

**WINTER 2019-20**

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

## Holiday depARTure

**DECEMBER 4, 2019**

### **We have just a few seats left!**

We'll start at the Art Institute of Chicago's Neapolitan Creche, a once-in-a-lifetime acquisition for the Art Institute, and visit the Institute's popular Andy Warhol Exhibit. We will lunch at the Terzo Piano Restaurant on the top floor of the new Contemporary Wing, and on the way home, we'll stroll the German Christmas Market, a cherished German and European tradition with international flair...with enough time for a glass of Gluwein!



*Deadline extended until November 19, 2019. Registration form is available on back page of this newsletter, our website at [KalamazooArtLeague.org/departures](http://KalamazooArtLeague.org/departures), or the reception desk at the KIA (cash or check only).*

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## Join us for our Annual Holiday Lunch

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

Following the 10:00 am lecture

\$25 pp

The Park Club  
219 West South St.  
Kalamazoo, MI

Registration coupon on page 4 or on our website,

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

- Free admission to all Art League lectures
- Member discount rate on all Art League depARTures
- Subscription to Focus, our quarterly newsletter
- Plus additional event invitations

Wednesday

DECEMBER 11, 2019

10:00 am • KIA Auditorium

**FRANK VERPOORTEN** Advisor to Artis-Naples



## ***Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper***

At home in cultural institutions of Europe, and now a permanent resident of the U.S., Frank Verpoorten's curatorial expertise spans over 100 exhibitions on modern and contemporary art. In his talk Verpoorten will introduce us to Countess Isabelle de Borchgrave, famous for her colorful paintings and intricately painted paper sculptures.

In 2008 an installation of her work in Venice inspired this review: *"de Borchgrave freely shares her adventures in beauty—a beauty that, beneath her gaze and from her fingertips, pours out unstintingly. Tubes*

*of paint, boxes of pastels, sheaves of brushes of all sizes and all kinds of glue gleefully take part in her marvelous game. The work itself rejoices."*

According to the *New York Times*, "Her colors, are very much inspired by her travels: reds from the roses of Turkey, earth hues from Egypt, blues from Greece...Borchgrave produces astonishing effects of scintillating color, weight, transparency and texture. Her renderings of diaphanous gauzes are especially astonishing."

Collaborating with four museum partners, Verpoorten brought *Fashioning Art from Paper* to Naples in February, 2019. See for yourself why so many museums and their visitors are fascinated by her technical skill as well as the beauty and insights inherent in the Countess's art.

## On the scene...

at the Robert Wittman lecture reception



**L to R:** Nelly Kurzman, Veronica Harik; Barbara Brose, Robert Wittman; Delicious delights at the reception after the lecture.



Wednesday

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

10:00 am • KIA Auditorium

**REHEMA BARBER**

Chief Curator KIA

***It's All About Love***

Curator, scholar, teacher, author—these are just a few of the roles KIA's Chief Curator Rehema Barber brings to the table. Selected to attend the prestigious Getty Leadership Institute, she was also a participant in the Japan Foundation's Curatorial Exchange Program, the Henry Luce Foundation Jewish Art Institute, and she is a former Romare Bearden Fellow.



Barber's informal lecture will combine scholarship, love and art just in time for Valentine's Day! Linger after the talk to enjoy chocolate-tasting, specialty coffee and some cupid-inspired surprises.

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**A Message From Our President**  
**Karen Matson**



Dear Art League Supporters,

Only one word can adequately sum up the success of our October speaker, Robert Wittman...WOW! With 230 members and guests present, it was the largest audience we've had so far! It was a true testament to the hard work of your Board's committee members and the staff at the

KIA. Our connection to the KIA is instrumental to our success as an organization and we are very grateful.

But we can't deny our overall success is the direct result of your continued support of Art League. We are nothing without all of you! I hope to see you at our December event with Frank Verpoorten, the Advisor to Artis-Naples, home of The Baker Museum, and don't forget our Annual Holiday Lunch at the Park Club.

All the best to everyone for a happy and healthy holiday season!

**2019-2020**  
**LECTURES**

**October 16**

**Robert Wittman**

Author, Retired FBI

*Priceless: True Tales from the FBI's Real Indiana Jones*

Lecture: 7:00 pm

**November 13**

**Nancy J. Rodwan**

Artist

*Purged: The Art of Metamorphosis*

Lecture: 10:00 am

**December 11**

**Frank Verpoorten**

Curator

*Isabelle de Borchgrave:*

*Fashioning Art from Paper*

Lecture: 10:00 am

**February 12**

**Rehema Barber**

Chief Curator, KIA

*It's All About Love*

Lecture: 10:00 am

**March 11**

**Ellen Hanspach-Bernal**

DIA Conservator

*A Fresh Look:*

*Bruegel's Wedding Dance*

Lecture: 6:30 pm

**April 8**

**Robert Breugmann, PhD**

Historian

*Art Deco Chicago:*

*Mainstream of 20th Century Design*

Lecture: 6:30 pm

**December 4**

*Holiday depARTure*

*Chicago Art Institute*

**December 11**

*Holiday Lunch—Park Club*

**March TBD**

*Spring depARTure*

*Flint Institute of Arts*

**May 20**

*Annual Meeting and Brunch*

10:00 am

**June 19**

*Art League Uncorked!*



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## *Holiday Lunch at the Park Club*

**December 11, 2019**

**Holiday Lunch Reservation—due by noon on December 4, 2019**

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Seats I am reserving for the lunch on Dec. 11, 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 the check

**Deadline to RSVP is noon on December 4th**

Reservations subject to availability: maximum number of guests is 50. No refunds unless there is a waiting list.

**Make check payable to: Kalamazoo Art League**

**Mail to: Art League Lunch, 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo MI 49007**