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2018-2019 Art League Lectures

October 10

Ariel O'Connor
Smithsonian Conservator
Art & Crime Scene
Conservation
Lecture: 6:30 pm

November 14

Marc-Olivier Wahler Broad Museum Director Museum of the Future Lecture: 10:00 am

December 12

Clemens Reichel, Ph.D.
Royal Ontario Museum Curator
The Monuments of Palmyra
Lecture: 10:00 am

March 13

Hubert Massey, Ph.D.
Artist and Muralist
Creating the Voice
of a Community
Lecture: 10:00 am

April 10

Mark Pohlad, Ph.D. Professor, DePaul University The Face of Greatness Lecture: 6:30 pm

May 8

Philemona Williamson Artist TBA Lecture: 6:30 pm



December 12 Lecture

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

ERASING MANKIND'S HERITAGE:

The Monuments of Palmyra and Their Devastation by the Syrian Civil War

Clemens Reichel. Ph.D.



Today satellite images show rubble of the ancient Temple of Bel in Palmyra, Syria. But before ISIS demolished it in 2015 the Temple of Bel was one of the best-preserved and most substantial structures of Palmyra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our December speaker, Dr. Clemens Reichel notes that its Greco-Roman features and Oriental finishes were designed for the "cosmopolitan citizenship of Mesopotamia, of ancient Syrians, of Greeks, of Romans."

Admission for all Lectures:

Art League Members FREE

KIA Members \$10

General Public \$12

Students w/ID \$3

This lecture will introduce us to the lesser-known collateral damages of war. Dr. Reichel will address issues of lost art and artifacts, helping us understand how physical devastation and looting results in cultural destruction. Dr. Reichel is Assistant Professor of Archaeology at the University of Toronto and

Associate Curator at the Royal Ontario Museum. He has excavated at archaeological sites in Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, and Iraq, and he is internationally recognized for his scholarship, innovative use of technology, and for curating *Mesopotamia-Inventing Our World* (ROM Blockbuster exhibit).

The lecture series is funded by the members of the Kalamazoo Art League.

Annual Holiday Lunch

December 12 at Zooroona

Literally, Zooroona means "come visit us." Enjoy something special for the holidays with Art League friends following the December lecture with our distinguished speaker, Dr. Clemens Reichel. You're invited to reserve a place at the table, and bring a friend, too. Enjoy the "home away from home" atmosphere created to embody the best of Arabic culture. Our lunch menu will feature some of the most vibrant dishes the Middle East has to offer.

Everyone will be eligible to win a door prize and there will be a one-day raffle. The deadline for reservations is December 5 at noon. All you need to do is fill out the reservation coupon on the back of this issue, and mail it to Art League with your check enclosed.

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

Haven't paid your Art League dues yet for 2018-19? No problem!

You can print out a membership form on the Art League website at www.kalamazooartleague.org (just click on the Membership tab on the home page, and then follow the link toward the bottom of the page for the membership form). Mail your completed form with your dues payment to:

Kalamazoo Art League 314 S. Park St.

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

You can also join in person at any Art League lecture, or any time at the KIA front desk.

Dues are \$40 per year.

Art League Member Benefits

- Free admission to all Art League lectures
- Member discount rate on all Art League depARTures
- Advance sign-up for Art League depARTures
- Subscription to Focus, the Art League quarterly newsletter
- · Plus additional event invitations

YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Art League memberships are valid for a 12-month season that begins on July 1 through June 30.

A Message from our President

Diane Eberts



What a wonderful beginning to our new season! We all enjoyed Ariel O'Connor's lecture on Conserving the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death! The talk was fascinating and the reception was great fun with our sponsor from the Midwest Miniature Museum. I'm looking forward to

December's lecture by Clemens Reichel from the Royal Ontario Museum, as well as our Holiday Lunch! Hope you can join us.

Wishing you Joyous Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Diane

Thank You Donors!

Your gifts support Art League programs that promote understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts for its members, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and our community.

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depARTures

Both fall depARTure trips to Chicago were great successes! In September, we took in the John Singer Sargent exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, and capped off our adventure with the Chicago Architecture Foundation's twilight river cruise.

In November, we were dazzled by the objects d'art on display at the SOFA (Sculpture Objects Functional Art & Design) show at Navy Pier, and enjoyed watching the sunset over Lake Michigan at dinner.

The next depARTure is scheduled for June 13 and will provide behind-the-scenes visits and a major new exhibit at UMMA (University of Michigan Museum of Art). Watch for more details and registration information in the spring!



Art-lovers Joe and Linda Kanamueller enjoyed the lights of downtown Chicago on the depARTures river cruise!

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION

Art League's opening lecture in October with Ariel O'Connor was a huge success with one of

our largest audiences!











LEMON BARS—from the kitchen of Laura Cathcart

1-3/4 cups gluten free flour (I used Bob's Red Mill, 1 to 1)
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/4 tsp salt
3/4 cup butter
4 eggs
1-1/2 cup sugar

3 tbsp gluten free flour 1 tsp lemon zest 3/4 cup lemon juice

1/4 cup half-n-half or light cream

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a 13 x 9 x 2 in. baking pan. Set aside.
- 2. For the crust: In a large bowl mix 1-3/4 cup flour, powdered sugar and salt. Blend in the butter until the mixture has a coarse crumb consistency.
- 3. Press the mixture into the baking pan and bake 17 to 20 minutes until crust is slightly golden.
- 4. While crust is baking, make the lemon bar filling.
- 5. Beat the eggs. Mix in the lemon juice and half-n-half.
- In another bowl, combine the flour, sugar and lemon zest. Slowly beat this mixture into the eggs until the filling is even throughout.
- 7. Pour the filling over the hot crust. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until the filling is set.
- 8. Cool for about 20 minutes. Place in the refrigerator for an hour or more for the lemon bar crust to harden.
- Sprinkle powdered sugar on top, cut into bars and enjoy!

Top: One of our largest audiences! **Middle L to R:** Jeff Getting, Kalamazoo County Prosecutor and Diane Eberts; Lori Knapp and Priscilla Pedraza. **Bottom L to R:** Barbara Brose and Karianne Thomas, KDPS Chief; Jane Rooks Ross and Chris Schram.



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

Clip this Holiday Lunch Reservation and mail it to the Art League by December 5 to reserve your seat at this popular annual event!

ZOOPOONA Mediterranean Grill Holiday Lunch Reservation - due by noon on December 5, 2018	
Email:	Vegetarian/Allergies:
# \$ \$ \$	seats I am reserving for the lunch on Dec. 12 at noon \$25 per person, tax & tip included total I am enclosing for lunch tax deductible donation I am enclosing to support Art League total enclosed - please make sure your address is on your check Deadline to RSVP is noon on December 5th. Reservations subject to availability: maximum number of guests is 90 no refunds unless there is a waiting list
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