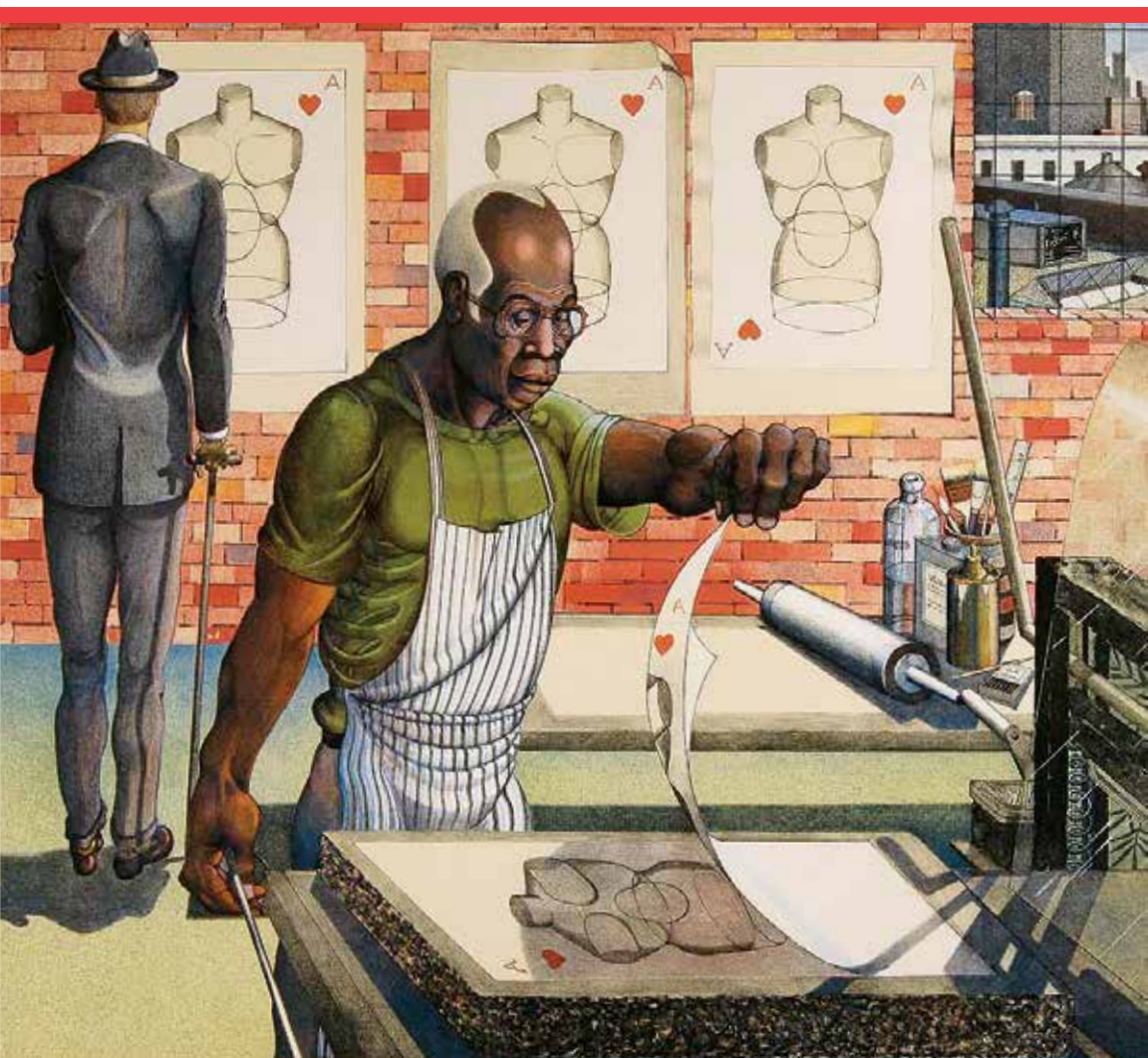


# ART INSIGHT



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## 2014 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

January 31-April 20, 2014

***The Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper***

April 25-June 22

***Krasl Art Center Biennial Sculpture Invitational & Ken Thompson***

June 27-September 14

**WAVES**

September 19-November 2

***Krasl Art Center Member's Show***

November 21-January 11, 2015

***Arnold Newman: Luminaries of the Twentieth Century in Art, Politics and Culture***

*View premiere art**lab** installations with each new exhibit as well!*



COVER IMAGE: Ron Adams (born 1934)  
*Blackburn*, 2002  
Color lithograph

From the Kelley Collection

# ART INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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**T**he KAC members recently came together at the Annual Meeting, where we welcomed Juli Gast and Tim Gleason to the Board of Directors and introduced our 2014 leadership: Rick Dyer, President of Edgewater Bank: Board President; Marge Zibbel, retired from Lake Michigan College: Vice President; Paul Fletcher, Whirlpool

Corporation: Secretary and Vern Breuker, CPA: Treasurer. Those who attended the Annual Meeting enjoyed an inspired talk by Rick Dyer on how his role on the KAC Board has influenced his leadership and business. To see what he's talking about, stop in Edgewater Bank in downtown St. Joseph and see the artwork, *Confluence*, by Jerry Catania and Josh Andres.

Each year, the staff and board revisit the strategic plan and set goals for the new year. Current priorities are as follows:

- I. Financial sustainability.
- II. Engaging local, regional and external audiences with art and artists.
- III. Growth and maintenance of the sculpture collection.
- IV. Improving the visitor and artist experience.
- V. Maintaining internal controls and increasing efficiencies.
- VI. Increasing engagement and loyalty to the KAC with patrons.

The KAC relies on your support and engagement to continually meet the needs of our community. Your involvement contributes to success for all. We thank our sponsors, donors, volunteers and members for their support in 2013, and we look forward to a spectacular 2014.

JULIA GOURLEY  
Executive Director

# IN THE GALLERIES

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



Claude Clark  
*Rain, n.d.*  
Offset Lithograph



Aaron Douglas  
*Portrait of a Lady, 1950*  
Watercolor on paper

January 31-April 20, 2014

After an inspiring visit to an exhibition at the San Antonio Art Museum, Harmon and Harriet Kelley embarked on a lifelong journey of collecting African American Artwork.

Today, the Kelley collection is renowned. Esteemed art historian, David Driskell, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland at College Park, calls the Kelley Collection "one of the finest that has been assembled tracing the history of African American art."

Sixty-nine artworks will be on view by artists Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, Aaron Douglas, Jacob Lawrence and Betty Saar, among others.

*The Harmon and Harriet Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper* is organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions of Los Angeles, California.

### OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, January 31

6 pm: Exhibition Opens to the Public

6:30 pm: Hull School Drummers perform

7:15 pm: Coastline Children's Film Festival screening of *Kirikou and the Sorceress*

Monday, February 3

9 am: Coffee with the Curator

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

Thursday, February 6

7 pm: Gallery Tour with Harmon & Harriet Kelley

# IN THE GALLERIES

## KRASL ART CENTER BIENNIAL SCULPTURE INVITATIONAL

April 25-June 22

The 10th Biennial Invitational exhibition will feature works by a selection of the finest sculptors working today. Look for new artworks on the KAC grounds and throughout the Twin Cities.

## KRASL ART CENTER MEMBER'S SHOW

September 19-November 2

**Please Note:** The Krasl Art Center's 2014 Members' Show has moved to a new time of year. We look forward to showcasing the art of our talented members in the fall. Look for details in the summer newsletter.



*Icarus*, by David Kocka (IN), was on view in the Benton Harbor Arts District in Thayer Park, 2012-2013.

## UPCOMING IN THE artlab

Thursday, January 30

7 pm  
artlab artist talk

Friday, January 31

6-8 pm  
artlab opening

At the time of this printing, proposals for the artlab are being reviewed. Look for artlab exhibition announcements in your mailbox and postings online to learn about the lab's upcoming artists



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

# PROGRAMS

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS: FREE ADMISSION

The Krasl Art Center hosts exhibitions, events and classroom instruction. But did you know we also have many programs that are free and open to the public?

Beyond the studios and galleries are programs that offer opportunities to meet others invested in arts and culture. These programs provide a platform to exchange ideas in thoughtful discussion.

### NOON VIDEOS

Thursdays, beginning February 6

12-1 pm

Stop in the KAC library to watch a short feature about art history, contemporary art, or artists' lives. Afterward, artist Nathan Margoni leads a great discussion.

### ART CRITS

1st Tuesday of each month: February, March, April, May

6:30-9 pm

Multi-disciplinary artist Ara Lucia will lead critiques for those who desire feedback and invigoration in their studio practice and those who want to see what a professional critique is like. Email [education@krasl.org](mailto:education@krasl.org) one week in advance to sign up!

### FIRST THURSDAYS

First Thursday of each month: February, March, April, May

7 pm

Join us the first Thursday evening of the month to be inspired, learn and explore.

Thursday, February 6

7 pm

**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.



Image from the Artist's Slideshow and Potluck hosted this past December.

Thursday, March 6

7 pm

Calling all artists! Join us for a return of the **Artist's Slideshow & Potluck**. This fun dinner and event gives every artist the floor and a mic for 5 minutes while all enjoy a shared meal.

# IN THE STUDIOS

## STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 11

2-4 pm; Free

Check out the studios, meet the teaching artists, and sample art making techniques at the Krasl Art Center Studio Open House. Games, musical performances, snacks, and discounted class registrations make for a fun afternoon for all ages, so bring your friends!



Play in our studios January 11!

## UNDERSTANDING ART RE-IMAGINED

The Krasl Art Center has re-imagined its Understanding Art school tour program, thanks to the support of the Berrien Community and Frederick S. Upton Foundations. Tours are designed for schools and meet the Common Core State Standards. School groups are encouraged to explore art through this re-imagined tour. Learn more at [krasl.org](http://krasl.org).



Students learn about art with KAC faculty Sherri Baun.

## FACULTY FOCUS

Jon Hook is a ceramic artist creating both sculptural work and functional pottery. He received his BFA from Hope College and is co-owner of Hook Pottery Paper in northwest Indiana with his wife, papermaker Andrea Peterson.

Jon and his family live and work in an atmosphere free from the distractions of technology. His works reference environmental responsibility and exploration of natural forms, such as creating glazes from the ash of his wood stove that heats his studio. Jon will teach intro and intermediate ceramics this winter at the Krasl Art Center.



Jon Hook at work in his studio.

# UPDATES

## ARTISAN MARKET



Edgewater Bank Staff Serve at Soup's On



Volunteer Renee Gardner and Premiere Party Co-Chair Cindy Jakeway at the Rockin' 50's Premiere Party. Corvette provided by Carol & Randy Westbrooke.

Artisan Market 2013 featured over 100 artists, a kids' art zone, personal shopping assistance and additional shopping hours. We also had a fun and successful Premiere Party and Soup's On event. The proceeds from Artisan Market/Soup's On help fund KAC programs and exhibitions. The Krasl Art Center thanks the Artisan Market Committee, volunteers, sponsors, donors and staff for their commitment and support.

## PETERSON SCULPTURE SILENT AUCTION



2013 Art Fair artist Angela Peterson and her family donated a stone and steel sculpture to the Krasl Art Center. The sculpture was placed in a silent auction during the Artisan Market, and the winning bidder was Patrick Schiavone with a bid of \$650.

Patrick, VP of Global Consumer Design at Whirlpool Corporation, asked that the proceeds be used for KAC educational programs, stating, "As a trained designer, art has always been important to me. I hope all kids have access to arts education." Congratulations Patrick, and thank you for supporting arts education!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## KRASL ART FAIR ON THE BLUFF



Please tell your creative colleagues, friends and family about the opportunity to apply to the July 12-13, 2014 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff.

How to Apply: online at [www.zapplication.org](http://www.zapplication.org)

Application Deadline: January 9, 2014

Art Fair Jurying will take place February 4, 2014 at the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College. The public is welcome.

Krasl Bucks gift certificates are now on sale for the 2014 Art Fair. Visit [www.krasl.org](http://www.krasl.org) for more information.

## COMMUNITY STUDENT ART EXHIBITS

The Krasl Art Center is excited to share the newly developed *Community Student Art Exhibits*. These exhibitions highlight the creative work of students throughout the region. In an expanded partnership, the Krasl Art Center is working together with Berrien RESA and the Box Factory for the Arts, with the support of the Berrien Community Foundation and Frederick S. Upton Foundation, to celebrate and honor young artists.

### ***Celebrating Creative Kids: Elementary Art Exhibition***

Location: Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI

Reception with the Artists: Saturday, March 15

Art will be on view March 8-23

### ***Inspiring Future Artists: Middle and High School Exhibition***

Location: Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI

Reception with the Artists: Thursday, March 27

Art will be on view March 27-April 16

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## COASTLINE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

The Krasl Art Center is pleased to partner with the Fourth Annual Coastline Children's Film Festival. Join us for the premiere screening, several fun Saturday screenings, and the grand finale with live music! Donations are appreciated.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Opening Night Premiere:

7:15 pm: *Kirikou and the Sorceress* (ages 7+ / 78 min)

Event and screening held in conjunction with the KAC's art exhibition opening. See page 4 for details. Note: women are shown in traditional African attire (sarongs only) and children wear no clothing.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:30 am: *Automorphosis* (ages 7+ / 78 min)

1 pm: *The Painting/Le Tableau* (ages 7+ / 78 min, ages)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 am: Shorts from New York International Children's Film Festival: Kid Flix Mix (ages 4-8 / 60 min)

11:15-12:45 pm: Children's Art Workshop: The Story in Your Head, That Wants to Come Out. Cost: \$15

1 pm: Shorts from New York International Children's Film Festival: Party Mix (ages 8 and up / 60 min)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Grand Finale Silent Films Screening and Performance

4 pm: *Ask Father* (13 min) and *The Freshman* with Harold Lloyd (76 min). Music accompaniment by Dr. Larry Schanker on piano.

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## GET READY FOR BUILD YOUR WAY AROUND TOWN!



The 2nd annual Build Your Way Around Town event will be held March, 2014. This creative collaboration is a festival of workshops, exhibits and contests and is hosted by numerous St. Joseph area non-profit associations. Faculty member Keith Stevens will lead a "How to Build" workshop at the KAC. Workshop attendees may then use their skills to participate in the build competition on March 15.

### **WORKSHOP DATE:**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Cost: Free

# GIFT SHOP

Are you looking for a refreshing selection of gift ideas? If so, stop in to the Krasl Art Center gift shop and see our assortment of distinctive jewelry, photography, cards, books, accessories and toys that inspire creativity. We carry original block print cards by renowned Michigan artist Gwen Frostic, wildly popular handmade bags and iPad® cases by Maruca, ShapeScapes® to stimulate innovative play, and much more! Members always receive 10% off non-consignment items in the shop, plus our Winter Sale starts December 26 and continues through January 12 so you can enjoy extra savings.



## KAC 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.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSING

The Krasl Art Center will close at noon December 31 and will open January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

### JANUARY 13-31 CLOSING

The KAC will be closed January 13 for maintenance and installation of new floor treatments. The building will open at 10:00 am January 31 in time for the opening party for the Kelley Collection exhibition, a special drumming performance, and the opening film of the Coastline Children's Film Festival.

# VOLUNTEER NEWS



## STEPHEN GUNTER

Stephen started at the Krasl Art Center in February, 2013 as a volunteer Art Fair Intern and was an Assistant Coordinator for the Art Fair. He joined the KAC after looking for a place to volunteer. According to Stephen, "It has been the craziest, stressed, most exciting, self-fulfilling place I have ever stepped into!" He is currently working on his Bachelor of Science degree at Ferris State University and hopes to attend law school after graduation.

The Krasl Art Center has many volunteer opportunities including the welcome desk, gift shop, and Art Fair interns. Do you have a special talent and time to share it with us? Please contact Cathie Pflaumer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 269.983.0271 ext. 12 or email at [cpflaumer@krasl.org](mailto:cpflaumer@krasl.org) to get involved.



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# MEMBERSHIP

THE KAC EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO ITS NEWEST MEMBERS:

## Youth

Emma Bitzer  
Erin Moore  
Jason Shi  
Katlyn Smith  
Santiago Wilkinson

## Single

Marie Giese  
Joy Klute  
Jeffrey Williams  
Cherie Withrow

## Family

Melissa Becker  
Cheryl Clark  
Nancy Crowl  
Juli Gast  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lagattuta  
Carol Myers  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Thompson

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

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.



Members Cindy Jakeway, Janet Sullivan and friends enjoy a recent exhibition opening.

# MEMORIALS

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

## **In Memory of Lisa Blubaugh**

Julia Gourley

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# CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 1 Krasl Art Center Closed New Year's Day
- 11 2 pm: Studio Open House
- 12 Sketches to Sculpture, *Rendered Reality: Sixty Years With Marshall M. Fredericks* and **artlab** Andrews University  
Placemaking Studio closes.  
KAC gift shop Winter Sale Ends
- 13-30 Krasl Art Center Closed to the Public
- 27 5 pm: Krasl Art Center Board Meeting
- 30 7 pm: **artlab** Artist Talk
- 31 Exhibitions Open: *The Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper* and **artlab**.  
6-8 pm: Opening party featuring a special drumming performance at 6:30 pm; free and open to the public.  
7:15 pm: Coastline Children's Film Festival opening film, *Kirikou and the Sorceress*, in the main galleries.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 10:30 and 1:00: Coastline Children's Film Festival screenings
- 3 Winter Classes Begin  
9 am: Coffee with the Curator: KAC Members & Volunteers only
- 4 6:30 pm: Art Crits in the KAC Library  
9 am-6 pm: Jurying for Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff at the Mendel Center
- 6, 13, 20, 27 12 pm: Noon Video in KAC Library  
7 pm: First Thursdays: Gallery Tour with Harmon & Harriet Kelley
- 8 10:00 and 1:00: Coastline Children's Film Festival screenings  
11:15-12:45: Children's Workshop: *The Story in Your Head, That Wants Out*, \$15
- 24 5 pm: Krasl Art Center Board Meeting

## MARCH

- 1 10 am-12 pm: Lego® Build Workshop
- 4 6:30 pm: Art Crits in the KAC Library
- 6, 13, 20, 27 12 pm: Noon Video in KAC Library
- 6 7 pm: First Thursdays: Artist's Slideshow & Potluck
- 15-23 Elementary Student Art Exhibition at the Box Factory for the Arts
- 15 Lego® Build Competition
- 27 Middle School-High School Student Art Exhibition at the Box Factory for the Arts
- 31 Spring Break Short Classes Begin

## STAY TUNED!

- The George Krasl Memorial Concert: May, 2014
- Swinging for Sculpture annual golf outing fundraiser: June, 2014

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1 - 4 pm

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**ORIGINAL LOCATION OF  
GULWAVE**

The first acquisition to the Krasl Art Center collection was the bronze sculpture *Gulwave* by Kirk Newman, donated by Olga Krasl and originally placed on the front "sculpture garden" of the KAC. It now sits on the northwest corner of the Krasl Art Center grounds. Pictured here, the original placing of *Gulwave*. (photo taken circa 1980).



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