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COVER IMAGE CREDIT: Maquette for the *Spirit of Detroit*,
Marshall M. Fredericks

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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The Krasl Art Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our revenue supports the public's interest and we are governed by a Board of Directors. A Board of Directors is critical to an organization's future. The KAC Board of Directors ensures that we advance our public purpose, maintain our mission of bringing people and art together, advance our vision to enhance the quality of life through art, and achieve our goals. The Board of Directors also hires and evaluates the executive director, ensures the organization's financial stability, and guides strategic and organizational direction.

As a member of the KAC, you were invited to elect your 2013-2014 Board of Directors. The

new board begins its term at the start of the fiscal year on October 1. Your vote matters and we appreciate your participation in this important election.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of the KAC Board Members for their commitment of time and resources. We also extend best wishes to outgoing board members Donna Moynihan and Sam Adams.

Please join us on October 3 from 6:00-6:45 pm to get to know your Board of Directors and staff and to learn about 2012-13 successes and future KAC plans at the Annual Membership Meeting. We invite you to stay after the meeting for the George Krasl Memorial Concert featuring Dr. Larry Schanker at 7:00 pm. Dr. Schanker, noted composer and pianist, will perform original and familiar pieces which echo the artworks in the exhibit, *American Painting Today: Physical & Visceral*.

As your executive director, I am grateful to work for a talented, committed and accessible board, to have the very best staff imaginable, and to be situated in southwest Michigan's creative community. I am thankful for the energy of our 400+ volunteers who make the KAC run, and to you, our members, for believing in the work we do. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on October 3.

JULIA GOURLEY
Executive Director

IN THE GALLERIES

AMERICAN PAINTING TODAY: PHYSICAL & VISCERAL

September 13-October 20

Do not miss this singular exhibition showcasing contemporary paintings produced by artists throughout the nation today. Weary of contemporary art? Do not fear! Enjoy our welcoming gallery environment complete with couches for lounging, books for perusing and artist playlists for listening.

Exhibition Sponsor: WATERFRONT



Untitled
by Gabriel Pionkowski

SKETCHES TO SCULPTURES, RENDERED REALITY: SIXTY YEARS WITH MARSHALL M. FREDERICKS

November 8, 2013 – January 12, 2014

Marshall M. Fredericks (1908-1998) was a pre-eminent figurative sculptor in American art in the 20th century. Residing in Michigan, he created iconic sculptures and monuments located throughout the world. His most recognizable public sculpture in this region is the *Spirit of Detroit* (see the maquette for this artwork on the cover).

This touring exhibition is drawn from the collections of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, a single artist museum located at Saginaw Valley State University in the Great Lakes Bay Region. It offers the unique opportunity to look at the creative process of the artist, from early informal sketches, to presentation drawings, to small bronze sculptures. It represents a 60-year body of work by Fredericks and includes 30 bronze sculptures, 2 bronze reliefs, an anodized aluminum relief, and archival reproductions of 35 drawings and sketches, among other archival materials.



Boy and Bear
by Marshall M. Fredericks

Exhibition Sponsors:



IN THE artlab



Detail of *Past Present Future Perfect* by Laura Elayne Miller

PAST PRESENT FUTURE PERFECT

By Laura Elayne Miller

On view through October 20

If we were to stop trying to discern time, would we still know where we are? *Past Present Future Perfect* is an installation about the relationship of space and time. Through light, sound and sculpture, the artist creates a visceral environment that captures the moment. A static pendulum, corporeal soundscapes, and imaginary images live in a temporally illusive space that is transformed by the viewer's presence.



ANDREWS UNIVERSITY PLACE MAKING STUDIO

November 8, 2013 – January 12, 2014

Place making is a multi-faceted approach to planning, designing and utilizing spaces. It is both process and philosophy and it is being implemented globally to invigorate, activate and transform sites large and small. This fall, students from Andrews University in Berrien Springs were tasked by professors Mark Moreno and Kristin von Maur to creatively re-imagine the Krasl Art Center's front grounds using place making principles. View the results of their endeavors!



In the artlab, art comes off the walls, off the pedestals and into the space.

IN THE STUDIOS

Autumn in the KAC studios is like a crisp breeze carrying a flurry of leaves across the lawn. Students sweep into our ceramics, jewelry, sculpture and multi-media studios with enthusiasm and creativity. Faculty brings expertise and encouragement as students excitedly create projects.

Sign up today for adult fall classes in watercolor, oil or acrylic painting as well as silversmithing and sculptural metal clay jewelry. Woodworking now includes introductory and advanced level hand-carving techniques. You may also choose to hone your drawing skills or learn the intricacies of your DSLR camera.

A new creativity class, *Coffee with Cornell*, is an excursion into the life and work of Joseph Cornell. The class is a combination of both art history and art making. Bring your curiosity and favorite mementos to create a Cornell inspired shadow box that is both personal and metaphorical.

Kids ages 3 to 15 can participate, too. Pre-school aged children can bring an adult and spend mornings together in *Teeny Tiny Artists and You*. Kindergarteners can *Meet the Masters*, elementary aged kids can make *Fantasy Figures Come Alive*, middle school aged youth can explore *Form & Space*, and high school teens can choose *Drawing From Your Head* or *Hipsters in the Darkroom*.

Registration for classes continues until September 30 and classes begin October 1. For more details on all of our class offerings visit our website at www.krasl.org.

WINTER BREAK SHORTS

Shorts return for the holidays at the KAC! This popular offering of make-and-take creative time is a great way to make last minute holiday decorations and gifts, or for kids to explore the many ways of turning imagination into reality. Register before December 20 for a reduced fee for this first come, first served fun in the studio. Each session is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. After December 21 the tuition is \$20/25. Walk-ins are welcome, but contingent upon space availability. Winter Break Shorts run from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

December 23: Last Minute Holiday Gifts for Friends and Family

FUN1: Ages 5-7

FUN2: Ages 8-10

December 27: Winter Ice Sculptures that are Cool but not Cold

FUN3: Ages 5-7

FUN4: Ages 8-10

December 30: New Year's Celebration Decorations

FUN5: Ages 5-7

FUN6: Ages 8-10

January 3: Chinese New Year Dragons

FUN7: Ages 5-7

FUN8: Ages 8-10

IN THE STUDIOS

FACULTY FEATURE

Growing up, Lara Stewart created everything out of anything on hand. Winning the Governor's Honor Award in high school propelled her to pursue a creative career in which she hoped to paint with plants. An elective class in college ceramics resulted in a BFA from Brigham Young University and a Masters Degree in Arts Education from Columbus College. Lara and her family relocated to the area in 2009, and we met her as she brought her children to ceramics class through the KAC home school program. As a result, Lara will teach *Play & Clay* for home school students this fall.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Join us the first Thursday of each month and celebrate creativity at these events which are free and open to the public.

BROWNBAG + ART

Begins October 3

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm

Bring your lunch and watch a short feature on art history, contemporary art or artists' lives followed by a thought provoking discussion. Brownbag + Art begins October 3, but will take breaks October 31, November 28, December 26, and throughout January. The program will resume February 6, 2014.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

George Krasl Memorial Concert featuring Dr. Larry Schanker

October 3, 7:00 pm;

seating will begin at 6:45 pm

Join Dr. Larry Schanker for an intimate evening of music and art which echoes the exhibit *American Painting Today: Physical & Visceral*. Original and familiar pieces will entertain and offer insight into the creative process of music composition.



Place Making at the Krasl Art Center

November 7, 7:00 pm

Join us to envision what it would be like to completely re-imagine the Krasl Art Center grounds. The evening will begin with a guest speaker on creative place making, followed by Andrews University architecture students' proposed class projects to re-imagine the KAC grounds as a site for community engagement with the arts. Student projects will remain on view in the KAC art**lab** through January 12, 2014.

Artists' Slide Show

December 5, 7:00 pm

Have you ever been to an "open mic" night for visual artists? If not, here's your chance. Discover what's happening in the area's art studios as local artists present their work at the Artists' Slide Show. Artists are invited to provide 3 images of their work and will have 5 minutes to present it to their family, friends, peers and new audiences. Learn about hidden artistic gems in our community, meet new artists, engage in lively, thoughtful discussion, and get inspired by new artistic resources. All genres are welcome, from photo-journalism to fine art to industrial design. Sign-ups to present art will be taken at the door on a first come, first served basis the night of the event. Sorry, business/sales presentations are not permitted.

IN THE STUDIOS



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The Artisan Market is a juried fine craft market focusing on jewelry, art and unique handmade items that are perfect for gift giving. The KAC staff and volunteers are working hard to bring you the best Artisan Market yet full of new and returning artists and exceptional pieces to purchase!

Let others know what items you would like from Artisan Market with our Wish List service. Simply complete a wish list card and leave it with Artisan Market staff to share with your significant other as well as family and friends.

Shop for the holiday season and other special occasions by purchasing quality, affordable gifts at the Artisan Market.

THE ROCKIN' 50'S PREMIERE PARTY

Friday, October 25

6:00-8:00 pm

Tickets: \$25/person

Break out the poodle skirts and blue suede shoes and bring your best guy or gal to shop the night away while rockin' to the music of Chubby Checker and Buddy Holly. Enjoy 50's style refreshments and have the first opportunity to purchase fine giftables. Let's Rock & Roll!

DAILY SHOPPING

Saturday, October 26 – Thursday, October 31

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 29

5:00-6:30 pm - Men's Personal Shopper Service. Get help finding the perfect gifts for loved ones. A hostess will be happy help you make selections while you enjoy special refreshments.

5:00 -8:00 pm - Enjoy a glass of wine, musical entertainment and more while you shop for unique gifts.

SOUP'S ON

Monday, October 28 – Thursday, October 31

11:00 am-1:30 pm

\$6/person; \$1/dessert

Have a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread and dessert at our ever-popular Soup's On lunch each day during Artisan Market. We make it easy to dine while you shop, and it's always a surprise to see which local "celebrity" dishes up your soup.

IN THE STUDIOS

ARTISAN MARKET FAQs

- Q.** Who came up with the idea of Soup's On?
- A.** KAC Volunteer and supporter Margaret Hills came up with the idea of Soup's On. This fun event which allows patrons to shop while enjoying a satisfying bowl of homemade soup has become a staple of Artisan Market. The 2013 Soup's On event is dedicated in memory of Margaret Hills.
- Q.** Why was the name changed from HollyMarket to Artisan Market?
- A.** We wanted the name to emphasize the quality and variety of unique gifts suitable for year round enjoyment.

KRASL ART CENTER GIFT SHOP

The KAC Gift Shop is a memorable destination with unique, artful merchandise including jewelry, ceramics, art materials, cards, household goods and much more. We receive new products nearly every week, so stop in often to purchase the latest merchandise. Look for handmade ornaments during the Artisan Market in October. Members, be sure to shop during our "double discount" days November 1-8 and receive 20% off your purchase (excluding consignment items). Encourage your friends and relatives to become members so they receive discounts on their purchases, too!



EVENT UPDATES

GOLF OUTING - A SWINGING SUCCESS!

In June, the Krasl Art Center hosted its 4th Annual *Swinging for Sculpture Golf Outing and Party* at Harbor Shores Golf Club. The weather was excellent, the greens challenging and the after-party lively. This event raised \$7,331 toward the purchase of new sculpture for the KAC permanent collection. Thank you to all who participated. We look forward to seeing YOU at this fun event next summer!

Right: KAC Board Member & Swinging for Sculpture Event Chair Sharon Warren and friends.



KRASL art fair ON THE BLUFF



KRASL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF - THE BEST YET!

Each year, many people comment that this show was the "best ever." We believe this year truly was a standout, and here's why:

- Nearly 1,000 artists applied for 216 booths.
- The Art Fair had the best quality of art ever!
- Our outstanding core committee members were critical to the success of the Art Fair.
- We listened and responded to the needs of:
 - Artists
 - Patrons
 - Community
 - Staff and committee
- We have the BEST volunteers of any community!
- The City of St. Joseph is extremely supportive and involved.
- Our reputation is strong within the artist community.
- The Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff has consistently high national rankings.
- Sponsors and donors provide essential cash and in-kind support.

We're pleased to announce that the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff leapt from the rank of #20 in 2012 to #12 in 2013 in *Sunshine Artist* magazine's *200 Best Shows for 2013*. *Sunshine Artist*, America's Premier Art & Craft Show Magazine, ranks art shows each year based on artist surveys. We are proud to receive this significant accolade.

Thank you to all who helped make the 2013 Art Fair a success!

KRASL CREW SPOTLIGHT



MARCUS MIERLE

If you've ever stopped in the KAC on a Thursday, you've surely met Marcus Mierle, one of our many outgoing and friendly volunteers. Marcus became part of the Krasl Crew in January of this year. He enjoys meeting new people, telling them about the KAC and the community, and building lasting relationships. Marcus is a Michigan native and has extensive experience in the hotel industry and in property management at the University of Chicago. His favorite saying is, "I feel better than I look, and I look terrific!" Say hello to Marcus next time you're at the KAC welcome desk.

JOIN THE KRASL CREW

Do you enjoy giving your time in a fun, creative and friendly environment? If so, consider joining the Krasl Crew. We have numerous opportunities available based on your time, talents and interests. We're specifically looking for smiling, helpful folks for our welcome desk as well as people to help serve customers in the KAC gift shop. For more information, contact Cathie Pflaumer, Volunteer Coordinator, at cpflaumer@krasl.org or 269.983.0271 ext. 12.



STAFF UPDATE

Please welcome Heather and Jodi to the KAC team!



Heather Krestik is the new weekend Receptionist/Visitor Service Specialist at the KAC. Heather grew up in Port Huron, Michigan, and thoroughly enjoys living on the Great Lakes. She recently moved to St. Joseph and works in forensics. She received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University and her Masters degree in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University. Heather enjoys rollerblading, scrap booking, and watching the Detroit Tigers.



Jodi Lamm is the new evening Receptionist/Education Specialist at the Krasl Art Center. Jodi moved to St. Joseph a year ago and holds a Master's degree in Linguistics. She currently teaches Latin at Aquinas College. Lamm and her husband both hail from Iowa and were married in June. She is thrilled to join the staff at the KAC.

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... all year round.



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Sustainer

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lewis

The Krasl Art Center relies on your membership for your advocacy, alliance and financial support. Thank you for being a member of the KAC. Share the KAC with your friends and relatives by encouraging them to join you in becoming members. Consider giving a KAC membership as a gift this holiday season.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Single \$35

Senior Family .. \$40
Family..... \$50
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BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Quarterly newsletter and invitations for reception openings, special events and music programs.
- Discounts on studio classes and KAC gift shop items (excluding consignment).
- Any membership over \$150 entitles bearer to a reciprocal membership in 10 Michigan museums.
- Membership and contributions of \$500 and higher receive additional recognition.

Contact Executive Director Julia Gourley for details regarding membership.

MEMORIALS

Thank you for giving in memory of those who were part of the KAC family. We give thanks as well to Barbra Kruggel, Margaret Hills, and Gertrude Sowers for their support of and dedication to the Krasl Art Center.

In memory of Barbra Kruggel

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1 Fall Classes Begin
- 3 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
KAC Annual Meeting, 6:00-6:45 pm
Thursday Night Lights Series: George Krasl Memorial Concert, 7:00 pm
- 10 & 17 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 20 Exhibitions close: *American Painting Today: Physical & Visceral and Past Present Future Perfect* in the **artlab**
- 24 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 25 Artisan Market Premiere Party, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 26-31 Artisan Market/Soup's On
- 29 4:00-8:00 pm: Artisan Market Late Night Shopping;
5:00-6:30 pm: Men's Personal Shopper Service with special refreshments.

NOVEMBER

- 1-8 Gift Shop Double Discount Days for KAC Members
- 7 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
Thursday Night Lights Series: Place Making at the Krasl Art Center, 7:00 pm
- 8 Exhibitions Open: *Sketches to Sculptures, Rendered Reality: Sixty Years with Marshall M. Fredericks*
and Andrews University Place Making Studio Presents in the **artlab**
- 8 Opening Party: See the new exhibits and enjoy performances by the Children's Academy;
free and open to the public, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 11 Volunteer Training, 9:00-10:00 am
Understanding Art Training/Orientation, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- 14 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 28 KAC Closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 5 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
Thursday Night Lights Series: Artists' Slide Show, 7:00 pm
- 12 & 19 Brown Bag + Art, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 23 Winter Break Shorts, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- 25 KAC closed on Christmas Day
- 26-31 After Christmas Sale in the KAC Gift Shop
- 27 & 30 Winter Break Shorts, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- 31 New Year's Eve; KAC closes at noon

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KRASL STACK
By Fred Spaulding



WHERE DID IT GO?

Fred Spaulding's sculpture *Krasl Stack* elicited responses far and wide, soft and loud; you loved it, you hated it, and you certainly had an opinion about it! But where did it go? In September, Fred disassembled the sculpture piece by piece and returned with it to Texas. The elements of this sculpture will soon be re-worked into new sculptures the artist is creating in his studio.

Krasl Stack was part of the Krasl Art Center's 2012 Biennial Sculpture Invitational. The exhibition included 26 outdoor sculptures selected by members of the community and placed on the KAC grounds, at the Box Factory for the Arts, Lookout Park and the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum in St. Joseph, and in the Benton Harbor Arts District. Look for new sculptures next spring as this exhibition series, begun in 1996, continues to bring dynamic new art to the community.

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