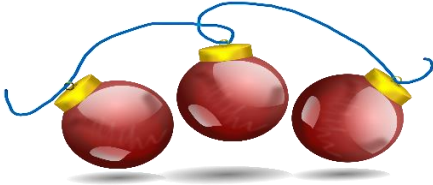




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WINTER 2023

A Message from the Art League President

There's Never Been a Better Time to Be an Art League Member!

The most exciting thing I have to report in this issue is an exciting new spirit of co-operation and support for the KIA from your Art League Board. That spirit goes both ways as the KIA has reiterated their strong support for the efforts of the Art League. (See Executive Director Belinda Tate's letter elsewhere in this issue.) This will be good for everyone! We're now into our Fall season of lectures at the Art League and if our opener was any indication, it's going to be one of the best seasons ever! Charles Burke, President & CEO of Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park was nothing short of sensational in his appearance last month. Charles was very generous with his time, staying after his talk to allow members to have some one-on-one time with him.

Our lecture series seems to be getting stronger each and every year, so be sure to check out the upcoming speakers on our website. You won't want to miss any of these great lectures! Finally, don't forget to sign up for our Holiday Luncheon at the Park Club! What a great way to meet old friends, build new relationships, and support the arts in Kalamazoo! You can download the Registration Form with menu choices and payment information at our website: www.kalamazooartleague.org.

Clearly there has never been a better time to be an Art League Member! If you're not a member yet, you can join at www.kalamazooartleague.org. If you're already a member, tell your friends!

Jim Cupper





Kalamazoo Art League

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

at the Park Club of Kalamazoo

12pm **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

\$40/pp tax & tip included, cash bar available
RSVP with payment due Friday, December 8



Registration Form:

Art League Member _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Select one Entrée

Roll, coffee, tea or iced tea included

____ Caesar Salad with Chicken ____ Creamy Mushroom Penne Pasta ____ Brie, Blackberry & Bacon Sandwich

Soup Choice

____ Acorn Squash Bisque ____ House White Bean

Your Additional Guests

Guest 1 – Entrée Choice _____ Soup _____

Guest 2 – Entrée Choice _____ Soup _____

Join us for a Private Pre-Luncheon Docent Tour!

_____ # will attend the optional 11am guided tour at KIA. Meet in KIA lobby at 10:45.

PAYMENT—Pay by mail with check payable to Kalamazoo Art League
or hand deliver to KIA Front Desk Receptionist

_____ # Reservation(s) @ \$40pp = \$ _____ enclosed. Check # _____

Mail to: Kalamazoo Art League Luncheon, PO Box 2223, Portage, MI 49081-2223
or hand deliver to KIA Front Desk Receptionist

Questions? Email us at ArtLeagueKalamazoo@gmail.org
Visit KalamazooArtLeague.org for program and membership information



The Kalamazoo Art League Welcomes Interim-Director Carrie Pickett-Erway!!

A seasoned executive and respected member of the community, Carrie Pickett-Erway brings decades of experience and great enthusiasm to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Carrie is the owner of CPE Consulting, LLC, providing consulting services for non-profits and philanthropic agencies. Prior to owning CPE Consulting, Carrie spent 23 years with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, the last 10 of which she served as President/CEO. She looks forward to maintaining operations and donor confidence as well as being a communication liaison from the Board of Directors to the staff. Carrie began at the KIA on October 19.



Stay tuned for exciting information about the next depARTure tour in the spring!!

March 13, 2024, 10 am—Laura De Becker



Laura De Becker, Interim Chief Curator and the Helmut and Candis Stern Curator of African Art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA).

Many of the works De Becker oversees were donated from the late Helmut Stern's collection of Central African art, widely viewed as one of the finest private collections in the world. She will discuss the complex issues of repatriation, provenance, and collaboration which are among the pressing issues facing museums with collection of African objects.



April 10, 2024, 10 am –Tuliza Fleming



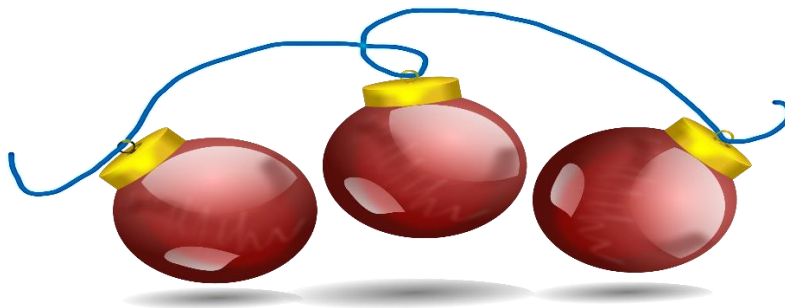
Tuliza Fleming will speak on Visual Art and The Americal Experience: A Journey into the Era or Reckoning. Dr. Fleming is the Curator of American Art at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), Smithsonian Institution. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in American art history from the University of Maryland, College Park (1997 and 2007), and her B.A. from Spelman College (1994). During her tenure at the NMAAHC, she worked to build the museum’s foundational American art collection, supervised the creation of a collection-based multi-media interactive, co-curated the traveling exhibition, Ain’t Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment, and served as the lead curator for the museum’s inaugural exhibition, Visual Art and the American Experience. Formerly, Dr. Fleming served in the position of Associate Curator of the American Art at The Dayton Art Institute in Dayton, Ohio.

May 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.—Craig McDonald

Craig McDonald, Director of the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio



Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989, the Aldean B. Dow Hoe and Studio continues to engage the imagination and elicits emotional responses in all who experience this powerful statement of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern architecture. The 20 into an encompassing pond, the Home and Studio is alive with reflective light, soaring roof lines, diverging angles, brilliant color and the perfect balance of enticement and tranquility. It truly is an “oasis of architecture and inspiration.”



At the KIA

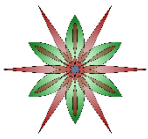
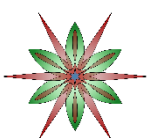
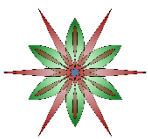
50th Holiday Art Sale!

Thursday, November 16, 5-8pm
(Members Only—Live music, light appetizers and drinks will be provided)

Friday, November 17, 5-8pm
Saturday, November 18, 9am – 3pm



EXHIBITIONS AT THE KIA

<p>A BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS Works by Wu Jian'an Now through December 31</p>		<p>LINES OF ABSTRACTION C. C. Wang Now through December 31</p>
<p>CELEBRATE! Now through January 14 2024</p>		<p>KIRK NEWMAN ART SCHOOL FACULTY REVIEW Now through January 28, 2024 (December 5 ARTbreak—<i>The Kirk Newman Art School: Moving Forward, Looking Back</i>)</p>
<p>A STORY TO FINDING US Kyungmi Shin January 20-May 12, 2024</p>		<p>AMERICAN REALISM: VISIONS OF AMERICAN, 1900-1950 January 20-April 14, 2024</p>

From the Former Executive Director

October 17, 2023

Kalamazoo Art League
C/O Jim Cupper, President
artleaguekalamazoo@gmail.com

Dear Jim et al,

It is with a grateful heart that I thank you for acknowledging me at the Art Leagues reception prior to the guest speaker, Charles Burke, CEO of the Frederick Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park on October 11th.

Your heartfelt words were so gracious and the artwork I received created by artist Julie Devers means so much to me. I will add it to my collection as a cherished piece. The sentiment of its origin, made from North Carolina clay and fired here at the anagama kiln of the KIA touches so many aspects of my history and life.

The Kalamazoo Art League is an integral part of the community arts and culture environment. It assists in improving the quality of life for everyone and I will miss our interactions and relationship. Thank you for all that you do for the KIA. I know that the league will also remain involved in continuing to support the KIA and its future.

Warm regards,

Belinda

Belinda Tate
Executive Director

