Dear Krasl Art Center Supporters, Fans, Friends, and Arts Family -

Summer is a very active time at Krasl Art Center and this season our team did two extraordinary things above and beyond business as usual: they updated the upper level studios and threw a giant sale to support that work. The education team, operations, and faculty worked tirelessly to paint classrooms, update lighting, assemble and install cabinets, and design the space in a fresh and functional way. Then the whole crew developed the giant Mish Mash Market and raised $6,000 towards these renovations. The Krasl team’s energy and spirit throughout was playful, collaborative, and actively supported the effort to bring our students well-designed spaces.

In July, Krasl produced its 61st Art Fair on the Bluff. Over 22,000 people visited Lake Bluff Park to enjoy the hand crafted offerings of artists, as well as the Friday night Block Party, activities on our grounds, and dynamic exhibitions in the galleries. This historical event started as a clothesline fair in 1962 and led to Krasl Art Center’s founding. It brings people together, and as Olga Krasl liked to say, makes life more worthwhile. Further, it supports the work we do to provide year-round access to the arts. Thank you for supporting this work and the arts in your community.

As we move into fall, I want to also thank our outstanding board of directors. Meet the folks who govern Krasl Art Center at our upcoming annual meeting on November 10. This year’s event invites you into the newly renovated studios, showcases the art of KAC students and faculty, and features special guest artists.

On behalf of Krasl - your art museum, your art center, and your advocate in the arts,

Tami Fauver
Executive Director & Chief Curator

Support provided by:

Board and Staff:
KAC Board of Directors; Oct. 1, 2022 – Sept. 30, 2023:
   - Brian Edlefson - President
   - Grace Kelmer - Vice President
   - J. Paul Fletcher - Secretary
   - Steven J. Wessel - Treasurer
   - Anna Brooks
   - Nicole Brown
   - R. Budd Haemer
   - Paulette Johnson
   - Dr. Katherine Kwon
   - Princella Tobias
   - Zachary Vaughn

KAC Staff:
   - Tami Fauver - Executive Director & Chief Curator
   - Jamie Balkin - Director of Events
   - Nathan Margoni - Director of Education
   - Matthew Bizoe - Marketing Manager
   - Laura Winkle - Associate Curator of Engagement
   - Keith McCoy - Facilities Manager
   - Suzanne Arent - Executive Assistant
   - Larissa Nunez - Volunteer Coordinator
   - Dani Davis - School & Community Programs Coordinator
   - Nat Carow - Guest Services & Education Specialist
   - Jennifer Zona - Ceramics Studio Manager
   - Galina Bogdanova - Guest Services
   - Lizzy Borton - Guest Services
   - Anushka Ganu - Guest Services
   - Sonja Richcreek - Guest Services
   - Derak Woytsek - Guest Services

Support provided by:

THE STOP-MOTION WORLDS OF JOE BAUGHMAN
SEPTEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Stepping into the home of cinematographer, director, stop-motion animator, and musician Joe Baughman is like stepping into a miniature major production studio, each room its own set. These little worlds form the basis of Baughman’s stop-motion animations - the likes of which you might have seen in music videos for Wilco, The Roots, and Julien Baker as well as his own band, Joe Baughman and the Righteous Few. This fall, Baughman’s sets come to life in the galleries, where visitors will have the opportunity to see the inner-workings of his stop-motion process.

IN THE LAB:
MARIANA NOREÑA
SEPTEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 26, 2023

A Colombian artist living in Chicago, Mariana Noreña invites us to “the two lands that I now call home.” Her multimedia work is grounded in the landscape, composed of natural materials, and impacted by “the undeniable way of adapting and being in constant motion of Lake Michigan.”

Above: Mariana Noreña. The House That Lives Within Me/ La Casa Que Habita Dentro De Mi, 2023. Steel, water from Lake Michigan, wood, soil from Bogotá, soil from Chicago, corn husks, rosemary, recycled paper, basket reed, bent wood, sound, frame.

Right and Front: Film stills from Joe Baughman’s Vacant Spaces.
SAVE THE DATE & BRING A FRIEND
2023 COMMUNITY MEMBERS’ SHOW

DECEMBER 09, 2023 – JANUARY 21, 2024

We had so much fun last year, we’re doing it again. Krasl Art Center’s annual members’ exhibition has expanded to include any artist residing in Berrien County to exhibit their artwork alongside KAC’s membership. This community exhibition showcases local talent while connecting new artists. KAC Member Artists who bring a non-member to exhibit receive free Fan-level membership for themselves and their friend for 2024. We can’t wait to see what (and who) you bring!

Register online by November 24.
Artwork dropoff November 27 – December 1.

GUIDELINES
• 1 artwork per artist or collaborating artist group.
• Artwork must have been completed within the past year.
• 2D Artwork dimensions may not exceed 36” x 36”.
• 3D Artwork dimensions may not have a footprint larger than 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.

IN THE LOUNGE: SARA ALEXIS

Winner of the 2022 Members’ Award, Sara Alexis will feature a selection of artworks in The Lounge at KAC for the 2023 Community Members’ Show. KAC members are eligible for this annual juried award.

MAKE ART. MAKE FRIENDS.

PREVIEW PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6 – 8 PM
PIZZA WITH THE ARTISTS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6 – 7 PM

Community Members’ Show Online Registration Form

Krasl's Holiday Gift-Giving Guide

Have they been to KAC?
- No
  - Are they museum folks?
    - No
      - Gallery Tour
    - Yes
      - Gift Card

Did they Love it?
- Duh

Are they "makers"?
- Yes
  - They Wish
- I Wish!

Do they live local?
- Not yet!

Handmade Item in The Shop

DIY Date Night

Membership

We're practically neighbors
THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A GREAT TIME TO CELEBRATE THE ARTS!
HERE ARE OUR TOP 5 ARTS GIFTS:

**GALLERY TOUR**
A unique experience-based gift for your friends and family! Explore the exhibitions on view with a trained docent during an inquiry-based tour. Guests can ask questions, engage in dialogue, and learn details about the concepts and processes behind the artwork.

**CLASSES**
A class at KAC is a great way to foster self care and enhance well being. Students of all ages learn to draw, paint, work with clay, sculpt, and design in one of five studio classrooms. Students come away with new skills, increased confidence and, dare we say, gift-able artwork.

**KAC GIFT CARD**
Whether it’s for classes, items in the shop, tours, or membership - a Krasi Gift Card is a special way to show you care and support the arts with no pressure!

**DIY DATE NIGHT**
KAC has many opportunities for an unforgettable time with your special person, often free! Attend featured artist talks and workshops, a preview celebration, or a shopping event at KAC for a special evening surrounded by art.

**THE SHOP**
You'll find items as unique as your loved ones that are handmade by regional artists in The Shop at KAC. Purchases made in The Shop not only directly support the artist behind the work but also KAC.

**MEMBERSHIP**
A membership to Krasi Art Center is a reflection of the value you have for the cultural vibrancy of southwest Michigan and a great gift to share. Members not only get perks at KAC, but also provide access to creative expression, dynamic exhibitions, and engaging arts programs.
FACULTY FEATURE: PETE NYCE

Ceramics Instructor Pete Nyce started his work at KAC as a Clay Artist Guild Member and Studio Assistant in 2018. With a background in chemistry, he is an expert glaze-maker who has introduced many vivid colors to our glaze selection. Nyce began teaching wheel throwing classes in 2021, and is known for his methodical instruction and eclectic playlists.

“I approach pottery from a practical perspective, trying to apply the knowledge and laboratory techniques I learned when studying physics and chemistry in college. For me, I believe that art emerges from the pursuit of artistry, precision, and intent.

“I first began practicing ceramics twenty years ago but left to pursue other passions, including raising a family. The Clay Artist Guild has been the ideal environment to recapture my passion for clay, learn from other potters, and grow into an independent artist.

“Teaching students from various backgrounds has allowed me to see the techniques I’ve learned in a new light. I’m often amazed at what non-ceramic experiences students bring and apply in my classes.

“The essence of ceramics is transformation, both literal and figurative.”
We ♥ our 2023 Business Sponsors!

PRESENTING
1st Source Bank Wealth Advisory Services

PREMIER
98.3 The Coast
BOSS Services
The Boulevard Inn & Bistro
City of St. Joseph
Honor Credit Union
LKF Marketing
MailMax
Pella Windows & Doors of Northern Indiana
Pepsi Bottling Group
RMB Capital
Signature Dealer Group
Starks Family
Funeral Homes
Southwest Michigan Tourist Council

SUPPORTING
Arcadia Gardens, LLC
The Livery
Silver Beach Pizza
Storage of America
Tyler Automotive

CONTRIBUTING
Aisle Rocket
Forté Coffee
Horizon Bank
The John DeVries Insurance Agency
Kruggel Lawton CPAs
Round Barn Winery & Estate
Schu’s Grill and Bar
State Street Meats
Stonegate Plastic Surgery
Sturgis Bank
Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant
Waterfront House of Framing & Fashion
Wightman

UNDERWRITERS/DONORS
Barrett Driscoll Pediatrics
Berecz & Associates, PLC
Blossomland Accounting
Bit of Swiss
Combined Insurance Agencies
DLZ Michigan, Inc.
Drs. Lisa & Robert Pierce
Ibid County Electric
Jane Addams Research Center
The Livery
Meijer
Oscars Printing
Parrett Company
Priebe's Creative Woodworking
Twin City Camera Club
United Federal Credit Union
Vail Rubber Works
Water Street Glassworks
Villwocks Outdoor Living

As of 7/27/23 | Photo: Ryan Jusczkiewicz
I want to thank Krasl for being such a gift to our community. I remember coming here as a young girl after weekly trips to the library and enjoying summer workshops when my parents could afford it. Now my daughter has the same amazing opportunities because of your scholarship program.

When I first learned of this program it was like a dream come true. Without it my daughter would never have gotten such an amazing immersive experience with such a large variety of artistic mediums. My daughter isn’t interested in sports or video games, “I’m not that kind of kid - I’m the draw and dance kind” she told me. I am so thankful to this program and to Krasl for offering it.

As a preschool educator, I understand the importance of art in education. I have seen the wildest students slow down and finger paint for 30 minutes, or the shy child that never leaves the bench create the most magnificent bird’s nest from playdough. Thank you for giving our quiet, creative, unique children a chance to explore and experience!

- Lechelle VanKirk

The generosity of our sponsors and donors help make opportunities like these possible. Please visit them and thank them for supporting Krasl Art Center.

Business sponsors support and art fair proceeds support programs like scholarships and year-round access to the arts. Thank you!

Above Photos: Youth Students, taken by KAC Faculty.