MISSION
The Sioux City Art Center’s mission is to enrich our region’s quality of life by bringing the excitement of the visual arts to our community through education, exhibitions and permanent collection.

VISION
The Art Center will continue to serve as and enhance its position as a premier cultural attraction for the citizens of the Sioux City metro area.

The Art Center will use its permanent collection to position itself as a major regional educational resource for educators, students, and the general public.

The Art Center will promote itself as a cultural tourist destination based on its reputation as presenting major traveling exhibitions, and a quality permanent collection featuring the best regional artists.

The Art Center will increase access to education and in turn the Art Center’s permanent collection, by expanding the present facility with a new Learning Center.

VALUE
The Sioux City Art Center will provide visitors with an accessible and meaningful appreciation of the visual arts by embracing education as fundamental to its programs.

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Pardon our progress as we fulfill our plan to Increase Access to Art and Education.

The Sioux City Art Center is model public/private partnership between the City of Sioux City and Art Center Association of Sioux City, with each contributing approximately one-half of the Art Center’s annual average budget of $1.4 million.

The latest addition to this partnership is the Gilchrist Learning Center. The new facility was paid for primarily with private dollars, and supported with an Enhance Iowa Grant from the State of Iowa as well as a donation from the Woodbury County Supervisors. In addition, the City of Sioux City provided a bridge loan, which has been paid off, to facilitate the project. The City of Sioux City is also providing funds for the renovation of the current facility.

The current renovation, expected to be completed in June 2019, will increase exhibition space, enhance collection storage, and create a new library and meeting room. In addition, the Children’s Hands On! Gallery will be updated, with support from the Junior League of Sioux City, and moved to a light-filled location on the first floor.

The renovation will not impact the Art Center’s regular programs. Exhibitions will continue as usual, including Sioux City Art Center Selects 2019, Youth Art Month: High School Students, and The Briar Cliff Review Exhibition. For more information on the exhibitions see pages 4-5.

I look forward to seeing you at the Art Center.

Al Harris-Fernandez
Art Center Director

Sculpt Park Dedicated

In February 2019 we dedicated Sculpt Park, featuring a new installation of outdoor sculptures located on the landscaped green space between the Gilchrist Learning Center and Pierce Street. The park features three sculptures on long-term loan to the Art Center from Sculpt Siouxland. Each artwork is sited on a concrete pad and lit with spotlights. We give special recognition to the following: Missouri River Historical Development for providing a grant in support of lighting the sculptures; Sculpt Siouxland for the loan of the artwork; and, the Art Center Association of Sioux City for the landscaping and the pads.

Education Ramps Up Offerings

As part of the plan to increase public access to education, the Gilchrist Learning Center will ramp up its spring educational offerings with a wider variety of classes and meeting times. This schedule is available in our new Education Newsletter. The publication is mailed to our members and is also available online and at the Art Center. In addition to receiving the newsletter in the mail, members receive discounts for classes.

As part of our initial yearlong celebration of the Learning Center, the Art Center is providing several free workshops and classes, as well as a liberal number of scholarships. To request a scholarship all you need to do is check out the offerings and call (712) 279-6580.

The Art Center Association of Sioux City, the fundraising arm of the Art Center, received a gift of artworks and $200,000 from the estate of Jerry Stroup, a longtime Art Center volunteer. Per Jerry’s request, the funds will be placed in an endowment and used for the Art Center’s education programs.

Jerry had approached the Art Center’s director about leaving both artworks and cash to the Art Center, and after discussing his interests, Jerry decided to make the gift based on the Art Center’s programs that serve young students. In his duties as a docent, Jerry especially enjoyed leading the Artworks tours that provide free tours for fifth-grade students.
ARTcetera ’19
December 15, 2018 – March 10, 2019
Benefit Auction: Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00-9:00 pm

This exciting exhibition and auction is now in its fourth edition, bringing great, creative works by artists from Sioux City and across the upper Midwest. These artists are invited to participate by the Art Center based on their consistency and creativity.

Throughout the weeks between the opening of the exhibition and the auction, members of the public have been welcome to visit the exhibition, both to view the artworks and to consider which works they might like to add to their collections. The auction of all the artworks in ARTcetera will take place on the evening of Saturday, March 2, 2019. Net proceeds from the auction will benefit the Art Center Association of Sioux City, the private organization that funds the exhibitions and programs of the Sioux City Art Center. While the auction has everything that the finest collectors might want—great art, delicious food and beverages, and an entertaining setting—ARTcetera is designed to appeal to art fans of all backgrounds, from avid collectors to people considering their very first art purchase.

Youth Art Month Exhibition: High School Students
February 16 – April 14, 2019

The Art Center presents its annual celebration of Youth Art Month. This competitive exhibition attracts hundreds of entries from schools throughout Siouxland. Students competing in this year’s exhibition will come from area high schools. Selecting the work for the exhibition and determining awards this year has been Jeff Baldus, professor of art at Briar Cliff University. Youth Art Month Exhibition: High School Students is generously sponsored in part by Wells Fargo.
Sioux City Art Center Selects 2019

March 23 – June 23, 2019

Preview Reception: Friday, March 22, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
The Artist Experience: Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 pm

The Art Center is pleased to return to one of its most popular recent project, Sioux City Art Center Selects. Sioux City Art Center Selects is a regional juried exhibition, open to all artists in Iowa, as well artists living within 300 miles of Sioux City. Unlike traditional juried exhibitions that ask jurors to select individual artworks based on their merits, Sioux City Art Center Selects asks artists to submit a body of work, which is then be judged by the overall quality of the artworks and by the clarity and consistency of the body of work. The Art Center’s director, Al Harris-Fernandez, and curator, Todd Behrens, selected 8 artists from the 123 artists who applied. After visiting each artist’s studio, the curator works with the artist to select a body of work to bring to the Art Center for this exhibition. The exhibition, therefore, will present visitors with a better understanding of how artists in our region are thinking and creating right now.

The 8 artists selected for this exhibition are:
Marcus Cain, Kansas City, MO (painting)
Matt Drissell, Sioux Center, IA (mixed media drawing)
Barbara Federer, Waverly, IA (drawing)
Benjamin Gardner, Des Moines, IA (painting)
Karen Gustafson, Minneapolis, MN (textile drawing)
Kristine Heykants, Minneapolis, MN (photography)
Andrew Kosten, Brookings, SD (printmaking)
Cathy Palmer, Sioux City, IA (painting)

At the preview reception on March 22, the artists will speak briefly about their work. The next day, the public is invited to attend a free program, titled The Artist Experience, to learn more from the artists. During this daylong program on March 23, the artists will give more extensive presentations on the development of their work and careers. The program will also include a round-table conversation with the artists about the development of their ideas and styles, and how that development has translated into artistic and professional success. Lunch will be provided for attendees who RSVP by March 18.

The Artist Experience is made possible thanks to grant funding from the Iowa Arts Council.

The Briar Cliff Review Exhibition

April 25 – July 21, 2019
Reception: Thursday, April 25, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

The exhibition includes artworks by local and regional artists that are featured in the 31st edition of The Briar Cliff Review, Briar Cliff University’s award-winning journal of articles, essays, poetry, photography, and art. The exhibition is an eclectic gathering of mediums and styles, presented as a sampling of many of the artistic trends occurring in the region. Artworks for the journal and the exhibition are co-curated by Jeff Baldus, professor of art at Briar Cliff University, and Todd Behrens, curator at the Sioux City Art Center.
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MARCH

2  Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
   fundraiser/auction, 6 – 9 pm
3  Sunday in the Studio:
   A Painting Lesson with Brenda Thelen, 1:30 – 3 pm
9  Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
16 Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
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APRIL

6  Painting in the Studio, 1 – 2:30 pm
13 Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
14 EXHIBITION CLOSES: Youth Art Month: High School
20 Painting in the Studio, 1 – 2:30 pm
21 ART CENTER CLOSED: Easter
25 EXHIBITION OPENS: Briar Cliff Review Exhibition
   OPENING RECEPTION: 6 – 8:30 pm
27 Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon

MAY

4 Painting in the Studio, 1 – 2:30 pm
11 Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
18 Painting in the Studio, 1 – 2:30 pm
25 Saturday Art Lesson, 10:30 am – 12 noon
27 ART CENTER CLOSED: Memorial Day

GILCHRIST Learning Center

Free Family Spring Fling Workshop

Saturday, March 23  10:30 – 11:15 am & 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Pre-Register by calling Visitor Services at (712) 279-6272
Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting in April, Painting In The Studio and Saturday Art Lesson will be on alternating Saturdays as the Gilchrist Learning Center will be closed on Sundays.
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