

## President's Notes

What a lecture season you can look forward to this year! Artists, an architect, an animator, curators and an art-inspired author discussing a highly acclaimed *Modern Art Cookbook*. You've probably already noticed one schedule change from previous years. Programs and Membership Reception

committees have combined our annual reception with the season's opening lecture – our speaker is a special celebrity! Enjoy the program, followed by a lively celebration featuring art-inspired "tastes" from local chefs, plus beverages, a book-signing and even live entertainment. Please note, the date is different than usual too – it's on a Thursday evening instead of our usual Wednesday.

Did you know you can see Focus in color? Just go to [www.KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://www.KalamazooArtLeague.org) and you'll find current and past issues along with information about speakers and depARTures. We're also adding more social media to help you keep in touch!

Meanwhile, new members have joined Art League's Board of Directors; and these new directors include several graphic artists. Eventually you will be seeing stronger design aesthetics in our posters, postcards and even in *Focus*.

As always, let me know what you think.

*Barbara*



## Affairs of the Table: Sampling the Modern Art Cookbook Sets the Tone for Outstanding Lecture Season



It's a "a mouthwatering publication..."

Huffington Post

6:30 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2015

Author and scholar Mary Ann Caws will share her latest book with us - *The Modern Art Cookbook* - in a celebration of one unlikely theme that emerges in almost every art movement: food.

Ms Caws is a distinguished Professor of English, French, and Comparative Literature at the Graduate Center, CUNY. She is the recipient of Guggenheim, Rockefeller, and Fulbright fellowships, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the past

president of the Modern Language Association and the American Comparative Literature Association. She will entertain, inspire, inform, and delight in an exploration of how artists and writers have eaten, cooked, and depicted food in the visual arts and literature over time.

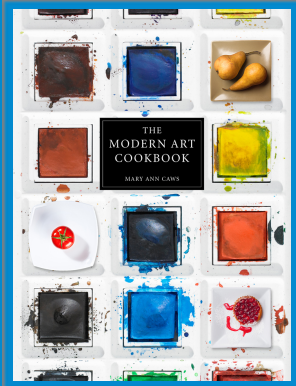
### ART - ARCHITECTURE - ANIMATION & FOOD! Lecture Season at a Glance

- 6:30 pm October 8: author Mary Ann Caws
- 10 am November 11: artist Renée Stout
- 10 am December: curator Marshall Price
- 10 am February 10: curator Fiona Ragheb
- 10 am March 9: architect Todd Zima
- 6:30 pm April 13: imagineer Frank Maugeri
- 6:30 pm May 11: animator Drew Adams

*Art League offers something for everyone this year; bring your friends!*

## Now You Know

Available at the KIA  
Gallery Shop in October



### 501c3 Status

Art League is a federally designated 501c3. Donations are tax deductible.

### Keep In Touch

#### Now You Can Call

Message line: 269 585-9296  
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### In the KIA Collections

A Marie Laveau portrait by Renée Stout is held in the KIA's collections; it is slightly different than the one owned by the Flint Institute of Art currently featured in *Common Ground*.

## Thank You Notes

Quite often you send us helpful notes with ideas, suggestions, reminders and your very generous thanks. Art League committees work year 'round planning and organizing, and appreciate your feedback. We thank YOU!

## Gala Season Opening & Reception Oct. 8

Art League's annual Reception to welcome new and renewing members will take place at the KIA on Thursday, October 8, 2015. In keeping with the culinary theme of the evening, the event features art-inspired one-bite dishes created by talented local chefs, a book signing by our speaker Mary Ann Caws, a culinary-art-themed scavenger hunt, live entertainment, artful decor by Art School faculty and students, a drawing for prizes, and, of course, the chance to meet with fellow art enthusiasts.

Not yet a member or need to renew your membership? We have you covered! Membership representatives will be available during the reception and will be happy to assist. KIA members are invited to attend the lecture and reception for \$10 and non-member admission is \$12. Call the new Art League message line at 269 585-9296 to RSVP (*appreciated/not required*).

## Artist Talk with Renée Stout

Wednesday, November 11 at 10 a.m.



Artist Renée Stout

Washington DC artist Renée Stout is fascinated by imagined and historical icons of African American lore from the days of slavery to today. Her art explores the intersection of traditions, "Hoodoo" and modern culture. As she explains, "The common thread running through bodies of my work... is the continuing need for self-discovery and the need to understand and make sense of human motives and the way we relate and respond to each other."

Stout's striking color lithograph portrait of the legendary Marie Laveau is shown the KIA's installation of *Common Ground* (thru November 15). You will want to hear and meet this outstanding artist in preparation for seeing her solo exhibit at the KIA, *Renée Stout: Tales of the Conjure Woman* (opening in July 2016). Stout has exhibited in solo and group shows in numerous major museums and galleries, and is the recipient of many prestigious awards.

Our depARTure hotel is across the street from the ROM and within easy walking distance of the Gardiner Museum and the Bata Shoe Museum.



## Royal Welcome at the Royal Ontario Museum Plus Turner Paintings at the AGO An Extraordinary Experience in Toronto!

### ACT NOW

#### Sign-up by October 2

This overnight depARTure begins in Toronto on Monday, November 2. In late afternoon we'll gather in the lobby of our luxurious hotel – the InterContinental – to begin our Toronto adventure. Later we'll dine at Grano, one of Toronto's most charming restaurants.

Tuesday we'll visit the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) for a tour of **J.M.W.**

**Turner: Painting Set Free** an exhibition featuring 50 works on loan from Tate Britain. The Turner show is a limited opportunity to enjoy works of "fiery, impressionistic scenes that departed radically from the lush idyll on which his fame was based." You will also want to visit other AGO galleries, plus the Henry Moore Sculpture Center, an extraordinary and extensive collection of Henry Moore works.

On Wednesday senior staff will welcome you to the ROM, one of North America's largest and most distinguished museums. We will tour with a ROM curator, and then you will have time to explore the ROM's many treasures on your own. Choose from among examples of outstanding Chinese temple art to rare antiquities from Mesopotamia and ancient Egypt, and dinosaurs too!

In the evening, enjoy a light reception with visiting Chef Ernesto Iaccarino. It's offered in conjunction with **Pompeii: In the Shadow of the Volcano**, an exhibition of over 200 artifacts from the office of Archaeological Heritage of Naples and Pompeii. The rare appearance in North America of Chef Iaccarino, Executive Chef & owner of the Michelin 2-Star Don Alfonso 1890 in Sorrento, Italy, is sponsored by the Italian Consulate General.

## Toronto depARTure Details

Contact tour leaders Barbara or David Brose for details, hotel code, and transportation options: 269 382-2118

### What's included ?

The depARTure fee will cover admission, a special reception and program and an exclusive tour at the ROM; local taxi fare; admission and private tour of the Turner exhibit; plus dinner at Grano Restaurant.

### What's not included ?

The hotel and travel to-and-from Toronto are not included in the depARTure payment.

### Why such an early deadline ?

The InterContinental Toronto hotel is offering a reduced rate; after the deadline this rate may not be available.

### What is the depARTure cost ?

Art League	\$285
KIA	\$335
non-member	\$385

## Architecture Notes

**ROM:** the Lee-Chin Crystal is composed of five interlocking, self-supporting prismatic structures that co-exist but are not attached to the original ROM building, except for the bridges that link them.

**AGO:** the design connects the city and the Gallery in provocative new ways including, dramatic sculptural staircases, the warmth of Douglas fir, and the extensive use of glass which infuses the galleries with natural light.

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Art League Message Line  
at the KIA  
269 585-9296

### Art League's 2015 - 2016 Board of Directors

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### Transitions

New officers were elected and old bylaws revised at our May meeting. Roberta Alexander (L) and Carolyn Henning (R) were among the many Past Presidents honored. Here they prepare to cut a cake celebrating Art League's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Pardon the dust! One of our transitions involves new leadership of the Membership Committee and our mailing lists. If you received a remittance envelope for 2015-2016 dues you had already paid, please forgive the error. We've got the list; like Santa, we're "checking it twice."