

FALL 2014

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The Art of *the Edge*

Evening Program Opens
2014-15 Lecture Season

Wednesday, October 8
at 7:00 p.m

New York-based frame expert, Suzanne Smeaton, visits Kalamazoo to lead off the Art League's 2014-15 lecture season. In her talk *The Art of the Edge*, Ms. Smeaton will discuss the fascinating evolution of American frame design and construction. She will share insights regarding what to consider in uniting a frame with a painting, and will explore the relationship of picture frames to interiors and decorative arts.

Well known as a pioneer of period frame study, Ms. Smeaton was an associate at the noted Eli Wilner & Company frame gallery in New York for over twenty-five years.

Ms. Smeaton invites you to bring frames (or photos of frames) to use as examples during the Q & A portion of the program. Light refreshments will be served following the program.



In the KIA Auditorium

Art League Members	Free
KIA Members	\$10
General Public	\$12
Students/Current ID	\$ 3



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President's Notes

Art League has a venerable history and an exciting future. I am honored to be your President, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Please note Art League's 2014-2015 Board of Directors. You'll see many new names as well as familiar ones. Become acquainted with them all and you'll see "one more reason" I'm looking forward to this year of exploring art together.

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Now You Know!

Scholarships

Each year scholarships are offered to students in KIA's Kirk Newman Art School. In 2013-2014 Art League Scholarships were awarded to young artist Hannah Schut; and to two adult artists, Linda K. Judy and Kay Pauli.

Nap Time

Upon being complimented on her distribution of committee minutes by 3 pm on the day of a meeting this summer, new chair responded she "had" to get them done between 1:30—3:00, her daughters' nap time!

Committees

This year marks an expansion of Art League committees. Chairs were asked to seek and recruit greater participation from the Art League membership and community-at-large rather than rely solely on the Board. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact President, Barbara Brose.

Retro

The lady on the phone is a visual reference to the year Art League was founded. She's "on top of things" this year to help us celebrate our founding in 1955.

Celebrate Great Art in Grand Rapids Friday, December 12 depARTure

There's more to Kirk Newman than sculptures in Bronson Park and in front of the KIA art school that carries his name. And there's more great art in Grand Rapids than appears for a few weeks of ArtPrize.



Join the Art League for a personal guided tour of the GRAM's stunning exhibit *Marks of Genius: 100 Extraordinary*

Drawings from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. More than 100 rarely seen drawings, watercolors and pastels highlight and record the immediacy of the artist's imagination. The European and American art spans 500 years by such celebrated masters as Tiepolo, Watteau, Fragonard, Gainsborough, Delacroix, Degas, Homer, Kollwitz, Schiele, Nolde, Matisse, Mondrian, Lichtenstein, Ruscha, and Warhol.



A special exhibit offers us a preview of new drawings, costumes and sets for the Grand Rapids Ballet's *Nutcracker* before we enjoy a leisurely dinner in the "artful atmosphere" of the highly rated San Chez Bistro, where small plates of authentic European cuisine will be brought to our table in multiple courses.

After dinner we stroll to the nearby Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) for an **exclusive VIP reception** for *Looking Forward: The Artwork of Kirk Newman*. We'll take a fresh look at the themes of the artist's prolific career and enjoy after-dinner food and drink as we mingle with other guests, view works of art, and hear Kirk Newman's delightful and thoughtful observations and feelings of the modern world.



And, of course there will be time for a pre-holiday visit to the UICA gift shop before we board our private coach for the smooth ride home to Kalamazoo.

Sign up forms are available at the KIA and Art League websites, or the KIA Reception Desk. Deadline for signup is November 12, 2014.

Art League Members: \$116.00
KIA Members: \$136.00
General Public: \$166.00





There is always a lot to see in the Windy City. This depARTure includes:

The InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile. One of the most beautiful historic hotels in Chicago has reserved rooms for your stay.

The Driehaus Museum. Steps away from the Magnificent Mile, the Driehaus offers a private tour of their palatial house museum, one of the last remaining examples from America's Gilded Age. They are also exhibiting *Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection*.

The Golden Triangle.

Featured in *Art & Antiques*, *Architectural Digest*, and *Elle Decor*, this fabled emporium complete with Asian courtyard, welcomes us to a tour of their curated antiques and Asian furnishings.

ArchiTech. See the current exhibit *Burnham, Sullivan and Wright*, and behind the scenes

glimpses of other important architectural drawings.

AMTRAK. Yes, the train will provide transportation to and from Kalamazoo.

Details are not complete at press time, so please send us an email if you are interested, or keep checking our website www.KalamazooArtLeague.org. We'll provide the particulars once they are worked out. However, we know that final payment (amount TBA) will be due by noon on October 9, 2014. Space is limited.

Member Initiatives

Moms & Tots

You're a mom who is interested in art and would enjoy discussing it with other moms while the "tots" are in daycare or napping with their grannies. If this description fits, let us know and perhaps we can help you organize a group. You could start with Patricia Watwood's article on figurative art that begins by quoting Dostoevsky: "Perhaps it is beauty that will save us in the end."

Something Different

Or perhaps you have another idea. Send your idea to KzooArtLeague@gmail.com and let us know what you think. If it's related to learning about art, we may be able to help you make it happen.

Hospitality Needs YOU!

Wanted - Six Hospitality Team Captains: Art League is looking for six teams to help with after-lecture receptions this year. Each team will host just one reception, and will have guidance and support from the Hospitality Committee.

The Hospitality Committee: Chaired by Becki Moffet-Moore, the committee will make sure our silver platters, table linens, coffee maker, and other supplies are ready when you arrive to set-up; and introduce you to the kitchen volunteers who help with bussing and clean-up.

Here's the plan: Each team captain will recruit two or three friends to help with food preparation and serving. This is an important part of the Art League experience—for members as well as speakers. We

present excellent speakers and you offer refreshments to match!

Our speakers almost always compliment the Art League on the lovely receptions, and they certainly enjoy the opportunity to socialize with members of the audience. We know you enjoy it too.

"Signing bonus": Did we mention your signing bonus? Art League has budgeted a modest amount to help defray cost of food supplies. Each team will be reimbursed for expenses. Becki will provide details on this, as well as help you determine what kinds of savory finger-foods are most popular and the estimated size of each audience.

Contact: Call or text Becki at 269-615-7588 or email KzooArtLeague@gmail.com for more details or to let us know your team will help.

Thank You Notes

Anonymous: Thank you for your generous donation of wine for the annual Membership Reception.

Anne Antor & Heather Reece: Thank you and your children for hosting the annual Membership Reception in your lovely home.

Esther Wurfel: Thank you for your in-kind contribution to the Board of Directors.

Joy Light and Maryjo Lemanski: Thank you for connecting us to the *VIP Reception for Kirk Newman* at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art in Grand Rapids.

Network: Thank you to the many colleagues who responded with excellent suggestions when asked to recommend candidates for the Board of Directors.

A Grand Year Starts on Grand Avenue!

2014-2015 Annual Membership Reception

The Art League's annual Membership Reception will take place on Wednesday, September 10, at the residence of Anne Antor and Heather Reece, 1532 Grand Avenue. Our gracious hosts' stunning home, which is located in the heart of Kalamazoo's historic West Main Hill neighborhood, was built in 1914 and was once home to Dr. Ernest Burnham, one of WMU's first professors.

Art League members and their guests will be treated to a tour of the house and grounds, a glimpse at the hosts' art collection, light refreshments, and an opportunity to meet the new Art League Board of Directors. Those interested in becoming members of the Art League can visit www.KalamazooArtLeague.org for more information.

The home has many stairs inside and out, so please wear comfortable, flat shoes in order to enjoy the tour!



What: Art League Membership Reception

Where: 1532 Grand Avenue

When: Wednesday, September 10; 4-6 PM

Who: New, prospective, and returning Art League members



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