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## KRASL ART CENTER RENOVATION

Enjoy the newly installed maple flooring in the Dar Davis Gallery and Gallery II. KAC improvements were made possible in part from a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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**O**n January 24, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder was awarded the 2014 Public Leadership in the Arts Award for State Arts Leadership by Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading organization for advancing the arts and arts education. Governor Snyder stated, "We need to step up and say the arts is not an additive thing, a "nice" thing – it's integral to quality of life, it's integral to economic development, it's integral to job growth." A week later, the Krasl

Art Center welcomed the community and unveiled major improvements including maple flooring in the galleries and an updated Krasl Art Center Gift Shop. This project and a pending ground floor restroom upgrade are made possible in part by a capital improvement grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs (MCACA), a department of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), funded through state appropriations.

We are grateful the state of Michigan recognizes the impact of the arts on job growth, economic development and quality of life and are thrilled that you too demonstrate your understanding of the positive effects of the arts in our community through your contribution to the annual campaign. Your support resulted in a record total of \$17,121.56 in gifts to advance the KAC mission of bringing people and art together.

Your support, as well as the support from sponsors, benefactors and volunteers, is critical to fulfilling our mission. Without your help, the Krasl Art Center's impact on the economy and quality of life would not be possible.

Thank you for believing in the arts and for supporting the Krasl Art Center.

JULIA GOURLEY  
*Executive Director*

# IN THE GALLERIES

## THE HARMON & HARRIET KELLEY COLLECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ART: WORKS ON PAPER



*Carpenters* (1977) by Jack Lawrence

On view through April 20

View amazing artworks by premiere artists from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

### **KAC LEARNING CURVE**

Through April 20

See what it's like to create your own collection of artworks when you visit the Learning Curve in the Krasl Art Center lobby. Choose art from available selections, place them in frames and then sign your name on the wall to share your collection with others.



Harriet and Harmon Kelley

### **GALLERY TOUR WITH THE COLLECTORS**

Thursday, April 3, 7 pm

RSVP: 269.983.0271

Harmon and Harriet Kelley will lead a gallery tour, sharing intimate stories about their renowned collection of African American Art on view in the galleries. Free and open to the public.



# IN THE GALLERIES

## KRASL ART CENTER BIENNIAL SCULPTURE INVITATIONAL

Outdoors: April 2014 - September 2015

The Krasl Art Center is proud to present its *10th Biennial Sculpture Invitational*. This exhibition series, begun in 1996, showcases contemporary sculpture throughout the community. Varying styles, techniques and genres of sculpture inhabit the Twin Cities for 18 months. Their colorful and creative forms dapple local landscapes adding new interest to familiar sites.

The Biennial supports the Krasl Art Center's mission by bringing art outdoors where it is free for the community to enjoy 24/7. The exhibition complements the KAC's sculpture collection and it supports the professional careers of sculptors in the region and nationally.

New sculptures will be placed this April on the KAC's grounds, at the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum, Lookout Park, in the Benton Harbor Arts District and outside the Box Factory for the Arts.

The Krasl Art Center thanks its community partners in this project: the Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, the New Territory Arts Association and the Box Factory for the Arts.

### **Kenneth M. Thompson**

In the galleries: April 25-June 22

Michigan Sculptor Kenneth M. Thompson's *Steel Arch IV* was the 2012 *Biennial Sculpture Invitational Purchase Award*. Thompson's sculpture remains on view for 2014 and a new body of work by the artist will be shown in the KAC's galleries. Biennial maquettes will also be on view.

Presenting Sponsor:



*Diva* by Ruth Aizzus Migdal

### **OPENING PARTY**

Friday, April 25, 6-10 pm

This lively party celebrates the arts throughout the Twin Cities. Drive from location to location, or jump on the tour bus at the KAC for an entertaining ride. Fine art, music and small bites will be provided at each venue with a grand finale party and cash bar at the Krasl Art Center from 8-10 pm.

6-7 pm: Benton Harbor Arts District

7-8 pm: Box Factory for the Arts

6-10 pm: Krasl Art Center

### **Coffee with the Curator**

Monday, April 28

9 am

Members, volunteers and sponsors are invited to a private tour of the galleries at this exclusive program.

# IN THE GALLERIES

## WAVES

June 27-September 14

Opening Reception

June 27, 6 pm

WAVES showcases art by contemporary artists influenced by the movement, patterns and life within water.

Photographer Sandra Gottlieb's images capture the rippling surfaces of the ocean. Jason De Caires Taylor's underwater sculptures repopulate coral reefs. Sophia Collier digitally transforms rhythms into three-dimensional wave sculptures.



Wave in Black and White by Sandra Gottlieb

## Coffee with the Curator

Monday, June 30

9 am

Volunteers, members and sponsors are invited to learn intimate details about the WAVES exhibition during this exclusive tour.

Sponsors:



## IN THE artlab



Preliminary Images for *The Crossing*

## *The Crossing* by Shannon Eakins

April 25-June 22

*The Crossing* is a site for exploring the gains and consequences of engaging; stories are channeled through puppetry and animatronic characters and activated through performance and video.

Thursday, April 24, 7 pm

artlab artist talk with Shannon Eakins

Friday, April 25, 6 pm

artlab exhibition opening

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## Suzanne Torres

June 27-September 14

Suzanne Torres addresses water related themes in conjunction with the WAVES exhibition.

2014 artlab sponsor:



# PROGRAMS

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

## NOON VIDEOS

Thursdays

12-1 pm

View videos on art history, contemporary art, artist's lives and more. Afterward, participate in an informal, engaging discussion led by KAC adult programs coordinator, Nathan Margoni. See page 15 for a list of noon videos.

## ART CRITS

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6

6:30-9 pm

Artist Ara Lucia Ashburn will lead academic style critiques for practicing artists. To participate, please sign up one week in advance. General public is welcome to observe. Email [education@krasl.org](mailto:education@krasl.org) to learn more.

## SLOW ART DAY

Saturday, April 12

11 am-2 pm

Slow Art Day is a worldwide celebration of art encouraging people to look at art *slowly*. Visit [www.slowartday.com](http://www.slowartday.com) for details and join facilitator Ara Lucia Ashburn at the KAC to discover the intricacies of the artworks.

## STUDIO TOUR WITH RICHARD HUNT

Saturday, June 21, 11am

258 Territorial Road in the Benton Harbor Arts District

RSVP: 269.983.0271

Join the creator of *And You, Seas* located on the St. Joseph pier and the 2009 recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award in Sculpture for an intimate studio tour. Free and open to the public.

## FIRST THURSDAYS

Explore and be inspired while learning something new.

Gallery Tour with the Collectors

Thursday, April 3

7 pm

Harmon and Harriet Kelley will lead a tour of their collection. See page 4 for details.

George Krasl Memorial Concert

Thursday, May 1

7 pm

Enjoy classical guitarist Dr. Robert Lunn and harpist Megan Barrett in the surroundings of the KAC galleries. Seating begins at 6:45 pm and light refreshments will be served after the performance. The concert is free to all; however, donations are appreciated.



Richard Hunt

# IN THE STUDIOS

## SPRING BREAK SHORTS

March 31 - April 3

Ages 5-13

Spring Break Shorts are a great opportunity for youth to explore, create and develop skills with hands-on fun. Spring Break Shorts include Mixed Media Drawing, Having Fun with Painting, and Playing with Art. Register online at [krasl.org](http://krasl.org).

## SUMMER CAMPS

June, July & August

Our summer camps for youth and adults coincide with the KAC *Biennial Sculpture Invitational* and *WAVES* exhibitions. Explore the wonderful world of sculpture and then dive into a world of water, sun and fun while learning a variety of artistic techniques in our weeklong camps and mini camps. Visit [krasl.org](http://krasl.org) for more information. Registration begins April 14 and summer camps begin June 16.

## BE A RENAISSANCE KID AT THE KAC

June 23-27

1:45-5:15 pm

Ages 7-9

The Krasl Art Center is thrilled to announce that Renaissance Kids, a summer architecture camp led by Andrews University professor Mark Moreno, will hold Session #6 here at the KAC. Visit [www.andrews.edu/go/renaissancekids](http://www.andrews.edu/go/renaissancekids) for more information and to register.

## FACULTY FOCUS



KAC faculty member Pam Kirkham graduated from Kendall College of Art & Design with a degree in illustration. In 1980, she began work as an artist at University of Texas Medical Branch while she also freelanced as a designer for several oil companies. Pam returned to Michigan in 2004 where she has taught many painting classes at the KAC, including painting with wine. Visit [www.pamkirkham.com](http://www.pamkirkham.com) to view her outstanding work and look for upcoming class offerings by Pam at the KAC.



# KRASL art fair ON THE BLUFF

Saturday, July 12, 10 am-6 pm

Sunday, July 13, 10 am-5 pm

Plan ahead to take advantage of everything the Art Fair has to offer.

## FRIDAY NIGHT KICK OFF PARTY

July 11, 5-9 pm



Photo by Mike Jateway

Artists and patrons enjoy an assortment of wines.

Celebrate the start of Art Fair weekend! The Friday Night Kick Off party is our way of saying "thanks" to our community for supporting the Art Fair. Enjoy a wine tasting and delicious sandwiches and snacks, plus free live entertainment and children's art projects. Meet some of the artists and get the first glimpse of artworks. Stop by and join the fun on the grounds of the Krasl Art Center.

## KRASL BUCKS

Purchase art and enjoy special VIP perks when you buy Krasl Bucks! Krasl Bucks are gift certificates that are used to purchase art during the Art Fair. For a minimum purchase of \$100, Krasl Bucks holders enjoy VIP parking, the artists' breakfast on Saturday morning, and much more! Contact the Krasl Art Center or visit [krasl.org](http://krasl.org) to purchase your Krasl Bucks.



Photo by Mike Jateway

## ANNUAL POSTER UNVEILING

Tuesday, May 13, 5-7 pm

Be the first to see our 2014 fine art and publicity posters and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase 2014 Art Fair merchandise to start or add to your Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff collection.

# EVENTS

## Friends Luncheon

Friday, April 4, 11 am

Fee: \$20

The Friends Luncheon will have a special presentation and gallery tour with Harmon and Harriet Kelley. There will also be a preview of 2014 exhibitions and events. The Friends Luncheon includes a delicious lunch and dessert. Please RSVP and send payment by April 1 to Patrice Rose, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd. St. Joseph, MI 49085.

## Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Reception

Wednesday, April 9, 5-7 pm

Each year, the KAC staff and board show their appreciation to volunteers and sponsors for their support and service. Sponsors and volunteers are invited to enjoy refreshments and entertainment with heartfelt thanks from the KAC.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Party: Swinging for Sculpture

Friday, June 6

12:30 pm Registration

1:30 pm Shotgun Start

5:30 pm Party

Join us on the greens at the Berrien Hills Golf Club to raise funds for public sculpture.

Do not golf? No problem. Join us for the party afterwards featuring food from the new restaurant Ray's on the Green, live music by Slim Gypsy Baggage and an excellent silent auction filled with items you will not want to miss. Proceeds benefit future sculpture purchases. Visit [krasl.org](http://krasl.org) for more details.



Slim Gypsy Baggage

# GIFT SHOP

The Krasl Art Center gift shop has a new look and new merchandise for spring! Choose from colorful Maruca bags, fun felt owls and pencils, crayon and pencil storage rolls, and lots of lighthouse items! The KAC will donate 10% of the sale of a featured lighthouse item to the City of St. Joseph Lighthouse Forever Fund throughout May and June. Visit [www.sjcity.com](http://www.sjcity.com) for more information about the fund.



# VOLUNTEER NEWS



## EVA LIPTAKNE

Eva began volunteering at the Krasl Art Center in late summer, 2013. Hailing from Hungary, she and her husband will be here until July while he participates in the international teacher exchange program. "I really like it here because the staff is nice and I get to know a lot of people," said Eva recently. Eva has been a tremendous help at the KAC welcome desk and administrative offices and we appreciate her assistance!



Photo by Mike Jateway

## BE A VOLUNTEER

The Krasl Art Center continually seeks volunteers and interns for the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, the gift shop, welcome desk, and many more opportunities. Be part of the fun in our creative atmosphere by contacting Cathie Pflaumer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 269.983.0271 or [cpflaumer@krasl.org](mailto:cpflaumer@krasl.org).

KAF Volunteer Tyanna Weller

# MEMBERSHIP

THE KAC EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME  
TO ITS NEWEST MEMBERS:

## Youth

Riley James  
Caitlin Swim

## Single

Rachel Borgerding

## Family

Cheryl Clark  
Jie Gao  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hazen  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve LaGattuta  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oostenbrug

## Sustainer

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gottlieb

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

Youth (18 and under)...	\$25	Senior Family ..	\$40	Sustainer .....	\$100-\$250
Senior Single .....	\$28	Family .....	\$50	Benefactor ....	\$250-\$499
Single .....	\$35	Sponsor .....	\$75-99		

## 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

The Krasl Art Center is thankful to those who contributed in memory of the following faculty and volunteers.

## **In Memory of Lisa Blubaugh**

Leslie Sunell  
Sue Spitter

## **In Memory of Dorothy Pawlacyk**

Carol Ballard

## **In Memory of Keitha Dase**

Dar Davis

## **In Memory of Margaret Hills**

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# CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 1 6:30 pm: Art Crits with Ara Lucia Ashburn
- 3 Noon Video: *Andrew Wyeth: Portrait of an Artist*  
7 pm: Gallery Tour with the Collectors Harmon & Harriet Kelley
- 4 11 am: Friends Luncheon
- 9 5 pm: KAC Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Reception
- 10 Noon Video: *Whistler: The Gentle Art of Making Enemies*
- 12 11 am-12 pm: Slow Art Day with Ara Lucia Ashburn
- 14 Summer Camp Registration Begins
- 16 Berrien RESA Middle/High School Community Student Art Exhibits Close; Box Factory for the Arts
- 17 Noon Video: *Face to Face with Giacometti*
- 20 *The Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper* and the **artlab** closes.
- 24 Noon Video: *Germany Dada*  
7 pm: **artlab** Performance with Shannon Eakins
- 25 2014 *Biennial Sculpture Invitational* and **artlab** exhibitions open 6-10 pm: Opening Party
- 28 9 am: Coffee with the Curator; KAC Members, sponsors and volunteers only

## MAY

- 1 Noon Video: *Portrait of an Artist: Georgia O'Keefe*  
7 pm: George Krasl Memorial Concert with guitarist Robert Lunn and harpist Megan Barrett
- 6 6:30 pm: Art Crits with Ara Lucia Ashburn
- 8 Noon Video: *Andrew Calder: Calder's Universe and Jasper Johns: Take an Object*
- 13 5-7 pm: Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff Poster Unveiling
- 15 Noon Video: *Portrait of an Artist: Frank Lloyd Wright*
- 22 Noon Video: *Toulouse-Lautrec*
- 26 Memorial Day; KAC Closed
- 29 Noon Video: Ken Burns' *American Stories: Thomas Hart Benton*

## JUNE

- 6 5th Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Party: Swinging for Sculpture
- 16 Summer Camps Begin
- 21 11 am: Studio Tour with Richard Hunt
- 26 7 pm: **artlab** Artist Talk with Suzanne Torres
- 27 WAVES and **artlab** exhibitions open  
6-8 pm: Opening Party
- 30 9 am: Coffee with the Curator; KAC Members, sponsors and volunteers only

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10 am - 9 pm

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1 - 4 pm

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# FEATURED SCULPTURE And You, Seas by Richard Hunt

## MEET THE ARTIST

Premiere American sculptor Richard Hunt will lead a tour of his studio in the Benton Harbor Arts District this spring. Do not miss the opportunity to meet this outstanding individual and hear first-hand about his artistic process and projects. See page 7 for details.



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