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**ART UPDATE**

Executive Director Julia Gourley Donohue and friends.



## DEAR MEMBERS,

With autumn we welcome cooler weather, the slate for new members of the board of directors, and a return to our pre-COVID gallery hours, at long last. Please reconnect with us during the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

This year's Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff presented by 1st Source Bank looked far different than years past but we were thrilled to host 150 artists and 13,776 guests. In addition to embarking upon a drastically different event this year, we are also completing a strategic planning

process and an economic impact study for both the Art Fair and Art Center. For the 60th Krasl Art Fair on July 9 and 10, '22, we will consider the data collected from both studies plus the '21 event to plan the momentous anniversary Art Fair.

Through all of 2020 & 2021, Krasl Art Center has been lifted up by generous individuals and businesses. We are deeply grateful to those who donated to the 2020 Fund-a-Fundle campaign, to our partners and donors to the Berrien Community Foundation's Arts Challenge, and to the sponsors who stepped up to support 2021 Exhibitions, Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff presented by 1st Source Bank, and the myriad of programs offered at KAC this year. Please visit the corporate sponsors and donors - listed on card six - and extend your gratitude for their generous support of the arts in southwest Michigan. Many others donated goods, services, time, and resources. Thank you for helping KAC come back strong this year!

Sincerely,

**Julia Gourley Donohue**  
Executive Director

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**Russ Kramer.** *Weatherly*, 1962. Oil. Kramer was formerly president of the American Society of Marine Artists; his dedication greatly impacted the organization. This image relays his love of maritime history and his skill as a dynamic marine artist.

Priscilla Coote, *Down by Sayles'*. Oil.



The American Society of Marine Artists and Krasl Art Center are pleased to present the 2021 *North Juried Regional Exhibition*. The Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to recognize, encourage, and promote marine art and maritime history. Our community's rich artistic legacy and connection to Lake Michigan make KAC an ideal venue to highlight the 2021 exhibition.

Artworks are selected by three jurors, all fellows of The Society. The exhibition features over 60 paintings, drawings, and sculpture. All artworks exemplify excellence and mastery of both the medium and subject matter and have been made in the past five years.

### IN THE ARTLAB: *THE BUTTERFLY, THE FLYING FISH AND THE HURRICANE*

Explore this 20-foot-long accordion book telling the dramatic tale of a butterfly's journey of forgotten beauty with an underlying evil. Reflecting a two-year collaboration between artists Andrea Peterson (LaPorte, IN) and Mary Uthuppuru (Bloomington, IN), every element of the book was rendered by hand, relaying a story in both process and narrative of intense respect for the environment.



Andrea Peterson & Mary Uthuppuru, *the butterfly, the flying fish and the hurricane* (detail), 2021.  
Hand-made accordion-fold artist book.

## EXHIBITION PROGRAMS

Register and learn more at [krasl.org](http://krasl.org)

## EXHIBITION PREVIEW EVENING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:30 PM: artlab ARTISTS IN DIALOGUE

6—8 PM: PREVIEW PARTY

## COFFEE WITH THE CURATOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 12 PM

## 2-PART WORKSHOP: COLLABORATIVE BOOKMAKING WITH ANDREA PETERSON & MARY UTHUPPURU



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Register by Oct. 1 online at  
[krasl.org/education/workshops/](http://krasl.org/education/workshops/)



## THIRD THURSDAY ART EVENTS

OCTOBER 21: AMERICAN SOCIETY  
OF MARINE ARTISTS

NOVEMBER 18: STUDIO VISIT  
WITH ANDREA PETERSON

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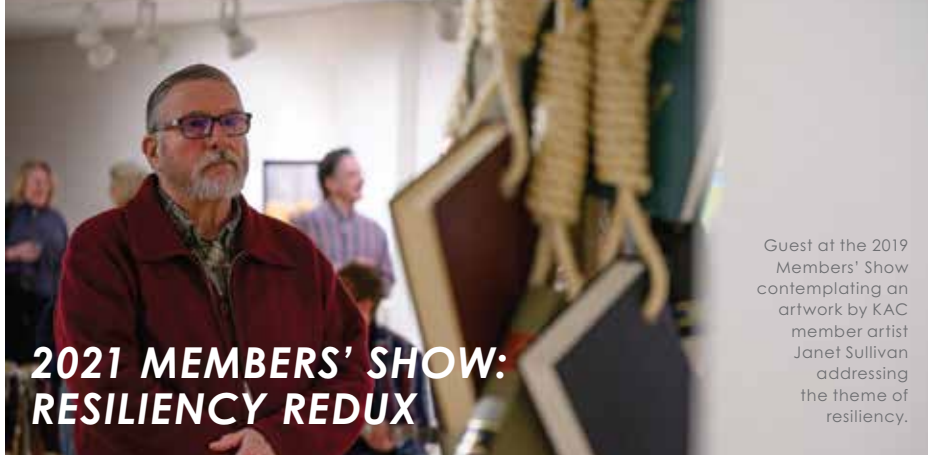


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Sergio Gomez, *The Other Side*, 2014. Acrylic on canvas.

In 2020, KAC and Spectrum Health Lakeland's Population Health Department premiered an Art & Wellness Pop-Up in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph public libraries. Based on the Trauma Resource Institute's Community Resilience Model (CRM)<sup>®</sup>, the pop-up invites community members to participate in hands-on, arts based activities that build resiliency skills. A modified version of this painting by artist Sergio Gomez is included in the pop-up.



## 2021 MEMBERS' SHOW: RESILIENCY REDUX

**DECEMBER 4, 2021 – JANUARY 17, 2022**

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Redux /rē'd ks/ adj.

1. brought back; revived.

For the winter 2021 *Members' Exhibition*, KAC members are invited to shed new light on an important and persistent theme. *Resiliency Redux* reexamines the relevance of art in contributing to wellness - in our individual lives and also at work, in family groups, and as a society. Not just a redo, *Resiliency Redux* asks both artists and visitors alike to consider how our definitions of resiliency have changed since this theme was first explored in KAC's 2019 members' exhibition, and imagine what revival looks like for a resilient community.

Guest at the 2019 Members' Show contemplating an artwork by KAC member artist Janet Sullivan addressing the theme of resiliency.

**ARTWORK DROP OFF:**

**November 26 – 28, 2021.**

Visit [krasl.org](https://www.krasl.org) for times and required forms.

**GUIDELINES**

- 1 artwork per member or collaborating artist group
- Artists must share how their artwork responds to their definition of resiliency
- Artworks must fit through the front door and be display-ready

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Register and learn more at [krasl.org](https://www.krasl.org)

**EXHIBITION PREVIEW EVENING**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6—8 PM**

**5:30 PM: MUSIC IN THE GALLERIES**

**6—8 PM: PREVIEW PARTY**

Featuring music by Erick Oneal Fisher, a saxophonist who shifts the atmosphere through jazz and R&B. Arrive early at 5:30 PM to enjoy a quieter moment with the music and art; at 6 PM the festivities pick up while the music continues in the background.



**COFFEE WITH THE CURATOR**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12 PM**

**THIRD THURSDAY ART EVENT:**

**ARTIST-LED GALLERY TALKS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7 PM**

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## THE SHOP

Find decorative and functional artwork handmade by local and regional artists. As part of KAC's mission to inspire meaningful change and strengthen community through the visual arts, we hope the items you find here spark joy, encourage dialogue and support people and ideas that positively impact our community.



VISIT [KRASLORG](http://KRASLORG) FOR CURRENT HOURS | FIND ARTIST-MADE GIFTS IN THE SHOP AT KRASL ART CENTER.

## SOUP'S ON!

KAC Kicks off the holiday shopping season the first weekend of November! Support local artists and KAC Ceramic Guild members during this fundraiser and outdoor market.



FIND ARTIST-MADE GIFTS DURING SOUP'S ON-THE-GO THIS NOVEMBER

## ART MARKETS & ART FAIR

Shop for artist made gifts during Summer Art Markets and Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff presented by 1st Source Bank. Interested in being involved in either? Learn more under the art and event tabs at [krasl.org](http://krasl.org)



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An Intro to Wheelthrowing Student learns on the wheel in KAC Teaching Artist Noelle Ringer's class, Summer 2021.



Top Right: KAC Teaching Artist Noelle Ringer. Bottom Right: Noelle Ringer teaching students in Introduction to Wheelthrowing. Left: Noelle Ringer's wheel-thrown vessels.



## FACULTY FEATURE: NOELLE RINGER

Like many KAC Teaching Artists, Noelle Ringer participated in KAC programs prior to teaching classes. As an Art Fair on the Bluff Emerging Artist and Clay Guild Member, Noelle experienced KAC's mission and values in action. Today, Noelle uses her talent, knowledge, and personality to bring creative experiences to others.

*"In 2015, I was encouraged to display my ceramics in the Emerging Artist tent at the Krasl Art Fair - I was so excited! I was finishing my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Western Michigan University, so I had a lot of ceramics to display. After graduating in 2016, I moved to St. Joseph and asked to meet with Nathan Margoni to tour KAC's ceramic facilities. For Christmas, my now-husband gifted me a Clay Guild membership so I could continue making ceramics, it was truly the best gift. I had always been interested in teaching my own ceramics class, and I started teaching KAC's Introduction to Wheelthrowing in '18 and have continued ever since. I am extremely grateful for my experience and will continue to support this wonderful arts organization for years to come."*

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## 1ST SOURCE BANK

When KAC sought a partner to launch fundraising for the *Sculpting Community Project* in 2012, 1st Source Bank stepped up as a lead corporate sponsor. In planning the revised 2021 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, KAC was once again thrilled to welcome 1st Source Bank's Wealth Advisory Services Team as a partner in presenting the event in 2021 and 2022. Through the years, they have proven to offer unwavering support of the arts in St. Joseph & Benton Harbor. Thank you for your support!

## SIGNATURE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

For 19 years, Signature Automotive Group has been a sponsor of Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff presented by 1st Source Bank. In addition, when KAC is ready to hit the road for staff or volunteer docent field trips, they generously provide complimentary use of mini vans to get us where we need to go. Thanks for being outstanding partners, Bill Crowder and the team at Signature Automotive Group!

Left to right: Ally Powers - Trust Manager, Chris Strafford - Senior Vice President, and Tamara Paulun - Trust Manager, from 1st Source Bank Wealth Advisory Services.



A group of KAC Docents pose with Sculptor, Brent Harris, in his studio at Alchemist Sculpture Foundry in Kalamazoo, MI.

The Signature Automotive Group truck helps the KAF every year.



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