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Featured Sculpture

2012 Biennial Sculpture Invitational Steel Arch 4 by Ken Thompson Purchase Award

is impressive, inviting and awesome; it stands 13 ½' high, spans 13' wide and weighs in at 2400 pounds. View the artwork along the St. Joseph River at the Margaret B. Upton Arboretum in St. Joe. its permanent collection. Immaculately craffed of durable steel, the artwork The Krasl Art Center is pleased to add Michigan artist Ken Thompson's monumental sculpture Steel Arch 4 to

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Cover Image: Artist David Wilkinson Carving Stone

Location: KAC grounds

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

When you become a member of the Krasl Art Center you stand along hundreds of people in and outside our communities who share your appreciation for the Krasl Art Center. The first membership drive began in 1967-68 under the leadership of then Presidents. Don and Edie Walton. Those early members set the stage for the Krasl Art Center, volunteering countless hours developing classes, painting spaces and helping launch the Krasl Art Center as we know it today. We no longer rely on you, our members, to manage the



Photo credit: John Madill

organization and maintain the building but your commitment is as important now as it was in 1967. Your membership signifies to us that you value creativity and wish to be a part of the advocacy, events, education and exhibitions which make up the Krasl Art Center's activities. Whether you appreciate the classes, Thoughtful Thursday programs, exhibitions, events, social activities or simply wish to show your support, we thank you for being an important part of the Krasl Art Center.

The Friends of the Krasl is a society which recognizes those members with a long term commitment to the Krasl Art Center of 15 years and more. Through the Friends we wish to honor each of you whose membership has sustained us through the years and through the growth of the organization. In January, look for your special invitation to exhibition pre-parties and the Spring luncheon.

What a tremendous 2012! Together we celebrated a year of sculpture through six dynamic exhibitions in the galleries, served thousands of individuals through education programs for all ages in and out of the KAC studios, enjoyed the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff with more than 900 artists applying for the 216 artists' booths, successfully raised \$50,000 to relight Beacon Gold Chandelier by Dale Chihuly through the Chihuly Renewal Project and enjoyed a highly successful Artisan Market & Soup's On. The Board of Directors and Staff thank you for your

financial support, advocacy and gift of volunteer time that made all of this possible in 2012.

The coming year we continue to celebrate the creative communities which we are fortunate to call home. Designers, architects, tattoo artists, voice, light and time based media artists, photographers, sculptors, crafters and more make up the vibrancy of our communities. We will start the exhibition year with a celebration of this creativity through *Creative Community: Krasl Art Center Members' Show* on view February 1-March 17. Please note the new time of 6:00-8:00 pm for each exhibition opening party. Be a part of the exhibition and share your creativity with the community.

Julia Gourley
Executive Director



The Artisan Market Premier with guest Tina Walter and board member Brandon Pierce.

IN THE GALLERIES



Teaching faculty & member, Nicole Rimes.

Fast Facts:

Dates to drop off art: January 24-26, 11:00- am-7:00 pm

Application fee: none, membership required

Exhibition dates: February 1-March 17, 2013

Creative Community: Krasl Art Center Members' Show

February 1 - March 17, 2013

Opening Party: Friday, February 1, 6:00-8:00 pm (please note the new time)

The Krasl Art Center is one component of an immensely diverse and creative community. Celebrate this community at our annual members' exhibition. On view will be artworks by individuals and collaborators throughout the region. Learn more about the unique styles and media of our teaching faculty, take the opportunity to see artwork by your neighbors, and fuel your own creative imagination.

The opening party for the Krasl Art Center Members' Show is one of the liveliest all year. From oil paintings to sculpture, skin art to live performances, local wine and local foods, the entire event will showcase the *creative*

community! Several artworks on view will be available for purchase, and, naturally, it is a great time to renew your membership to the KAC.

Why a membership exhibition?

It is the Krasl Art Center's goal to foster creativity within our community by providing arts education to artists of all ages and skill sets, by providing opportunities to meet and learn from visiting artists, and to show great art that inspires. In turn, the community supports us by taking classes, teaching, attending exhibition openings and other special events throughout the year. Our community additionally and critically supports us by being members.

Revenue from membership allows the KAC to administer classes, invite artists to the community, and display fine art; it helps us change light bulbs and shovel snow as well! Therefore, it is with delight that once a year the KAC turns over its exhibition galleries to its membership and professionally displays their artwork in an exciting and eclectic exhibition.

Join us for a Studio Open House!

March 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

This fun party offers the opportunity to check out the Krasl Art Center's studio classrooms, meet our faculty and try your hand at fun artistic techniques.

The Floating World: Ukiyo-e Prints from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

March 22 - June 2, 2013

Opening Reception: Friday, March 22, 6:00-8:00 pm

During the Edo Period in Japan, from 1600-1868, there was a strong emergence of publishing houses. These houses would hire artists to depict an idea, craftsmen to create a drawing for each color, woodcarvers to then transfer the drawings to wood panels, and finally a printer to create the final product. Many *Ukiyo-e* prints were created during this time. They served as advertisement-like posters depicting popular actors and theater performances. *Ukiyo-e* means "images of the floating world" and refers to the theater and entertainment districts in Japanese cities.







Number 112: Atago shita Yabu-koji

(Yabukoji below Atago), by Utagawa

Hiroshige, 1857

Returning from an Outing in the Hakone District by Katsukawa Shunchō. Circa 1788

What once was an art known only to the Japanese is now a treasure shared by America and much of the world. Printmaker Hiroshige's Farewell Poem (1858) seemed to foreshadow this movement from the East to the West:

Upon the Eastern Road
My brush I've left behind
Now on a journey through the skies
I go see the famous places
In the Western Paradise

The Floating World is part of a three-year national tour, containing approximately 53 Edo period woodblock prints. The exhibition was organized by The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, located in Laurel, Mississippi. Management and development is provided by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Missouri. TM

IN THE art ab

Rooftop installation by Nathan from 2009.



Digestion, 2012 To be featured in the artlab.

Nathan Margoni

February 1 - March 17, 2013

Artist talk Thursday, January 31, 7:00 pm.

The art**lab** is a space dedicated to visual experimentation; it features art that is off the wall and off the pedestal. Local artist and KAC faculty member Nathan Margoni features a new project in the lab as part of the KAC's celebration of its creative community.

Nathan claims to be afraid of most things, including, but not limited to, the universe. Through his art, he confronts his fears via self-motivated and self-constructed rites of passage. Visually, Nathan's illustrations are reminiscent of American artist R. Crumb. His three-dimensional installations extend and build upon a Crumb-like aesthetic; they are wry, subversive, sometimes grotesque, wonderfully crafted and utterly enthralling. Check out Nathan's February installation featuring a showdown between the artist and a monster.

At the time of this printing, the artlab artist for March 22 – June 2, 2013 is being selected, artlab proposals are reviewed twice annually. Proposal deadlines are March 15 and November 15. If you would like to apply, visit the KAC website or stop in for an application.



artlab is a venue for all | artlab is a gallery artists who are pushing the boundaries of medium and form.

space dedicated to installation, time-based media, sound and liaht.

artlab is not afraid to showcase the fruit of visual experimentation; it does not require a 'finished

Thoughtful Thursdays

All Thoughtful Thursday programs are free and open to the public and are held at the KAC unless otherwise noted.

First Thursdays: Creative Space; <u>a Lecture Series at 7 pm</u> The fountain, the waterfront, the bluff and the Arts District, the children's

museum, the carousel, the history museum and the art museum; these destinations accommodate a diverse range of individuals within the parameters of their space. This lecture series will focus on the concept of space as creative grounds for enlivenment and immersion. Guest speakers will address topics large and small, from individual artistic projects to major metropolitan transformations. Check our website for upcoming speakers and join us for presentations on February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2.

Second Thursdays: Books + Art at 7 pm Join Jodie Hardy to discuss books that challenge perceptions about

art today and of the past. Books are now available for check out exclusively at the KAC reception desk.

February 14: On Photography, Susan Sontag

March 14: The Great Wave; Gilded Age Misfits, Japanese Eccentrics and the Opening of Old Japan, Christopher Benfey

April 11: Art and Physics; Parallel Visions in Space, Time & Light, Leonard Shlain

May 9: The Contingent Object of Contemporary Art, Martha Buskirk

Fourth Thursdays: Philosophy of Art at 7 pm The Philosophy of Art continues its focus on themes of objecthood and

materiality in contemporary art. Readings include essays by great thought leaders in art history and criticism as well as current public intellectuals in the arts. February 28, March 28, and April 25

Every Thursday: Noontime Videos at 12 pm Bring your lunch and learn about art through videos that have been

selected to spark lively discussions afterward.

February 7: The Yellow Submarine— Coastline Children's Film Festival feature (90m) - All Ages

February 14: Annie Leibovitz; Life Through a Lens (83m)

February 21: Our City of Dreams (85m) February 28: Paul Conrad; Drawing Fire (60m)

March 7: *Crumb* (119m)

March 14: Leonardo's Dream Machines (57m)

March 21: The Bushido Blade (90) March 28: Beautiful Losers (90m)

The KAC is grateful to be the recipient of two grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs.

Thank you to the Frederick S. Upton Foundation and Berrien Community Foundation for continuing to support the KAC's Education programs.

IN THE STUDIOS



Jodie Hardy Education and Interpretation Manager

The term "arts education" can bring to mind a wide variety of notions from summer camp frolicking to grad school rigueur. The Krasl Art Center believes art education is as broad as it is deep and we put those ideas into action every day in our studios and throughout the community.

Students, from early learners to lifelong enthusiasts, fill our studios for as many reasons as there are variations of the wonderful art they create. Home schoolers and after schoolers alike are encouraged to expand their imaginations as they develop their cognitive and motor skills, all the while meeting State of Michigan Standards. Adult participants are given free reign to delve into each medium with the guidance of instructors who are as passionate about teaching as they are about their own art makina.

The Krasl Art Center's educational outreach programs provide cultural experiences to all audiences including our community members who have limited access to art.

- Understanding Art: school children visit our galleries and studios for tours and art activities that augment school curriculum.
- ArtReach: our portfolio lending library of fine art prints is readily available to educators for classroom use.
- ArtTouch: facilitators take artifacts on the road to people of all ages who may be unable to make it through our doors.
- Art Angels: therapeutic art making experiences provide an avenue of healing and grace to pediatrics and oncology patients at Lakeland Hospital.

Students review Art Touch portfolios.

Last year the education department employed 35 faculty artists and art facilitators who taught nearly 100 classes, provided art filled fun to over 200 campers, conducted tours to more than 1,500 gallery visitors, brightened the day of 230 hospital patients, and took art to 1,250 other participants throughout Southwest Michigan. It's been great fun and we can hardly wait to get started again in 2013!

Jodie Hardy Education and Interpretation Manager



meet the needs of longstanding participants in our classes for ceramic artists in the community. Guild members have access to the studio at a reduced fee structure that enables them to work 48 weeks of the year, rather than a possible 24 weeks allowed by attending classes. Most importantly, Guild artists will build bonds and exchange ideas in an environment of camaraderie and creativity fostered by the KAC. For more information about applying for admission to the Krasl Clay Artist's Guild please contact Jodie Hardy, Education & Interpretation Manager at 269.983.0271 ext. 15.



SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUTH ART CAMPS!

Friends of Lotus Spring Break Art Camp: April 1-5 Learn about the sculpture in Lotus' neighborhood and the artists who created them, then make 3-D projects in our studios and on the KAC campus.

Summer Art Camp Season begins the week of June 10 and runs through August.

Camps for adults, teens and youth are planned with different art emphasis and activities so that you can attend throughout the summer!

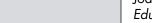


Join the new Clay Artists Guild

Join the new Krasl Winter & Spring classes

The long winter season is a great time to try your hand at artmakina. The KAC studios offer a place to experiment and dabble or hone your creative skills. Visit www.krasl.org for the full list of winter and spring

Registration deadline is February 1st. Classes begin the week of February 4th.



IN THE STUDIOS

Krasl Art Fair on The Bluff

Way to go! The Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff increased its national ranking from #24 to #20 according to Sunshine Artist Magazine's top 100 Fine Art & Design Shows!

Thank you for being excellent patrons of the Art Fair.

Krasl Bucks are now available for the July 13-14, 2013 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff.

coastline children's film festival

The 3rd Annual Coastline Children's Film Festival

Truly pictures in motion, this festival showcases feature films, special shorts, and documentaries at a variety of venues. The Krasl Art Center is pleased to present the following screenings and related activities.

Saturday February 2:

10a: Iron Giant (86m), All ages

1p: Tales of the Night (84m) In French with English Subtitles, Ages 7 and up

Thursday, February 7:

12p: Noontime Video: Yellow Submarine (90m), All ages

Thursday, February 9:

10a: NY Int'l Children's Film Festival - Animated Shorts/Kid Flix (30m), Ages 4-8

10:30a: Fire & Ice Performance artists at the KAC courtyard with complimentary hot cocoa

11a: NY Int'l Children's Film Festival - Animated Shorts/Kid Flix (30m), Ages 4-8

12p: Magician John Dudley in the Galleries

Sunday, February 10:

Coastline Children's Film Festival Finale, Ages 6 and up 4p: *Peter Pan* (105m) Silent film classic shown in the Dar Davis Gallery with live music written and performed by local resident and nationally recognized composer, Larry Schanker, on piano.

For a full listing of films and locations visit www.brookviewschool.org. Suggested donation: \$1 per person.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

In the early 1980's, Kerry Binnington was volunteering at her daughter's school library the day that Barbara Paxson was scheduled to present "African Oddysey" to the students. Kerry was so inspired by ArtTouch that before long she too was presenting this hands-on traveling exhibition. Since then she has helped usher in five more ArtTouch collections including Ancient Greece, Discovering Islam, Far Eastern Fantasies, Potawatomi; Keepers of the Fire, Sculpture Alive and Hola Mexico! She has shared

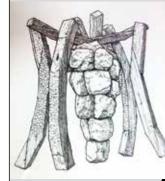


Kerry provides an Art Touch presentation to students.

her gift for narrating the exhibitions by training the entire ArtTouch team of art facilitators. Her ArtTouch visits take her throughout Southwest Michigan to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, schools, historical societies, and assisted living centers. She has recently volunteered her time to assess the condition of the traveling exhibitions, and made recommendations to see that they are up to date and in good condition.

But Kerry's involvement at the KAC is not limited to ArtTouch. For many years Kerry advocated for arts education as a member of the office staff. She now leads summertime SculpTours on the Bluff, facilitates Understanding Art Tours, and teaches drawing and watercolor painting in our studios.

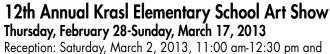
You might also know Kerry's work by her illustrations that graced the walls of the KAC gallery during last fall's exhibit *Sculpture Here*. Her art degree from the University of Wisconsin, many years of artistic practice and a keen eye for detail have provided the KAC with 36 pen and ink renderings of sculpture. She says, "My camera is my strongest helper in capturing visual ideas." We consider Kerry one of our strongest helpers and are honored to have her play such an important role in helping us *bring people and art together*.



Kerry's illustration of Averbuch's Grapes and Other Promises, a sculpture in the KAC permanent collection.

ANNUAL KRASL SCHOOL ART SHOWS

Walking into the school art exhibitions each year, you will find yourself surrounded by artwork abound with color, texture, and vibrancy which fills the galleries at the Box Factory for the Arts. Open to school children in grades K-12 in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties, this exhibition provides a space for children to excel and be recognized for their accomplishments. The artwork pushes creative boundaries, inspires and engages visitors. During the public receptions, students of all levels pridefully share their creative energy with family and friends.



Reception: Saturday, March 2, 2013, 11:00 am-12:30 pm and 12:30-2:00 pm (Schools will be notified of their reception time) A shuttle is available for the elementary school show from the Lake Michigan Catholic High School parking lot, Courtesy of Dial-A-Ride.

13th Annual Krasl Middle School Art Show & 39th Annual Krasl High School Art Show Thursday, March 21-Sunday, April 14, 2013

Reception: Thursday, March 28, 2013; 5:30-7:30 pm; Awards Presentation at 6:30 pm.

Volunteer School Exhibition Liaison needed! January through March, 2013

If you love supporting children's creativity, consider becoming the Volunteer School Exhibition Liaison. This temporary position will work with partners, Krasl Art Center, Box Factory for the Arts

and Berrien RESA to help plan, manage, implement and assess these dynamic exhibitions. The smiles on the kids faces will be evidence of the impact you make!

Annual Krasl School Art Shows

Student artwork on view.

Underwritten by: Whirlpool Corporation, Cunningham Benefits and Four Seasons Spa and Pool with Dial-A-Ride providing transportation with additional support from Frederick S. Upton Foundation.

In partnership with Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) and the Box Factory for the Arts. Reception refreshments courtesy of Clementines, Too.



Due January 10 via www.zapplication.org

Please take the time to notify your creative colleagues, friends and family about the opportunity to apply to the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. Applications must be submitted through zapplication.org by January 10.

Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff Annual Jury for Inquiring Minds!

Friday, February 1, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center

You are invited to stop in to witness the jury in action. With five jurors and as many as 1,000 artists work to review, the fast paced review process will leave you in awe.

Chances are, like many other people, you have walked through the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff and wondered why your favorite artist isn't here, how your friend can get 'in', or who makes the decisions about which artists are accepted. All artists to the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff go through the annual jury process for consideration. Stop in to see the process in action!

Artisan Market 2012

We hope you were able to do some shopping at this year's newly named Artisan Market (formally the HollyMarket). We had over 124 artists participating, including many new artists from 15 states and Canada. From The Premier party, Soup's On and the Artisan Market, we enjoyed having you at the Krasl Art Center. The event was a success thanks to a dedicated committee and to your involvement. Save the dates for 2013, October 26-31.

Thank you to the sponsors and donors who helped to ensure that you had an enjoyable experience.

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Pump House Grill
Roger's Foodland
Ryebelle's
South Bend Chocolate Co.
Tabor Hill Winery
Taylor Rental
Terry Goodman
Tosi's Restaurant
Twin City Players



Jerry Catania with "Best of Clay Functional" winner Tom Peters. Photo by Mike Jakway.



Artisan Market 2013.

VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS

Save the dates for Volunteer Training for the 2013 exhibitions. Please

come for some coffee, donuts and to visit a bit. Get to know each new

exhibition and review receptionist duties. Training for the gift shop will also

be available for those who would like a refresher, or you may schedule a

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> one-on-one training. The dates are as follows: Monday, February 4, 9:00 am Monday, March 25, 9:00 am Monday, June 10, 9:00 am

Attention Volunteers!

Monday, July 29 9:00 am

Monday, September 16, 9:00 am

Monday, November 11, 9:00 am (Veterans Day)

NEW MEMBERS

The KAC extends a warm welcome to its newest members:

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Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kellenberger

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CALENDAR

December

27-28 Winter Art Camp 1, 10:00 am — 12:00 pm

New Year's Eve. KAC closes at noon

January

New Year's Day, KAC closed

Winter Art Camp 2, 10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Application deadline for the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

14-31 KAC closed

24-26 Submit your artwork to the KAC Members' Shop 11:00- am-7:00 pm

Entry deadline for Krasl Elementary School Art Show

31 artlab Artist Talk. 7:00 pm

February

1-3/17 Krasl Art Centers Members' Show + artlab

Art Fair jurying, 9:00 am -5:00 pm at Lake Michigan College, open to artists & public

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Books + Art: On Photography, Susan Sontag 7:00 pm

Philosophy of Art class. 7:00 pm

28 - 3/17

12th Annual Krasl Elementary School Art Show at the Box Factory for the Arts

March

Entry deadline for Krasl Middle & High School Art Show

Studio Open House Party, 6:00-8:00 pm

Reception for Krasl Elementary School Art Show at the Box Factory for the Arts 11:00-12:30 pm & 12:30-2:00 pm.

Creative Space Lecture, 7:00 pm

Books + Art: The Great Wave; Gilded Age Misfits, Japanese Eccentrics and the Opening of Old Japan, Christopher Benfey 7:00 pm

Artlab Artist Talk, 7:00 pm

21 - 4/14

13th Annual Krasl Middle School & 39th Annual Krasl High School Art Shows at the Box Factory for the Arts

22-6/2 The Floating World: Ukiyo-e Prints from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art + artlab

Exhibitions Opening Party, 6:00-8:00 pm

5:30-7:30 pm Reception for Krasl Middle & High School Art Shows, Awards Program at the Box Factory for the Arts, 6:30 pm

Philosophy of Art class, 7:00 pm