

ART INSIGHT



SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Your impact as a member, volunteer, and patron is significant to the Krasl Art Center. The life of Mrs. Barbra Kruggel gives testament to this. Barbra Kruggel began as a student of the Krasl Art Center years ago when it was located on State Street and known as the St. Joseph Art Association. Barbra went on to become a member, Membership Committee Chair, and a volunteer for 24 years. In recent years, Barbra served as a patron, admirer and friend. Volunteers, artists, board members and Krasl Art Center staff fondly recall Barbra and her family opening their home for a refreshing lunch and greatly appreciated break during

each Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. In an interview two years ago, Barbra stated, "I have LOVED watching the Krasl grow and expand over the years, from the ground breaking to the redesign of the entrance and the growth of the sculpture exhibits. GREAT!" We lost a dear friend when Barbra passed away this May and we give heartfelt thanks to the family and friends of Barbra Kruggel who have chosen to honor her life through donations to the Krasl Art Center.

Like other dynamic and giving individuals in this community, Barbra and those close to her chose to leave a legacy to the Krasl Art Center. I ask that you reflect on the ways you value the Krasl Art Center and consider creating a legacy of your own. You may do this by giving a Krasl Art Center membership to the newly married couples in your life, introducing new visitors to the Art Center as volunteers, making a monetary contribution to support a sculpture purchase, education programs, capital project or exhibition, or by serving as a member of the Board of Directors or on a committee .

Every day I feel gratitude for your support of the Krasl Art Center. I would be honored to help you find the best way to leave your legacy.

JULIA GOURLEY
Executive Director



Cover Image: *Big and Small at the Same Time.*
Artist: Michele Smith, 2013 Art Fair poster artist.

IN THE GALLERIES

SONGS IN STEEL AND OTHER DREAMS: THE SCULPTURE OF CAROLINE LEE

Organized by the Muskegon Museum of Art
On view through July 21

Krasl Art Center invites you to view the expressive sculptures of American expatriate Caroline Lee. This exhibition was organized by the Muskegon Museum of Art and has traveled exclusively to the Krasl Art Center. *Songs in Steel* features 24 sculptures dating from 1958 to the present, as well as a selection of 20 sketches and technical drawings illuminating the artist's working methods.

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Flower of Evil (La Fleur du Mal), 1963
Welded, formed steel tubes
Collection of Evelyn M. Lee

FACE VALUE: THE ART OF MIMI PETERSON

July 26-September 8

Opening Party: Friday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 pm

Artist Mimi Peterson is interested in the aesthetics of imperfection. X-rays, medical tubing, found objects, paper cutouts, and the process of weaving are but a few of the elements found in her art. Mimi states, "By juxtaposing materials that I have altered, paradoxical relationships are forged. The idea of Nature's perfect dimensions versus man's imperfect decisions seems to be a consistent outcome of my work." *Face Value*, an overview of the artist's career, explores the overarching and interrelated themes of collapsed systems, gender, and lifecycles.

Mimi Peterson was born and raised in Chicago. She received her formal education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (BFA), the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (MAAE), the University of Mexico City, Mexico, and the University of Madrid, Spain. She is an artist, curator, educator and advocate for the arts.



Color Coded, 2012
Mixed media

Exhibition Sponsor:



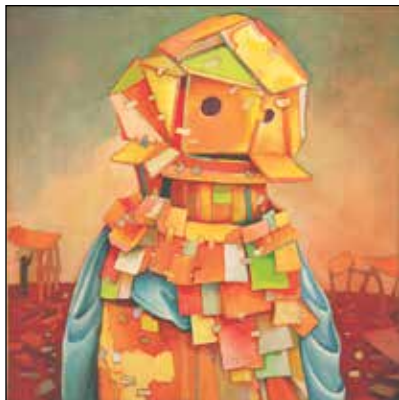
IN THE GALLERIES



i know your fences are pools passing through meaning, 2012

Gregory Euclide

Acrylic, found foam, buckthorn root, lily, lily seed, paper, pencil, pine cone, fern, moss, sedum, sponge, vellum, wood



Here to Help, 2013

Eli Halpern

Oil on canvas

AMERICAN PAINTING TODAY: PHYSICAL & VISCERAL

September 13-October 20

Opening Party: Friday,
September 13, 6:00-8:00 pm

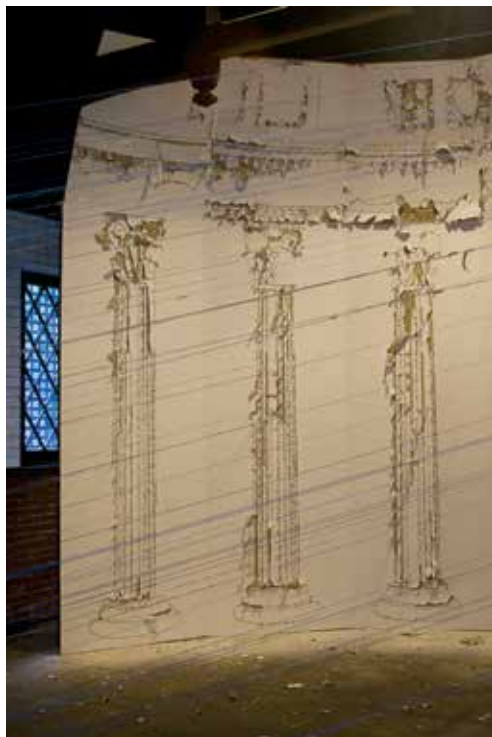
Painting today is exciting and full, and it is rife and complex. As artists, audiences, critics and curators continue to debate the objecthood of art, this exhibition explores the artform of paintings as it exists today by creators throughout the nation. It focuses on artists who push the plasticity and framework of the medium, both conceptually and literally, as well as those who magnetically draw the spectator in with their own unique and fantastical vision realized in paint.

American Painting Today is curated by Tami Miller, Curator of Exhibitions, Collections and Education at the Krasl Art Center. It features approximately 50 paintings by artists Gregory Euclide, Katie Fisher, Carlos Fragoso, Daniel Gerwin, Eli Halpern, Steve MacGowan, Susan Michod, and Hollis Brown Thornton, among others.

Exhibition Sponsor:



IN THE art**lab**



2012 installation detail by Jesse Potts

JESSE POTTS

On view through July 21

View this time-based installation again and again to see how the artist's vision develops and your interaction alters the project during each visit.



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



A book-based installation Rita Grendze completed in 2012.

RITA GRENDZE

July 26-September 8

artlab artist talk:
Thursday, July 25, 7:00 pm

Chicago-based artist Rita Grendze will be forming a pelt of pages to clothe the **artlab**; pages removed from books will become irregular shingles that overlap, creating visual and physical waves that roll over walls, floor and furniture.

COMING SOON

September 13-October 20

artlab artist talk:
Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm

LOOKING FORWARD

ARTISAN MARKET

October 26-31

Enjoy this weeklong sale of handmade fine crafts in the galleries just in time for the holidays. Savor a bowl of homemade soup as part of the Soup's On event during the weekdays as well.

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Cleveland War Memorial, c. 1945
Marshall M. Fredericks
Bronze sketch model

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

November 8, 2013-January 12, 2014

Opening Party: Friday, November 8,
6:00-8:00 pm

View this stunning exhibition comprised of 30 small bronze sculptures, 3 reliefs, and 36 related drawings and sketches by Michigan's preeminent 20th century figurative sculptor. *Sketches to Sculpture* offers the unique opportunity to look at the creative process of a sculptor, from early informal sketches to presentation drawings, and small bronzes that served as models for large scale sculptures. The exhibition is divided into four primary themes: architectural, commemorative, spiritual and whimsical. All artwork in the exhibition is on loan from the collection of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

Exhibition Sponsor:



IN THE STUDIOS

In the summer our studios are filled with art enthusiasts, artists and campers of all ages and interests. Art campers arrived June 10th and are with us through August 23. New camps offer a wide range of topics geared toward a child's age, interests and abilities. Our *Art & Ideas* camps, *Art & Motion* and *Art & Physics* are designed for budding designers and engineers, with an emphasis on exploring the excitement of turning ideas into objects. *Build Your Own Motorboat* is an introductory woodworking and marine craft design camp, where boats take shape in the sculpture studio and take to the waters of Lake Michigan for a finale. And Keith Steven's wildly popular cartooning "shorts" have grown into two camps, *Cartooning for Tweens* and *Cartooning YOU!*

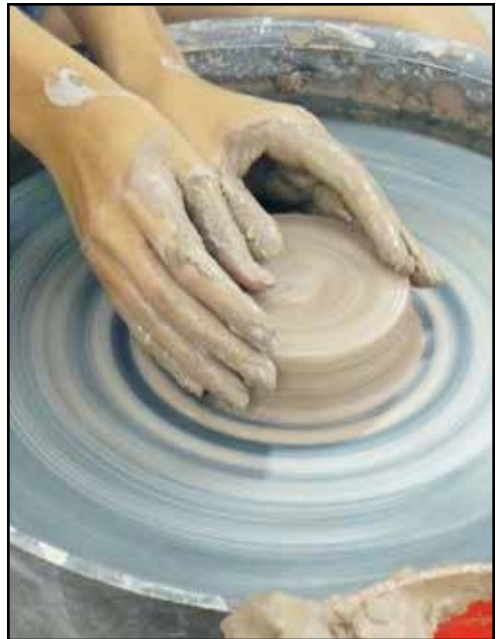
Teens will find that summer at the KAC isn't just for kids. We have two great afternoon camps, *Wear Your Art* and *Teen Camp FIRE!* The first is all about making art-to-wear, including medallions, wristbands and other adornments for guys and gals. *FIRE camp* will engulf teens in the ways artists use fire and heat to create artwork and includes a day at Water Street Glassworks. It's a camp so hot it's cool!

Our adult camps are created for the young at heart, with the freedom to make art all day, all week long, just like you did as a child. Choose from *The Artists' Retreat*, a week of drawing and painting, or *The Artisan's Retreat*, where you explore the fine crafts of silversmith jewelry making, raku ceramics, darkroom photography and classical woodcarving. Educators earn SCECHs (State Continuing Education Clock Hours) professional development credits.

ADULT CERAMICS STUDIO

The adult ceramics studio program throws open its doors to welcome the return of our clay "snowbirds." If you missed the registration deadline June 1st for the first ceramics session, never fear! Just register by August 13th for the second session with Lisa Blubaugh, which will run through September.

If a shorter studio session is more your style, try our new *Two by Four* class in jewelry design, *Sculptural Metal Clay* with Vicki Cook. This class was such a hit last spring that we are offering it again in August with both afternoon and evening sections. Call the education department at 269.983.0271 right away for tuition and registration, because the class size is limited and will fill quickly.



IN THE STUDIOS

ART IN THE COURTYARD

Krasl Art Center welcomes stone carver David Wilkinson and painter Kristin Hosbein as they create "Art in the Courtyard" on the Krasl Art Center grounds Saturdays this summer. Hosbein will paint "en plein air," (French for "in the open air") capturing life in the moment with brushstrokes of color. She will be in the KAC courtyard from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm July 6 & 20, and August 3 & 24. Wilkinson will take his chisel to natural stone and transform it into wondrous artwork in the KAC courtyard from noon to 5:00 pm June 22, July 6, and August 3 & 17. Hosbein and Wilkinson are eager to show off their process and techniques, so stop by to watch, learn, and ask questions.

ART IN THE COURTYARD SCHEDULE

Kristin Hosbein

July 6 & 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

August 3 & 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

David Wilkinson

July 6, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

August 3 & 17, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm



IN THE STUDIOS

STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 21, 2:00-4:00 pm

Each spring and fall we open the doors of our studios to welcome the public for a glimpse of the creative activities that go on in the studios. The Open House is free to all. Stop by anytime from 2:00-4:00 pm for refreshments and to try something new with your children, family, and friends. It's also a great way to meet our talented faculty who will show you the many wonderful ways you can express your creativity. Most importantly you will have an opportunity to register for fall classes with a one day only 10% discount. Members are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives to become members while touring the studios.



JOE FETTINGIS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Friday - Sunday, September 6-8, 9:30 am-4:00 pm

\$225 non-members/\$195 members

Joe Fettingis' workshops at the KAC have been selling out for the past 15 years because of his ability to elevate students' painting skills in one short weekend. This 3-day intensive workshop will include class projects covering composition, mixing colors and controlling moisture for experienced watercolor painters. Joe will give several lively demonstrations daily followed by plenty of time for you to try all of the new techniques he shares. Joe's workshops fill quickly so register at krasl.org soon.



KRASL art fair ON THE BLUFF



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July 13-14, 2013; Saturday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Free and open to the public

A record 972 artists applied for the 2013 Art Fair, giving our expert jury the chance to select some of the best artists in the nation. We are happy to announce that we have 125 new and 91 returning artists! In 52 years, the Art Fair has grown from a small regional clothesline art fair into an impressive summer event, attracting nearly 70,000 visitors to Southwestern Michigan.

The Krasl Art Center thanks all of the volunteers, sponsors, community leaders and members who continue to grow the success of the Art Fair through their vision, perseverance, creative energy, financial support, and hard work. Because of their efforts, we have a valued tradition not only recognized in Michigan, but throughout the country. The Krasl Art Fair is ranked among the top art fairs in the country and is rated 20th in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine and 58th out of the top 100 by the Art Fair Sourcebook.

FRIDAY NIGHT KICKOFF PARTY

July 12, 5:00 – 10:00pm

Free and open to the public on the Krasl Art Center grounds.

The Krasl Art Center celebrates the opening of the Art Fair on the Bluff with the 3rd Annual Friday Night Kick-Off Party on July 12, from 5:00-10:00 pm. The party is a thank you celebration to the community for supporting the Art Fair for 52 years. Entertainment includes **Doug's Kid's on Stage**, **Children's Music Workshop**, **Twin City Players** and **I Am Band**. Enjoy the tasting tent featuring Lemon Creek Winery and food from Lake Michigan College Conference and Event Services.

KRASL art fair ON THE BLUFF



KRASL KID'S ZONE

Friday, July 12, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 14, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Donations appreciated.

The Kid's Zone continues its tradition of providing a lively place for parents and their children to enjoy an art project together during the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. Join us for the fun Friday, Saturday or Sunday during fair hours.

KRASL FACULTY & CLAY ARTISTS' GUILD TENT

Each year the KAC features its teaching artists in a tent of their own to exhibit and sell their work. This year, the founding members of the Krasl Clay Artists' Guild will also be featured. Stop by during the Art Fair, meet the new members and faculty, and begin collecting the work of our talented artists. The tent is located between booths 174 & 175.

KRASL STUDIO DEMONSTRATION TENT

Ever wonder how they did that or how long it took? Find out from the artists themselves as we debut this new venue on the KAC campus at the Art Fair. Our teaching artists will share the "how to" in this new tent where you can get information on upcoming camps and classes. Classes begin October 1.

SHUTTLE BUSES ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Suggested donation: \$1

Shuttle buses are available from Edgewater Business Center at Momany Drive and Kelley's Bowl at 2705 Cleveland Avenue. Shuttles will run continuously with drop-off and pick-up at the corner of Elm and State Streets in downtown St. Joseph. Art Fair volunteers wearing their red T-shirts ride free.

KRASL art fair ON THE BLUFF

- **Art Fair Merchandise** – Fine art posters, T-shirts, totes, kites, and water bottles are available at the Art Fair or at the Krasl Art Center gift shop.
- **Free Volunteer T-shirt** – Call Cathie Pflaumer at the Krasl Art Center to sign up to volunteer.
- **Host an Artist** – Consider hosting a Krasl Art Fair artist in your home. Email Sara Shambarger at sshambarger@krasl.org.
- **Art Fair Guide** – Guides are available for patrons to preview a sample of each individual artist's work. Pick one up at the KAC or look for them at the Art Fair.
- **Krasl Bucks** – Purchase yours today by stopping by the Krasl Art Center. They make great graduation, wedding, birthday or any time gifts. Krasl Bucks purchasers get VIP benefits including free refreshments in the Artist Hospitality Room at the Boulevard Inn, reserved parking, breakfast at Schu's Grill & Bar on Saturday morning, a free poster and a gift bag.
- **Food Court** – Relax and enjoy a meal, snack or specialty treat from 12 vendors.
- **Performing Arts** – The Food Court Stage will have local musicians & the Krasl Kid's Zone Stage will feature entertainment geared for children and families.
- **Smooth Jazz at Sunset** – 98.3 The Coast, a cultural partner with the Krasl Art Fair, is proud to present the 10th Annual Smooth Jazz at Sunset Concert featuring Paul Brown at 7:30 pm on Saturday, July 13th at Shadowland Pavilion, Silver Beach, in St. Joseph. Tickets are available online at smoothjazzatsunset.com.
- **Art Fair Information** – Visit krasl.org for more information.

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Thank you to our new and current volunteers. We appreciate you and couldn't carry out our mission of Bringing People and Art Together without you! We're seeking volunteers for the July 13-14, 2013 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. If you are interested in being an **Operations Assistant, Artist Host**, or another volunteer position, please contact Cathie Pflaumer, Volunteer Coordinator, at cpflaumer@krasl.org. Do you enjoy greeting and helping people in a creative, welcoming atmosphere? Then consider becoming a front desk greeter or volunteer at our exhibition opening receptions. There are many ways to volunteer, so get involved and have fun being part of the KAC family!

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW STAFF



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Joe Martin is the new Facilities Manager at Krasl Art Center. Joe was recently maintenance technician with Berrien County, where he performed repair and maintenance of eighteen facilities at twelve sites throughout the county. Prior to his Berrien County role, he worked as Assistant Park Ranger at Croft State Park in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Joe received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Michigan University.

We are thrilled that Joe is part of the KAC family!

MEMBERSHIP

THE KAC EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO ITS NEWEST MEMBERS:

Youth

Nicole Arent
Caia Bowman
Tristan Ficks
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Cathy Brown
Else Elsner
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Mr. Drew Rendell
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Sustainer

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Berger
Jan Lucking

The KAC relies on your membership both for your advocacy and alliance, and for the financial support. Thank you for being a member of the KAC! Share the KAC with your friends by encouraging them to join you in becoming members.

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	

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.

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)

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CALENDAR

JULY

- 4 KAC closed in observance of Independence Day holiday
- 6 Art in the Courtyard: Plein Air Painting with Kristin Hosbein, 10:00 am –noon; Stone Sculpting with David Wilkinson, noon – 5:00 pm
- 9 Art Fair Volunteer Training, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 12 Krasl Art Fair Friday Night Kickoff, 5:00 – 10:00 pm
- 13-14 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 21 Exhibitions Songs in Steel and Other Dreams: The Work of Caroline Lee and Jesse Potts **artlab** installation ends
- 25 **artlab** artist talk with Rita Grendze, 7:00 pm
- 7/26-9/8 New Exhibitions: Face Value: the Art of Mimi Peterson + Rita Grendze in the **artlab**
- 26 Exhibition Opening Party, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 29 Exhibition & Front Desk Volunteer Training, 9:00 am

AUGUST

- 3 Art in the Courtyard: Plein Air Painting with Kristin Hosbein, 10:00 am –noon; Stone Sculpting with David Wilkinson, noon – 5:00 pm
- 17 Art in the Courtyard: Stone Sculpting with David Wilkinson, noon – 5:00 pm
- 24 Art in the Courtyard: Plein Air Painting with Kristin Hosbein, 10:00 am –noon

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fall class registration begins
- 2 KAC closed in observance of Labor Day holiday
- 12 **artlab** artist talk, 7:00 pm
- 9/13-10/20 New Exhibitions: American Painting Today: Physical & Visceral + **artlab**
- 13 Exhibition Opening Party, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 16 Exhibition & Front Desk Volunteer Training, 9:00 am
- 21 Studio Open House, 2:00-4:00 pm



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FEATURED SCULPTURE

STRATA, 1981

By David Barr
STEEL AND GRANITE

The source of my work is nature and looking at nature from the view of relationships rather than mimicking its appearance.

Next time you are at Silver Beach, enjoy David Barr's sculpture *Strata*. The artwork, a sculpture in three parts, travels from the sidewalk pavement to the sandy shoreline, framing beachgoers' view on their way from the parking lot to the waterfront. In this way, the sculpture realizes the artist's desire to create a relationship between art and its environment.

Barr is a Michigan artist who has been sculpting for 50 years. He is the founder of the Michigan Legacy Art Park in rural Wayne County, where his home, an artwork in its own right, has become the park's centerpiece. After living in Detroit for fifteen years, Barr sought the countryside to immerse himself in nature, the primary source of his artistic inspiration.



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