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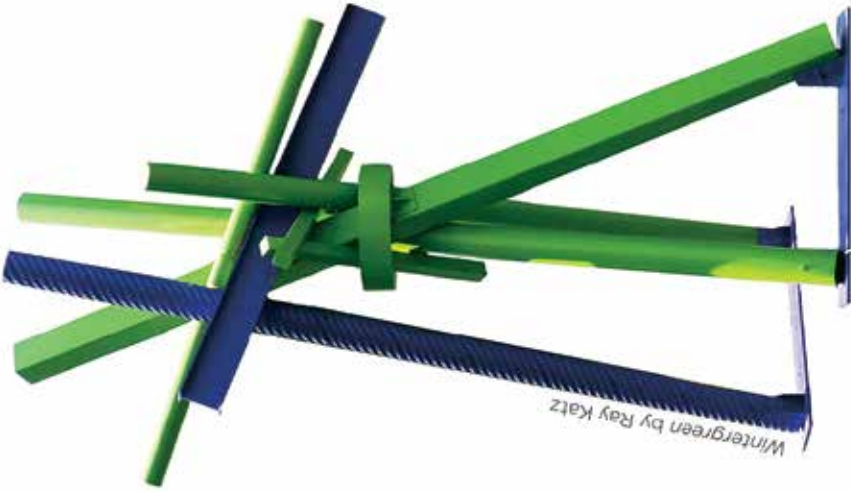
2014 Purchase Award Winner: *Wintergreen*

Ray Katz

Painted Steel, 16' x 10' x 7'

Purchase made possible by 1st Source Bank, with additional support from 2014 Swinging for Sculpture and 2013-2014 Annual Fund Donors.

Wintergreen is an excellent example of Michigan artist Ray Katz's monumental industrial forms. It is also a unique example of the artist's work due to its composition and color choices. Katz first showed his art at the KAC in a solo exhibition in 2000 titled *Transformations*. He has had a significant career as a sculptor in this region.



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ART INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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The City of St. Joseph has embarked upon Resilient St. Joseph to help guide the community toward a vibrant future. Simultaneously the Krasl Art Center is discussing the role of visual arts and public sculpture in the communities of St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and beyond.

Creative placemaking leverages creativity, culture and the arts to inform and create spaces where diverse groups of people are engaged in a meaningful way. Krasl Art Center staff and board have been asking questions about what our green space offers our community and how creative placemaking can inform the future of outdoor spaces.

Last year, Andrews University architecture students shared in the discussion by embarking upon an academic study encompassing the Krasl Art Center's yard. Students assessed the Krasl Art Center's outdoor spaces and used placemaking concepts to develop an exhibition of models and drawings for the **artlab**. In recent months, we have continued to discuss how creative placemaking concepts can inform the future of the Krasl Art Center's green space. We are grateful to our master planning committee members and board of directors, the Whirlpool Creative Network and other community members who have joined in the discussion.

Throughout these discussions, many immediately actionable improvements were identified in our yard. Tables and chairs have been added to make it easier to gather, relax and engage in casual conversation. Additionally, a brick seating area was created through a partnership with Andrews University's Renaissance Kids Architecture Camp to make the back yard more accessible and engaging. The seating area was made possible from past memorial contributions and through a gift in memory of Carl Fiore by his wife, Mildred Fiore.

As we continue to explore creative placemaking to make the Krasl Art Center yard an integral part of the community we invite your participation. Join us at 6 pm Thursday, October 2 for the Annual Meeting of the Membership to learn more about the future of your art museum. You will soon receive a letter from me regarding our need for your support. Please consider making a financial gift to continue to improve the Krasl Art Center indoor facilities and outdoor spaces; to support continuation of dynamic gallery exhibitions and a world class sculpture collection; and to help provide creative art experiences for all residents of and visitors to southwest Michigan.

Another way to show your support is by joining us for Fine Art + Fine Food at Tosi's Restaurant to celebrate the restaurant's 75th year and discover Tosi's artwork with local celebrities. Event proceeds benefit the Krasl Art Center's programs to bring people and art together through educational activities and exhibitions. See page 6 for more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Gourley".

JULIA GOURLEY
Executive Director

IN THE GALLERIES

KRASL ART CENTER MEMBERS' SHOW: LOCAL ICONS

On View through November 2, 2014

The Krasl Art Center Members' Show highlights the many artists that are part of our creative community and the works that enrich our lives as well as theirs. Stop by the galleries to see what member artists deem iconic in southwest Michigan, view an array of visual styles and expressions, and take in the immense creativity of our community.

ARNOLD NEWMAN: 20TH CENTURY LUMINARIES IN ART, POLITICS AND CULTURE



Leonard Bernstein © Arnold Newman

His portraits at once speak to his talent as a photographer and his unparalleled ability to capture the personality of his subjects.

All photographs copyright Arnold Newman. The exhibition is organized by art2art Circulating Exhibitions.

EXHIBITION EVENTS

Opening Party

November 21

6-8 pm

FREE & Open to the Public

View Newman's iconic photos from the 20th century and experience Lucy Slivinski's contemporary installation in the art**lab**. Enjoy live music, light fare and refreshments at this fun social event.

Children's Art Workshop

November 21

6-8 pm

Free for members / \$10 per non-member family

Coffee with the Curator

November 24

9 am

Curator Tami Miller shares interesting anecdotes with members, volunteers and sponsors during this exclusive tour of the Arnold Newman exhibition.

Exhibition Sponsors:



IN THE GALLERIES

JOHN BANKSTON

January 30 – April 26, 2015

Opening Reception: January 30
6-8 pm

John Bankston was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He has gone on to have a prolific artistic career on the west coast and his work has been featured in prominent exhibitions, including *30 Americans* at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. This January, Bankston will show his work in the Twin Cities. Through an imaginary land known as the Rainbow Forest, Bankston creates open-ended narratives influenced by the African bush and the streets of San Francisco. He utilizes the visual language of coloring books with the intention of making the viewer aware of the "color" of the characters.



Artist John Bankston and one of his artworks

IN THE artlab

It's Your Turn!

On View through November 2, 2014

Visit the lab before November 2 to participate in and view the evolution of this ongoing visual experiment started by local artist Josh Mason. Art supplies provided.

Lucy Slivinski

November 21, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Chicago artist Lucy Slivinski utilizes light, nature and found objects to create sculptures, installations, lighting and architecture. Her work moves back and forth between the organic and the industrial and is always imbued with striking energy. Slivinski has been invited to take creative license with the artlab gallery, transforming it to her vision.



Lucy Slivinski

2014 artlab sponsor:

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artlab ARTIST TALK WITH LUCY SLIVINSKI

Thursday, November 20

7 pm

Meet Lucy Slivinski and see her installation in-progress as she discusses her inspiration and materials at this informal event.



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

PROGRAMS

Enjoy participating in the arts and enhance your experience at the KAC with programs specifically designed for you!



Artwork by Silvano Taufi

Fine Art + Fine Food

Sunday, October 5

4-8 pm

\$75/person, 100% of which is a charitable donation

You've seen the many artworks while dining at Tosi's restaurant. Now is your chance to learn about their history in a lighthearted atmosphere while enjoying fine food and beverages. You'll be personally introduced to the artworks by local celebrities Roger Harvey, Kristin

Hosbein, Vincent Iannelli, Paul Mow, Rick Ott, Anna Russo-Sieber and Brittany Stecker.

Featured artists include Madonini, Silvano Taufi, Pasquale Iannelli and others. Music will be provided by Renaissance String Quartet. Wine is compliments of Tabor Hill Winery. Proceeds will benefit KAC exhibition and education programs.

Visit <http://public.krasl.org/public/Events.faces> or call 269.983.0271 by October 1 to register.

ArtPrize Tour

Friday, October 10

Depart at 9 am, Return by 8 pm

\$35 includes transportation, snacks, and Kendall College of Art & Design guided tour \$7 additional for Grand Rapids Art Museum guided tour (special access) Meals and all other expenses are on your own

Art from around the world pops up in every inch of downtown Grand Rapids during ArtPrize. KAC staff Nathan Margoni and Tami Miller will lead you through this sprawling exhibition with a tour of special venues such as Grand Rapids Art Museum, Kendall College of Art & Design, and SiTE:LAB, while allowing extra time for your own exploration. The bus will stop for dinner and drinks on the return drive.

Register online at <http://public.krasl.org/public/Events.faces> by October 3.



Tour guide and artist Nathan Margoni with his 2013 ArtPrize entry

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On View Outdoors

2014 Biennial Sculpture Invitational

The Krasl Art Center is pleased to announce Michigan artist Ray Katz as the 2014 Biennial Purchase Award winner. His sculpture, *Wintergreen*, is installed in Lookout Park on Lakeshore Drive in south St. Joseph. Nicholas Kantarelis' Best of Show sculpture, *One Disassembled, Reassembled Tree*, is on view on the KAC grounds.

As the fall colors appear, enjoy the outdoors and the 2014 Biennial Sculpture Invitational anew. Take a stroll along the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum at sunrise; enjoy lunch from Lookout Park, view sculpture on your way to Kiwanis Park in St. Joe, and after dinner and drinks in the Arts District, stroll to the Arts Park and Thayer Park to see what is on view. Don't forget to visit us here at the KAC to enjoy the several sculptures on our grounds as well!



Jennifer Dickson's sculpture *Bridge* does yoga in the Arts District in Thayer Park.

Presenting Sponsor:



Artist Slideshow & Potluck

Thursday, October 2

7-9 pm

FREE & Open to the public

Calling all artists! Join us for some showing and sharing in the KAC galleries. Show images of your work and share a favorite dish with your fellow artists and art-lovers at this tasty social event. All you have to do is bring a zip drive with images and be prepared to talk for 5 minutes. If you don't have art to show, make up for it by bringing an extra delicious dish.

Call the Education Department at 983.0271 to sign up prior to the event.

George Krasl Memorial Concert

Thursday, December 4

7 pm; seating begins at 6:30 pm

Donations are appreciated.

Enjoy works by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copeland, Phillip Glass, Igor Stravinsky, and others while viewing images of these composers by renowned photographer Arnold Newman during this special concert.



Understanding Art Tours

Monday-Saturday

9 am – 3 pm

Group Size: 5-60 people

Find out all there is to know about our current exhibitions and create exhibition-inspired artworks in our Understanding Art tours. UA tours are great for school groups as well as other groups that may be interested in our current exhibition or a customized tour of art located in downtown St. Joseph. Tour scholarships and transportation reimbursement may be available for select groups. Contact education@krasl.org for further information and to schedule your tour.

IN THE STUDIOS



Porcelain Cocktail Cups by Sean O'Connell

Adult Studio Programs

Guest Artist Workshop:

Cultivating the Ceramic Surface

Ages 16 and up, some ceramic experience recommended

Saturday/Sunday, November 15 & 16

9:30 am-4:30 pm

Tuition: \$175/\$200

All Materials Provided

Explore the ceramic surface as a means to understand the aesthetics of form, decoration, and personal expression with Chicago ceramicist Sean O'Connell.

For more details and to register, go to krasl.org/public/Workshops.faces by November 3.

Youth Studio Programs

Winter Make It/Take It Workshops

Make something unique for a holiday gift or your own enjoyment at these mini workshops with KAC faculty. Tuition for each workshop is \$15/\$20 on or before December 17 and \$20/\$25 after December 17. Walk-ins are welcome.

FUN1: AIR DRY CLAY FIGURINES

5-7 yrs

Monday, December 22

9-11 am

FUN2: BRING YOUR TOY TO LIFE WITH STOP-MOTION ANIMATION

8-12 yrs

Monday, December 22

9-11 am

FUN3: WINTER PUPPETS

5-7 yrs

Tuesday, December 23

9-11 am

FUN4: RECYCLED SCULPTURE

8-12 yrs

Tuesday, December 23

9-11 am

FACULTY FOCUS



Shannon Eakins brings together group puppetry, video projection, and robotic sculptures in her imaginative works. *The Crossing*, a melodramatic story of one raccoon's drive for transcendence, was performed in the **artlab** in April. Shannon holds an MFA from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, has designed school tours and interactive experiences at the Tacoma Art Museum, and is currently an adjunct instructor at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, MI. Look for her popular Puppetry and Performance classes this winter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shop for fine handmade giftables at the 2014 Artisan Market! As the only fall juried fine art and fine craft event in southwest Michigan, the Artisan Market offers a variety of unique jewelry, art, apparel, home décor and more that are perfect for holiday gift giving.



Want to let someone know what you would like at Artisan Market? Use our "wish list" service. Simply complete a wish list card

and leave it with Artisan Market staff. We are happy to share your list with your significant other, family and friends.

"Putting on the Ritz": Premiere Party

Friday, November 7

6:00-8:00 pm

Tickets: \$25/person

This popular black and white themed party will have you dancing, dining and shopping your way through the night while supporting this fundraiser. You will be treated to local fine food, wine and beer. You'll also have the opportunity to meet many of the artists and be the first to view and purchase their artwork!

Daily Shopping

Saturday, November 8-

Thursday, November 13

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 11,

open until 8:00 pm

Pop in to the Artisan Market during the day. Take advantage of Tuesday evening hours while sipping a glass of wine or beer and listening to musical selections for a relaxing shopping experience. Need assistance with your purchases? Our personal shoppers will be on hand to help you make the perfect selections for friends and loved ones.

Soup's On

Monday, November 10 –

Thursday, November 13

11:00 am-1:30 pm

\$7/person; \$2/dessert

\$10 Dine, Dessert & Donate!

Buy a Soup's On lunch plus dessert and donate \$1 to support the Krasl Art Center's education and exhibition programs.

A delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread, locally grown apples and dessert are available 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.

Event Sponsors:



GIFT SHOP



The gift shop stays true to Krasl Art Center's mission of *Bringing People and Art Together* by ensuring a wide selection of quality handmade goods at reasonable prices. Look for new regional artists creating original paintings, jewelry and cards as well as handmade chocolates, candles and soaps. Enjoy big savings this season during the **Members' Double Discount Days, November 14-21** and our **Holiday Sale, December 15-29**.

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EVENT UPDATES

Golf Benefit a Success

The Krasl Art Center hosted its fifth annual Swinging for Sculpture golf benefit at Berrien Hills Golf Club on June 6 and was followed by dinner, music by Slim Gypsy Baggage and a silent auction. The day was perfect for golfing and progressed into a lovely evening of dining and entertainment, raising \$10,942 to support the purchase and placement of sculpture in southwest Michigan. Special thanks to committee chair and board member Sharon Warren and the event committee.



Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

The 2014 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff was another success for the Krasl Art Center. Many patrons commented on the outstanding quality of art and many artists had positive comments regarding the event. We are pleased to announce that the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff increased its 2014 rank from #12 to #10 in Sunshine Artist magazine's *200 Best* fine art and design shows. Thanks to the Art Fair committee, our sponsors and community partners, the KAC board and staff, and the 465 volunteers who contributed to this important recognition.



Art Fair 2014. Photo by Mike Jakeway

2014 Festival of Trees

Volunteer Southwest Michigan is a valued partner of the Krasl Art Center by assisting with volunteer sourcing and recruitment for our welcome desk, gift shop and many events. As a thank you for our partnership, the Krasl Art Center is creating two decorated holiday trees to be auctioned at the Festival of Trees November 21 at the Vineland Center in St. Joseph. Support the volunteer center and bid high on a tree decorated by KAC staff.

A promotional graphic for the 2014 Festival of Trees. The left side features a blue background with a glowing tree and the text "2014 Festival of TREES" and "VINELAND CENTER 155 Vineland Road, Saint Joseph, MI". The right side has a dark blue background with white and pink text: "Mark Your Calendar! The 2014 Festival of Trees Nov. 21, 2014 @ The Vineland Center in St. Joseph, MI. Click here now for details or call (269) 983-0912 today."/>

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VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Spotlight

Sylwia Bienkowski was one of many outstanding volunteers for the 2014 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. These days, you will see her friendly face at the welcome desk, where she practices conversing in English with KAC patrons. Sylwia is from Poland and managed projects in information technology, human resources and other fields. Sylwia and her husband, David, came to the United States due to his employment at Whirlpool Corporation. Stop in for a warm and friendly chat with Sylwia and other KAC volunteers!

Sylwia Bienkowski takes a moment to enjoy the North Pier.

Photo by Dawid Bienkowski



A group of 2014 Art Fair volunteers pause for refreshments and camaraderie.

Photo by Mike Jakeway.

Be a Volunteer

The Krasl Art Center has many opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer. The Artisan Market, southwest Michigan's only juried fall fine art & craft event is in need of volunteers. Friendly, helpful folks are also needed at the welcome desk, gift shop and in other capacities. Contact Cathie Pflaumer, Volunteer Coordinator, at cpflaumer@krasl.org or submit your interest online at <http://krasl.org/get-involved/volunteer>

MEMBERSHIP

THE KAC EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

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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.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Single.....\$35

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- 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.

Become a member online at <http://public.krasl.org/public/Memberships.faces>.



KAC members Melissa Schultz and Joshua Nowicki enjoy fellowship at a recent exhibition reception. Photo by Toni Rosetto

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The Krasl Art Center is thankful to those who contribute
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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 2 KAC annual meeting, 6 pm; galleries Artists' Slideshow and Potluck, 7 pm; KAC library
- 9  am; Biennial Sculpture Invitational ribbon cutting at Lookout Park, south St. Joseph: *Wintergreen*, by Ray Katz
- 15 Michigan's Great Southwest Sustainable Business Forum's "Green Drinks;" 5-7:30 pm; galleries
- 3-5 Encaustic painting work shop
- 5 Fine Art + Fine Food fundraiser, 4-8 pm; Tosi's Restaurant
- 10 ArtPrize Tour to Grand Rapids, 9 am – 8 pm

NOVEMBER

- 2 Members' Show and **artlab** exhibitions end
- 7 Artisan Market Premiere Party; 6-8 pm
- 10 Artisan Market evening shopping; 4-8 pm

- 8-13 Artisan Market (Soup's on Monday, Nov. 10-Thursday, Nov. 13)
- 14-21 KAC Member Double Discount Days; gift shop
- 20 **artlab** artist talk with Lucy Slivinski, 7 pm
- 21 Arnold Newman: 20th Century Luminaries in Art, Politics & Culture and **artlab** exhibitions open, 6-8 pm
- 27 KAC closed Thanksgiving Day
- 28 KAC galleries and gift shop open; administrative offices are closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER

- 4 George Krasl Memorial Concert, 7 pm; galleries
- 15-29 KAC Holiday Sale; gift shop
- 22-23 Youth Make It/Take It Workshops
- 24-25 KAC closed for Christmas
- 31 KAC closed at noon

CLOSINGS

Weather Closings

The Krasl Art Center may occasionally need to close due to the weather. Please listen to local radio WSJM/WIRX or watch WNDU or WSBT television stations for KAC closing information.

January Closings

The Krasl Art Center is closed January 1, 2015 for New Year's Day. The Krasl Art Center will also be closed January 12-29 and will reopen January 30, 2015 to kickoff a new year of exhibitions. Join us at 6 pm for the opening reception of Benton Harbor native John Bankston and his colorful, inspiring works of art.