

## Onward and Upward

FINALLY, we've been able to hold our last three lectures of this season in person at the KIA! It feels so good to be together and hear and see our speakers in real time. The KIA offers a safe environment with masking and social distancing. We were so pleased with the overwhelming attendance at the March and April lectures! If you were unable to enjoy any of our speakers from 2021-22, you can find them under **Programs/Lecture Series** on our website:

[KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org).



*Kelly Church Lecture: Black Ash Basketry, April 13, 2022*

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*You won't want to miss this...*

**Lecture and Member Reception!**  
**May 11, 2022 | 6:00-8:00 pm | KIA Auditorium**

ART DECO CHICAGO

We're excited to invite you all to attend our final lecture of this season at a reception with the speaker. From 6:00-7:00 pm prior to the lecture, we are hosting a wine and light appetizer event for our members and guests in the KIA auditorium. While COVID protocols will still be in effect, masks may be removed while sipping a beverage and feasting some of Laura Cathcart's delicious treats.

Our speaker will be **Dr. Robert Bruegmann**, a Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois at Chicago. A historian of architecture, landscape, preservation, urban development and the built environment, Dr. Bruegmann will discuss general and regional Art Deco architectural characteristics.

Lectures are *FREE* to members, \$10 KIA members, \$12 general public and \$3 student.



*Dr. Robert Bruegmann*

## A Message From Our President

### Karen Matson



Dear Art League Supporters,

After a long, dark winter of both snow and COVID, it's time to get outside again and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring! These past two years, our lives have been cloaked under a blanket of uncertainty and anxiety. But it's time to toss off the covers and get outside and enjoy the sunshine! During the 2021-22 season, we continued to hold our lectures virtually via \*ZOOM® meetings and were excited to have so many members and guests participate in our virtual lectures. But we're back at the KIA and it definitely feels like home again. We've missed our KIA and Art League friends, and it's wonderful to be together again.

We hope you can join us at our final lecture of this season on May 11th. We're hosting a **Membership Reception** prior to the lecture from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with sips and nibbles in the Auditorium. Come early and meet Dr. Bruegmann and get reacquainted with your friends of the Art League.

The past three years have been an honor for me to serve as your President and help guide us through COVID and its challenges. With the hard work of our Board of Directors and YOUR support, we can face the future with enthusiasm for what's to come. I'm thrilled to introduce you to our incoming President, Jim Cupper, who will be leading the charge at the beginning of the 2022-23 Season. Jim will bring new perspectives to Art League with his personable demeanor and extensive marketing and organizational skills. Welcome Jim! And thank you all for your support during my term on the Board.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

## Our Philosophy

**We demonstrate appreciation for our special relationship with the KIA by providing support for their mission and enhance its reputation as well as our own.**

**We actively seek to create an environment that is welcoming and comfortable to all individuals seeking enrichment through study and appreciation of the visual arts and we strive to include participation from diverse segments of our Southwest Michigan community.**

**We laugh and remember to enjoy our work and be thankful for the outstanding art that surrounds us.**

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Upcoming at the

## KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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### MUSEUM HOURS

Wednesday-Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm to 4 pm

Monday-Tuesday: CLOSED

### GALLERY SHOP HOURS

Wednesday-Saturday: 11 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm to 4 pm

Monday-Tuesday: CLOSED

### ADMISSION

Adults \$5 | Students \$2

Free to KIA members

The safety and comfort of our staff, students, and visitors are our top priority. All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a face mask when visiting the KIA and Kirk Newman Art School. If you are feeling unwell, please reschedule your visit for a time when you are feeling better.

## EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

### *Unveiling American Genius*

ON VIEW

This reimagining of the KIA permanent collection illuminates the ingenuity and innovation that arises from all corners of American society.

### *Colors! Shapes! Patterns!*

MARCH 12, 2022-JUNE 12, 2022

### *Young Artists of Kalamazoo County and High School Area Show*

APRIL 9, 2022-MAY 22, 2022

### *West Michigan Area Show*

MAY 21, 2022-SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

### *Linling Lu: Musical Meditations*

FEBRUARY 19, 2022-JUNE 5, 2022

An exhibition of recent and new works by the artist's investigations and responses to sound and color. Lu's paintings undulate and ripple with color, evoking their own vibrant score, encouraging reflection about sound, color, our bodies and our very existence within the cosmos.

### A Message From The KIA Executive Director



#### **Belinda Tate**

*Greetings Art League members,*

*As the weather begins to warm and sunny skies return, I am delighted to welcome you to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts for a season of community favorites, including our Young Artists of Kalamazoo County, High School Area Show, and the West Michigan Area Show.*

*The KIA is committed to honoring the talents and creativity of local artists alongside a wide variety of national and internationally renowned names. Please take the time to learn more about the KIA's new Passport to the Arts program and join many of the fun programs and classes happening across the organization.*

*As ever, we are grateful for the long-standing partnership we enjoy with Art League and its members in support of our shared community and our vision that the arts are for everyone.*

*In gratitude,*

**Belinda Tate**

## IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN ART LEAGUE!

- Free admission to all Art League lectures
- Member discount rate on Art League depARTures
- Special invitations to private events
- Subscription to *FOCUS* newsletter
- Members-only Docent tours
- Continued support of Art League

# Join Us!

Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about renewing your membership to Art League or inviting someone new to join. We are so grateful to all the Art League members who stuck with us through the pandemic. We are also thankful to our dedicated Board of Directors and Programs Committee for their efforts in providing us with some excellent virtual lectures during those uncertain times. As we work our way forward, we are excited to start offering in-person lectures and activities again. The 2022-2023 Art League season runs from July 1-June 30 and we have a great series of lectures already planned for next season. We hope you will continue to support Art League by renewing your membership or becoming a new member. Please go to [kalamazooartleague.org/membership](http://kalamazooartleague.org/membership) to renew or join today.

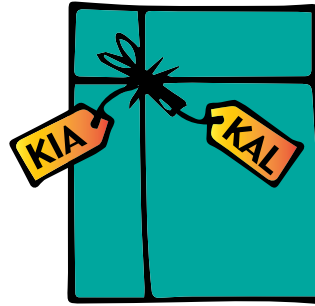
Enjoying the Art League has never been easier! Just print the membership form at the end of this newsletter, fill in the information and send a check to our NEW mailing address:

Kalamazoo Art League  
PO Box 2223  
Portage, MI 49081

*Invite your friends  
to join!*

## Gift Memberships Fund

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS  
+  
KALAMAZOO ART LEAGUE



Sharing our gift of art  
**Gift Memberships Fund**

Do you know someone who enjoys art, learning and good company, but is hesitant to make the financial commitment by joining both the KIA *and* Art League? We can help!

A couple of long-term Art League members have established a Fund to provide up to 30 joint Kalamazoo Institute of

Arts and Kalamazoo Art League memberships for the 2022-23 upcoming season, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The fund's objective is to introduce new members to the KIA and Art League or bring back those whose memberships have lapsed. This Donor Restricted Fund is called **Kalamazoo Institute of Arts + Kalamazoo Art League—Sharing Our Love of Art Gift Memberships Fund.**

If you know of someone who would enjoy becoming a member of the KIA and Kalamazoo Art League, please let us know! And if that person is you, let us know too, by completing and submitting the form found at the back of this newsletter or on our website [KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org).

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The goal of the Gift Memberships Fund is to expand access to the KIA and Art League, and bring inspiration, appreciation and joy to more people.

Applications will be reviewed confidentially by the Donor Committee and recipients will be notified by a member of the committee.

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## The Kalamazoo Art League Legacy Fund

A Legacy Fund was established in 2021 to honor two long-term Board and Art League members who have given meaningful years of service to our organization—Barbara Brose and Nancy Troff. The purpose is to augment the lecture series so we can provide "blockbuster" lectures, such as Robert Wittman's *PRICELESS! True Tales from the FBI's Real Indiana Jones* in 2019.

Donations to this fund may be sent payable to Kalamazoo Art League and mailed to PO Box 2223, Portage, MI 49081. Please note "KAL Legacy" in the memo line of your check.

THANK YOU!

## On the Road Again... depARTures is back!



After a long COVID hiatus, we're on the road again. If you planned to join us on our trip to the Flint Museum of

Art in 2020, you have another chance on Thursday, July 21, 2022! The FIA is the second largest museum in Michigan, with one of the largest art schools in the nation. Read more at [FlintArts.org](http://FlintArts.org)

We'll see three newly-created galleries displaying contemporary glass and ceramics, as well as *Minglings: A Journey Across Time*, which explores contemporary fiber artist, Gerhardt Knodel's engagement with the past, and *Being Human*, highlighting the diverse world of contemporary art from the Rubell Museum in Miami, FL.

A box lunch from the 5-star Palette Café will be provided as well refreshments served on the bus.

We will depart from the KIA at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. A registration form is included at the end of this issue, on is our website at [KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org) and will be available at our upcoming lecture on May 11. For more information, contact us at: [ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.com).

**ART LEAGUE is a motivated and dedicated volunteer organization founded to organize an annual lecture series at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Since 1955, lecturers have been selected from across the US representing the forefront of experts who create, curate, study or write about art. Art League programs promote understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts for its members, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and our community.**



# Announcing our upcoming 2022-2023 Lecture Series

Join us for our exciting events and lectures next season.

We are so pleased to have already lined up outstanding speakers for our series next season! More information will be provided for each individual speaker through our website [KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org), FOCUS newsletter, the KIA and member eblasts in the coming months.

**October 12, 2022** | 7:00 p.m. KIA Auditorium

**DAVID FREDERICK RILEY** is a gallery artist, portrait painter and illustrator. He graduated from Comstock High School in Kalamazoo County and received a BFA and MFA in Fine Art with the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Savannah College of Art and Design. David will speak to us about his work, inspiration, and process. For more information check out his website at [davidfrederickriley.com](http://davidfrederickriley.com).

**November 9, 2022** | 10 a.m. (Zoom)

**DR. TULIZA FLEMING** is Curator of American Art at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), Smithsonian Institution. She received her MA and Ph.D. in American Art History from the University of Maryland, College Park (1997 and 2007), and her BA from Spelman College (1994).

**December 14, 2022** | TBA  
**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**March 8, 2023** | 10 a.m. KIA Auditorium

**JILL HOY** earned a BFA from the University of California at Santa Cruz and also attended the New York Academy of Art in New York City. Her work has been included in numerous solo and group exhibitions around the country. Learn more about Jill at [jillho.com](http://jillho.com).

**April 12, 2023** | 10 a.m. KIA Auditorium

**SALLY SEXTON KALMBACH**

is a fourth generation Chicagoan who has been designing and giving walking tours in the city for 15 years. Sally is the author of two books about Chicago history: "The Jewel of the Gold Coast: Mrs. Potter Palmer's Chicago" and "Mrs. Thorne's World of Miniatures."

**May 10, 2023** | 7 p.m. KIA Auditorium

**SOMERS RANDOLPH** is an internationally recognized artist/sculptor whose work is exhibited and collected worldwide. Working with beautiful stones sourced from quarries around the world, he creates his sensuous, undulating forms. For more information about Somers Randolph, go to [somersrandolph.com](http://somersrandolph.com).

## 2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce our new slate of Directors for the Kalamazoo Art League. Two of our dedicated Directors, Diane Eberts and Kym Mulhern are retiring from the Board at the end of this season. We can't thank them enough for their unwavering service and dedication to Art League, our members, and the KIA community.

All of our Directors bring a wealth of expertise and talents which will help us move forward with our mission to support the KIA and provide the community and our members memorable and enlightening lectures and events. If you would like to join any of our committees, we welcome your involvement! Please let us know via email at [ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.com) how you would like to participate.

**Jim Cupper** President

**Nancy Kern** Vice President

**Karen Matson** Past President

**Susan Eckhardt** Secretary

**TBA** Treasurer

**Laura Cathcart** Hospitality

**Cat Crotchett** Program Chair

**Veronica Harik** Membership

**Efrosini Kokkinos** Engagement

**Sue Kovats** Membership

**Mary McCormick** Communications

**Maya Mokrzam** KIA Liaison

**Heidi Oberlin** New Board Member

**Sally Pritko** depARTures Co-Chair

**Stephanie Robinson** Programs + Parliamentarian

**Paula Shelhamer** New Board Member

**Julie Taborn** depARTures Co-Chair

**Doreen Thomas** Historian

**Gay Walker** New Board Member

### Welcome to our incoming 2022-23 Board Members!

#### Paula J. Shelhamer

After teaching in Portland, MI, for three years, Paula was hired by the Dept. of Defense as an Overseas educator. For over 35 years she taught the children of the military and civilians on posts on Midway Island, Okinawa, Japan, Iceland and Germany. Paula retired to Kalamazoo 14 years ago and has been a docent at the KIA for 10 years. She considers Kalamazoo one of the best places in the U.S. to live!

#### Gay Walker

Gay is an artist and art therapist who has focused on using art therapy with people who have illness, including Hospice patients and their families dealing with grief and loss, children and adults with cancer, people with Alzheimer's Disease, and people with disabilities. As a professor and coordinator for Holistic Health and Wellness at WMU, she taught classes in expressive arts, illness and end of life, and holistic methods. She retired in 2017. She was recently awarded a Freedom of Spirit grant from the Fetzer Institute named in her honor to create an expressive art therapy program and a gallery at the new Bronson Cancer Center. She operates an Airbnb called "Artist Home in a Quiet Neighborhood."

#### Heidi Oberlin

Heidi worked in public health, community mental health and non-profit healthcare leadership positions in Kalamazoo for over 35 years until she retired in 2021. She has an undergraduate nursing degree from Ohio State University and a graduate degree in public health from the University of Michigan. She was a committee and board member for many health and human services organizations and initiatives throughout her career. "Although I don't consider myself an artist now, I have a deep appreciation for the work that goes into creating art as well as its potential to enlighten anyone."



# Annual Membership Registration

*Annual memberships are valid from July 1–June 30*

## Make checks payable to Kalamazoo Art League

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_

- Art League dues are \$40/person and you must be (or become) a member of the KIA
- Please confirm that you are a member of the KIA here: \_\_\_\_\_
- May we use your information in an Art League directory? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Rejoining Former Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me to discuss how I may participate on committees

## Membership Benefits

- Free admission to Art League’s dynamic lecture series—showcasing highly regarded artists, curators and other scholarly speakers from all over North America
- Invitations to members-only events
- Advance notice and discounts for depARTures day trips and overnights
- Discounted KIA Docent Tours
- Fun and friendly networking and socializing with members, artists, experts, and an enthusiastic community that appreciates and supports the visual arts
- *FOCUS* newsletter and emails

Send your payment and this form to:

**Art League Membership**  
**PO Box 2223**  
**Portage, MI 49081**

**Serving the KIA, our members and the community since 1955**





Sharing Our Love of Art  
Gift Memberships Fund

KIA + KAL

*COVID-19 has somehow made every life obviously more precious—  
and the power of art more precious, too.*

**Annual Dues: \$55 for KIA + \$40 for Art League**

**A group of long-time Art League members want to help engage new members to the Kalamazoo Institute of Art and Kalamazoo Art League** or bring back those whose membership has lapsed over time. We've created a **Sharing Our Love of Art—Gift Memberships Fund**. If you know of someone who would enjoy becoming a member of the KIA and Art League, please let us know! And if that person is you, let us know too, by completing and submitting the form below. So far, generous donors have provided the means for us to enroll at least 30 funded members this year through June 30, 2022. All memberships will be equal, and information about who receives a funded membership will be confidential.

**Complete the form below and mail by August 5, 2022**

**Confidential, 2550 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009**

**Individual recommended for Gift Membership**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for myself \_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for someone else \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are recommending someone else for the Gift Membership, you have the option to provide your name and contact info to share with the Selection Committee only. Nominators will remain anonymous to the recipients unless you choose to personally share this info with them.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this form, please tell us more about the person you are recommending and why you believe this person would enjoy and appreciate a gift membership.

**For more information please visit our website: [KalamazooArtLeague.org](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org)**

*Kalamazoo Art League, serving the KIA, our members and the community since 1955*





# The Palette

## Box Lunch Order Form

Group name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name	SANDWICH/WRAP		BREAD		SPECIAL REQUESTS
	1	5			
	Veggie - Hummus, Mixed Greens, Tomato, Red onion, Feta Cheese				
	Turkey, Bacon, Swiss, Baby Mixed Greens, Tomato				
	Tuna Salad, Swiss Cheese Mixed Greens, Tomato				
	Ham, Swiss, Mixed Greens, Tomato				
			White Bread		
			Rye Bread		
			Tortilla Wrap		
			As a salad-on a bed of mixed greens-choice of ranch or balsamic dressing		