Are you ever curious how all the parts keep moving forward at KAC? As we roll out of the busy summer season and into fall, this is a good opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of those who make it all possible.

KAC’s staff and faculty have my deep gratitude. These creative, dedicated professionals provide unwavering leadership as they grow partnerships, develop programs, lead activities, and make magic behind the scenes.

The Board of Directors, volunteers who serve three-year terms, provide leadership of KAC’s strategic priorities, support fund development, and advance community connections. They are also responsible for hiring and evaluating KAC’s Executive Director. Each fall, you, KAC’s members, are asked to vote on a ballot of prospects to join the board. KAC actively seeks to recruit board members who reflect the diverse makeup of our SW MI community. I thank these individuals for their leadership and wisdom. Meet your board of directors at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Friday, November 18.

Financial resources are critical to KAC’s ability to grow and deepen impact. Grants, individual donations, and sponsorships help keep doors open, and expand exhibition and studio programs. KAC is grateful for $136,128 in sponsorships from the businesses listed on card six.

Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff is a critical fundraiser for KAC and an important economic driver for our community. Funds are received through sponsorships, admission, and artist application and booth fees. Your participation as a volunteer or guest at the 60th Art Fair is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you next year, July 8 & 9, 2023.

Yours fondly,

Julia Gourley Donohue
Executive Director
“The family was an art ... and the dinner table was the place it found expression.”

~ Don DeLillo

IN THE LOUNGE: FOOD FOR THOUGHT
SEPTEMBER 3 — NOVEMBER 13, 2022

During the summer of 2021, the Southwest Michigan Local Food Council asked artists Jaylen C. Lanier, Ashley Tenter, Angela Valha, and Kimberly Wood to respond creatively to personal food experiences of visitors at local farmers markets. The resulting paintings look across social, economic, and geographic divides to consider the impact of food on cultural identity.

FAMILY DINNER: THE DEEP CONNECTION OF AMERICAN LIVED EXPERIENCE
SEPTEMBER 3 — NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Domestic life in the United States of America is impacted in ways big and small by the full history of the country. Family Dinner illustrates these impacts with intimacy and immediacy.

Contemporary artists offer representations and explorations of the dinner table, domestic life, and history across multiple media. The physical center and conceptual starting point for the exhibition is Justin Rothshank’s The People’s Dinnerware. The installation of ceramic place settings commemorates each president of the United States in addition to critical and often under-represented figures from each presidential era. The project represents a methodical undertaking in self-education and historical revisionism that has evolved for the artist since 2006.

Front: Katie Butler, Steaks and Tax Breaks. 2022. Oil and acrylic on canvas.

IN THE GALLERIES

FAMILY DINNER: AN AFTERNOON OF ART
SEPT. 10 - Opening celebration at Krasl Art Center

11 am – 12:30 pm: FAMILY DAY
Glaze ceramic dinner plates inspired by the exhibition.

12:30 – 1:30 pm: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE
Exhibition-related activities for all ages. Lite bites by Bistro on the Boulevard.

1:30 – 3 pm: PANEL DISCUSSION
With Family Dinner artist Melissa Blount and FOOD for THOUGHT organizer Jennifer Tomshack.

Look for more virtual and in-person activities. Visit krasl.org for the most up-to-date information about exhibition-related programs.
YOUR ART HERE.
SAVE THE DATE & BRING A FRIEND:
2022 COMMUNITY MEMBERS’ SHOW

NOVEMBER 19, 2022 — JANUARY 8, 2023

Krasl Art Center’s annual members’ exhibition expands this year to welcome any artist residing in Berrien County to exhibit their work alongside KAC’s membership. This Community Members’ Show continues to showcase local talent while connecting new artists. No theme. New rules. We can’t wait to see what (and who) you bring!

Register online using the QR code by November 10. Artwork dropoff November 11 – 13.

NEW THIS YEAR!
• Any current member of Krasl Art Center OR Berrien County resident can participate.
• KAC Member Artists who also bring a non-member to exhibit can receive a free membership renewal for 2023 and free individual membership for their friend.
• KAC Member Artists are eligible to enter for a special juried award.
• All artists are eligible for the coveted People’s Choice Award.

GUIDELINES
• 1 artwork per artist or collaborating artist group.
• Artwork must have been completed within the past year.
• Artwork dimensions may not exceed 36” x 36” x 36”.
• Artworks must be display-ready (no additional hardware required for installation).
• This is an open exhibition. However, KAC reserves the right to decline exhibiting artworks based on space constraints or other considerations.
LOVE ART. BUY ART.

The Art Markets at Krasl Art Center take place several times throughout the summer and once in the fall at KAC. Explore a variety of artworks, discover a simpler and more intimate interaction than the Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, and support local artists at these free community events. Purchases made support the artists directly, and guests are encouraged to explore KAC’s sculpture and gallery exhibitions during their visit.

Don’t miss our Fall Fundraising event to support KAC ceramic & family programming!

KRASL ART CENTER’S FALL ART MARKET - A CLAY STUDIO FUNDRAISER.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 10 AM – 3 PM

Clay bowl sales, gift certificates to local restaurants, and exhibiting artists selling their goods at KAC. All sales support the Clay Artist Guild and the artists involved. Artists looking to apply to any market at KAC should visit the Events tab at krasl.org. Art Markets are sponsored by Sturgis Bank.

The Krasl Clay Artist Guild is a group of experienced ceramicists with independent access to KAC’s ceramics studio.

Apply and learn more by scanning the QR code.
FACULTY FEATURE - DANI DAVIS

Artist Dani Davis is one of KAC’s most versatile teachers, providing instruction in such wide-ranging media and techniques as ceramics, felting, origami, tie-dye, clowning, and collage. Her extensive skill set makes her an ideal instructor for Family Days, free monthly programs held at KAC. Davis introduces different projects every month that inspire and engage people of all ages:

“I love Family Days! I get to make art with such a wide variety of participants, from adults on coffee-dates trying something new, to parents bonding with their young children. KAC is a great place for community members to gather and share creative experiences. It’s fun to see people meet and form relationships at Family Days and return later as friends.”

OCTOBER FAMILY DAY: PUMPKIN PAINTING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8,
11 AM – 12:30 PM

In collaboration with the Coastline Children’s Film Festival, KAC is hosting Flick-or-Treat (right) that evening from 8 – 9:30 pm. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting krasl.org/events/flick-or-treat/

Free public programs like Family Days are made possible by your donations. During KAC’s annual appeal, your contribution is matched dollar for dollar by the Upton Foundation. Thank you!
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As of 7/28/22
Photos: Stella Godinho
A New Award at the 2022 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff

Krasl Art Center was pleased to present the inaugural Spirit of Olga award, in honor of the 60th Art Fair, and the legacy of Olga Krasl. The award was organized by a special committee, including former KAC Director Dar Davis, and is anonymously underwritten for the next ten years. This year’s jury included friends of KAC Kevan Truman and Anne Odden. The award is bestowed upon an artist of outstanding artistic merit, personal character, poise, and a notable sense of both community & the value of travel - criteria befitting of our great benefactress.

The inaugural award was presented to Nolan Prohaska, a glass artist from Somerset, WI. He received a framed award, $1,000, and an automatic invitation to the 2023 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff.

Recognizing Staff Leadership

Jamie Balkin, Director of Events, joined KAC in February. In honor of her first successful Art Fair, a generous donation was made to KAC. The donor, Kevan Truman, shared, “Congratulations on a brilliant Art Fair which matched the weekend’s brilliant Southwest Michigan blue sky. Yes, some days were challenging but through it all—the result was a wonderful art fair weekend. It all came together like a puzzle.”

Thank you to Jamie’s Art Fair Team and to Kevan Truman our generous donor and good friend!