

FALL 2017

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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 Briullov's Last Day of Pompeii at the 1834 Paris Salon Lecture: 10 am

March 14

Claire Zimmerman

Albert Kahn, American

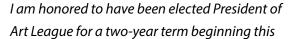
Architect Lecture: 10 am

April 11

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

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

Dear Art League Supporters,





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,



October/November Speakers

Gala Membership Celebration

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

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!

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

All members of the KIA are eligible and invited to join Art League.

Art League membeships 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



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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.

ART LEAGUE is a motivated and dedicated 501c3 volunteer organization fueled by its members. Your support is what keeps us going!

Join today!