.

November & December Programs

Wednesday Morning

November 9, 2016 / 10:00 am / KIA Auditorium

Herman Miller Picnic Posters with Steve Frykholm



For graphic designer Steve Frykholm, work at Herman Miller started with a picnic. As the company's first internal graphic designer, he was asked to create a poster for the company's annual event. It was the first of over 20 picnic posters, so unique, original, inventive, imaginative, and compelling that they have been collected by countless museums from New York to San Francisco, and many in between.

Steve Frykholm will talk about his years at Herman Miller—including how he learned the art of silkscreen, value of simplicity, and the universal communication posters can offer—while providing artistic insights and commentary as fresh as his posters.

Mr. Frykholm joined Herman Miller in 1970 and retired in 2015, receiving many awards along the way. Steve earned a BFA from Bradley University, and MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Wednesday Morning

December 14, 2016 / 10:00 am / KIA Auditorium

The Art of Maps 1500–1900 with Brian Leigh Dunnigan



Brian Dunnigan personifies a life-long love of history. He earned several degrees in history and museum studies—and served as director of two historic sites—before joining the University of Michigan more 20 years ago. He serves as curator of maps and associate director of the Clements Library.

A Michigan native, Mr. Dunnigan focuses his investigations, books, and articles on our region—especially the Straits of Mackinaw, Niagra River area, and the early Great Lakes.

A current special interest is pre-photographic maps, prints, and sketches of the area, which he will share with us in *The Art of Maps 1500–1900*.

Mr. Dunnigan lives in Jackson and on Mackinaw Island with his wife, Candice, and their two children, James and Claire.

An Art League Members Only Reception will be hosted by Larry Bell at his home the evening before Mr. Dunnigan's lecture. Look for details to come.

Thank You Abound!

Special thanks to the board and committee members of the 2015-16 season who worked, mainly behind the scenes, to present a varied and enlightening lecture series for Art League members and the public to enjoy. Like the upcoming lecture series, there were topics and speakers of interest to everyone. Receptions after each lecture offered tasty refreshments along with time to talk with long-time friends and make new ones. In addition, well-planned depARTure trips were enjoyed by all participants. The 2016–17 season continues these traditions.

With a deep commitment to supporting current members and inviting new ones, the board and committees worked to update our brand (including an updated logo by Karen Matson) and outreach methods, plan a wide variety of programs and trips, and provide opportunities for members to become more involved. All of these activities involve many steps and people, and they continue this season. Thank you!

Board members Emily Duguay, Nancy Troff, and Carianne Zomonski completed their board tenures. Their leadership was important to Art League success and is greatly appreciated.

Janae Aasen, Diane Eberts, and Aubrey Rodgers joined the board in July to offer their expertise and leadership. Marissa Harrington was elected president; Diane Eberts, VP, Karen Matson, secretary, and Janae Aasen, treasurer. Please see the entire board list on page 2.

A complete list of Art League committees and their members will be acknowledged in a coming issue of *Focus*. Thanks to all!

Our mutually supportive affiliation with the KIA is of great value to both organizations. Together, KIA and Art League offer our members and the community opportunities to learn and enjoy the visual arts. Thank you, all, for your engagement.

Thank You!!

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Kalamazoo Art League is on Facebook and the web. Check often for the latest news and information!

The Mission of the Kalamazoo Art League is to fund, organize, and sponsor an annual lecture series and other activities to promote understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the visual arts.

We value and actively support diversity and inclusion on the Board, in our membership, in the lecture series and other programs we offer.

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Kalamazoo Art League Membership Celebration

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
6:30 pm @ the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

October 12th marks the start of another exciting season of Art League lectures and activities—our 62nd season!

This year's Annual Membership Celebration will feature special guest Robert Duncan, chair emeritus of Duncan Aviation, Inc, sharing A World Art Adventure. See the article on page one to learn more about this exciting lecture. At the celebration following the program, members and guests will be treated to live music by the Grace Notes and special refreshments—all in the theme of the evening.

Art League invites everyone who is a member of KIA to renew or become members. A membership table will be available to welcome you, answer questions, and assist with memberships. Don't miss a thing by renewing/joining now!

