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Report from the Director



As we enter the winter of this unusual year, the Art Center is as prepared as it can be to face the ongoing uncertainty. While the time has still not yet arrived for a return to many of the things you love about the Art Centerreceptions, concerts, group tours-we are continuing to work on classes and workshops that can be presented either by following strict safety guidelines within the studios of the Gilchrist Learning Center or by using Zoom.

During our chilly months, we present two important exhibitions that deal in different ways with our region. Our current exhibition, Magnetic West: The

Enduring Allure of the American West, is a photography exhibition that examines the history, environment, and people of the United States west of the Mississippi River. The exhibition that follows, 20 Artists, 20 Parks, looks at the beauty and diversity of the lowa state park system through the eyes of artists. In both cases, the exhibitions present us with enough familiar visual material to make us comfortable, while looking at their subjects with a depth that will give anyone a fresh perspective. This is what art can do. We are very proud to be working with other lowa institutions to bring these extraordinary exhibitions to our community —the Figge Art Museum in Davenport and the Sioux City Public Museum on Magnetic West. and the Iowa Arts Council and Iowa Department of Natural Resources on 20 Artists, 20 Parks. And we are so grateful to the Gilchrist Foundation and the many Blockbuster Partners who have provided the funding to allow us to present an ambitious exhibition like Magnetic West.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Sioux City Art Center.

> **Todd Behrens** Director, Sioux City Art Center

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.

cover: Christopher Yanulis (Ames), Two Places at Once. 2019, Mixed media on wood panel, Pilot Knob State Park

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Magnetic West: The Enduring Allure of the American West in Photography

November 6, 2020 – January 17, 2021 Main, Jensen, Everist, and Terra Galleries

The first railroad bridge that connected the East to the West spanned the Mississippi River connecting Illinois to Davenport, Iowa, bringing a steady stream of people and goods into unexplored territory. Before the mid-1850s when the bridge was completed, steamboats were the primary means of transportation on the Mississippi River for both passengers and possessions. Photography also reached the American West in the 1850s, becoming the primary way people in the East could see and come to know what wonders unfolded in the landscape of the mythical West. Photographs, both through still and moving images, continue to frame the popular understanding of the American West.

Showcasing nearly 130 photographs exploring the complicated history of America from the Mississippi River all the way to the Pacific Ocean, MAGNETIC WEST: The Enduring Allure of the American West was organized by the Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa, and made possible by Constance Bosson Runge and the Carolyn Levine and Leonard Kallio Trust. MAGNETIC WEST is arranged by five interwoven themes: An American Eden, Theme and Variation, Identity and Experience, Going West, and Home on the Range. The photographs touch on many aspects of Western life, demonstrating how the popular view of the West has evolved since the 19th century. In so many of the early photographs, the region west of the Mississippi was portrayed as the land of opportunity and a vast wilderness untouched by human hands. In the past 50 years many photographers have challenged the myth of the "West that Was," expanding the understanding of the West to more accurately reflect the nuanced racial, cultural, and environmental forces at play in the region's continuing evolution. Magnetic West has been sponsored locally by the Gilchrist Foundation and the Blockbuster Partners III.



Zig Jackson
Mandan Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, born 1957
Entering Zig's Indian Reservation, China Basin, San Francisco, CA, 1998
Archival pigment print, Courtesy of the Artist
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Organized by the Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa

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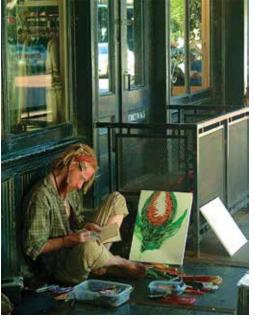
and made possible by Constance Bosson Runge Carolyn Levine & Leonard Kallio Trust

This exhibition is funded locally with support from the Gilchrist Foundation and the Art Center's Blockbuster Partners.

Solitude: Sioux City Camera Club

November 7, 2020 – January 24, 2021 Community Gallery

During the pandemic, this year the Art Center's annual collaboration with the photographers of the Sioux City Camera Club appropriately addresses the theme of solitude. The arts are one of the most powerful ways for creating positive communication and healthy coping during any crisis. Art serves as a bridge connecting us one to another by bringing joy into our worlds, helping us to heal, to share stories that make meaning in our own lives and find meaning in the lives of others.



Carl Hardy, Street Painter, 2019

NEW EXHIBITIONS

Celinda Stamy (Ames), *Portal*, 2019, Oil on canvas Palisades-Kepler State Park



Jennifer Drinkwater (Ames), *Dockside*, 2019, Acrylic paint on wood panel Pine Lake State Park

20 Artists, 20 Parks

January 30 – May 9, 2021 Main Gallery

In her remarkable memoir, The Hour of Land, naturalist and author Terry Tempest Williams writes eloquently on the relevance of national parks marking the centennial of the National Park Service with a prescience that can be extended to all parks. 20 Artists, 20 Parks celebrates the state parks of lowa that are also celebrating their centennial; Williams reminds us that parks are "portals and thresholds of wonder ... breathing spaces for a society that increasingly holds its breath." Iowa's beautifully diverse state parks have inspired visitors from around the country ever since Backbone State Park, opened in Delaware County in 1920. A century later, the parks' natural beauty remains a source of creative inspiration. Organized by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; the Iowa Department of Natural Resources; and Iowa State University, the exhibition at the Art Center is the fourth stop on the show's statewide tour, after visiting Des Moines, Dubugue, and Clarinda. As its title suggests, the installation showcases artwork that 20 lowa artists created during the summer of 2019 while working in 20 state parks to celebrate the state parks' centennial anniversary. Selected artists - including students and faculty members from the Colleges of Design, Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University - worked closely with park rangers to learn about each parks' unique ecosystem. "The artwork is as varied as the parks themselves, from the Maquoketa Caves to Stephens State Forest to Gull Point on Lake Okoboji," said the Iowa Arts Council's Veronica O'Hern, "Together the paintings, sculptures, textiles, photos, videos and other art forms capture the sights and sounds of these unique pockets of the lowa landscape."

Artist Carol Faber worked in Sioux City's Stone State Park. An Associate Professor of Graphic Design at Iowa State University, she is interested in evoking" a sense of place through visual textures and surfaces." Although she integrates both traditional and digital methodologies, she works mainly via digital manipulation as evidenced in *Fall Prairie*. The artist grew up in northwest Iowa, has a BA in studio arts with an emphasis in ceramic sculpture from Morningside College and both an MA and an MFA from Iowa State University. Faber might agree with Williams that "Wilderness is the source of what we can imagine and what we cannot – the taproot of consciousness."



Carol Faber (Ames)
Woodland, 2019
Digital print
Stone State Park

DEVELOPMENT



Having a Business Partner Membership means your business is part of an organization that enriches our community. You are part of a group of individuals that strengthen our mission and increase our ability to bring the excitement of the visual arts to our community through education, exhibition and permanent collection.

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Bold – New memberships *Italics* – Upgraded memberships





Did you know that by including a charitable gift in your will or estate plan you can help continue the Art Center's work well into the future? It's easier than you think. A simple directive in your will can bring welcome support, and what may seem like a small amount to you can make a big difference. Consider what just 1% of your assets could accomplish!

What can YOU do to support the Siouxland community and the organizations that serve it?

You Can Start Today

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will (or living trust) that reflects your charitable objectives.
- Contact your financial advisor (financial planner, lawyer or accountant) and ask for help in establishing a charitable gift.
- Make your favorite charity a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA. If you designate the Art Center, be sure to use "Art Center Association of Sioux City" as the name of the beneficiary.
- The end of the year is a perfect time to review documents and policies to make sure they reflect your wishes.

Organizations you support today, like the Art Center, will be creating your vision for a better world long after your lifetime. Their work, and the lives they touch, can be the message you leave.

The Sioux City Art Center is a proud founding member of *Leave A Message Siouxland*. If you would like more information on planned giving activity in Siouxland, visit www.leaveamessagesiouxland.org or contact Erin Webber-Dreeszen, Development Coordinator, at (712) 279-6272 ext. 232 or at ewebber@sioux-city.org.

Annual Report

FY July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

ARTSPLASH, Labor Day Weekend 2019





NEW RENOVATIONS, September 2019







AL'S RETIREMENT, January 2020





Fiscal Year 2020 turned out to be quite an experience for everyone.

But here at the Sioux City Art Center, the year began in July with our first summer art camp in the Gilchrist Learning Center and renovation work approaching its completion in the Art Center building. By the fall, we had installed exhibitions in brand new permanent collection galleries, had opened a relocated and updated Junior League Hands On! Gallery, and were moving the collection into its new storage vault.

And then we turned the calendar over to 2020 and wow! We began in January with celebrating the retirement of Al Harris-Fernandez, whose tenure was the longest and most successful of any director in the Sioux City Art Center's long history. But by winter's end, we were closed and would remain closed during the final 3½ months of the fiscal year.

Thanks to the continuing support from our members, sponsors, and national, state, and local organizations, we continue to make it through this difficult time, adjusting continually with scheduling shifts, technological growth, and a dash of creativity (it's kind of our thing) to keep our programming alive. As of this writing, the future remains as unpredictable as ever. But we are accustomed to that now and will continue to adapt to the uncertainty to ensure that the Sioux City Art Center serves the community regardless of the challenges.

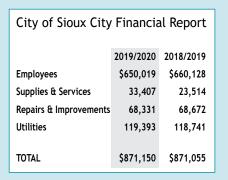
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Todd Behrens Director, Sioux City Art Center

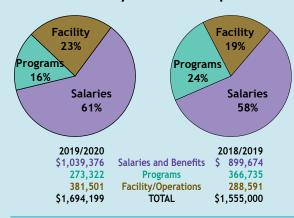
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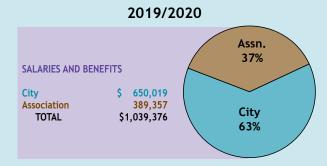
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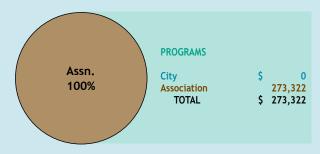


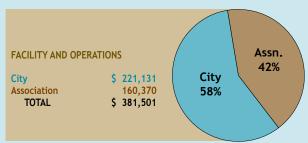


Sioux City Art Center Expenses









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Tours	
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(servin	g 333 fifth grade students)
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(servin	g 109 individuals)
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EXHIBITIONS AND GALLERY TALKS / LECTURES

Exhibitions during 2019-2020 were altered slightly due to the coronavirus pandemic that interrupted life across the globe. The exhibitions at the Art Center were not too badly affected, as only the annual The Briar Cliff Review Exhibition was cancelled: it will return with greater anticipation next year. The biennial Local Perspectives exhibition juried by former director, Al Harris-Fernandez, was postponed until July 2020.

Ongoing Exhibitions in the permanent galleries on the first floor included The Sioux City Art Center Permanent Collection: Legacy Collection, which opened September 28, 2019, in the Margaret Ann Martin Everist Permanent Collection Gallery; Sioux City Artists in the Permanent Collection which opened September 28, 2019, in the Gardner Foundation Gallery; and The Elements of Art, which opened September 28, 2019, in the Old Vault Gallery. The second-floor community gallery and the third-floor galleries hosted eight exhibitions that spanned the fiscal year, including artworks by Bilhenry Walker, Danuta Zamojska Hutchins, Pauline Sensenig, Klaire Lockheart, and Sioux City native, Michael Cody Drury, and exhibitions by middle school and Head Start students, as well as the annual partnership with the Sioux City Camera Club.

Ongoing Exhibitions

Grant Wood's Corn Room mural since 2007, refreshed July 2020

First-Floor Exhibitions

The Sioux City Art Center Permanent Collection: Legacy Collection Opened September 28, 2019 Margaret Ann Martin Everist Permanent Collection Gallery Works by major upper Midwestern artists from the last 25 years.

Sioux City Artists in the Permanent Collection Opened September 28, 2019 The Gardner Foundation Gallery More than a century of art produced by artists who have called Sioux City "home."



From Bilhenry Walker: Light, Space, and Metaphor installation

The Elements of Art Opened September 28, 2019 The Old Vault Gallery Using artworks from the permanent collection, this exhibition presents the seven elements of art: line, shape, form, space, texture, value, and color.

Second-Floor / Community Galllery

Sioux City Camera Club: Reflections November 23, 2019 - February 16, 2020

Danuta Zamojska Hutchins September 14 - November 17, 2019

Celebrating Children: Art by Head Start Students February 22 - April 26, 2020 (actual last day: March 15, 2020)

Third-Floor Exhibitions

The Sioux City Art Center Collection: 1938-1988 Main Gallery July 20 - October 6, 2019

The Sioux City Art Center Collection: 1989-2019 Jensen, Everist, and Terra Galleries August 3 - November 3, 2019

Bilhenry Walker: Light, Space, and Metaphor Main Gallery October 19, 2019 - January 12, 2020 Klaire Lockheart: Feminine Attempts Jensen, Everist, and Terra Galleries November 16. 2019 - February 2, 2020

Pauline Sensenig: Stories— Raw and Cooked Jensen, Everist, and Terra Galleries November 16. 2019 - February 2, 2020

Michael Cody Drury: Infinite Jux Main Gallery January 25 - May 3, 2020 (actual last day: March 15, 2020)

Youth Art Month Exhibition: Middle School Students Jensen, Everist, and Terra Galleries February 15 - April 12, 2020 (actual last day: March 15, 2020)

Cancelled Exhibition

The Briar Cliff Review Exhibition April 23 – July 12, 2020 This annual exhibition is a collaboration between the Art Center and Briar Cliff University. BCU produces a beautiful annual journal of essays, poetry, and art. The Art Center and BCU jointly select the art for the journal, and the Art Center presents an exhibition of those artworks. Although the exhibit was cancelled, the journal was published.

Postponed Exhibition

Local Perspectives Actual dates: July 11 - October 11, 2020 Main Gallery



Bilhenry Walker speaks at the Bilhenry Walker: Light, Space, and Metaphor reception

Gallery Talks / Programs

Bilhenry Walker: Light, Space, and Metaphor Opening Reception, October 19, 2019 Al Harris-Fernandez, Todd Behrens, and Bilhenry Walker

Klaire Lockheart: Feminine Attempts Pauline Sensenig: Stories— Raw and Cooked Opening Reception, November 16, 2019 Al Harris-Fernandez, Todd Behrens, Pauline Sensenig, and Klaire Lockheart

Michael Cody Drury: Infinite Jux Opening Reception, January 25, 2020 Erin Webber-Dreeszen, Terri Parish McGaffin, and Michael Cody Drury

Youth Art Month Exhibition Welcome and Awards Presentation, February 16, 2020 Todd Behrens, Debra Marqusee, Pat Toben (Arts and Community Engagement Program Coordinator, Sioux City Community Schools), and Bob Scott (Mayor, City of Sioux City)



Klaire Lockheart speaks at the Klaire Lockheart: Feminine Attempts reception



Pauline Sensenig speaks at the Pauline Sensenig: Stories-Raw and Cooked reception



Michael Cody Drury speaks at the Michael Cody Drury: Infinite Jux reception

ACCESSIONS TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION



Cathy Palmer, 2020.11



Bilhenry Walker, 2020.12



Al Harris-Fernandez, 2020.14

2020.01 Marvel Cox

The Open Cut, undated watercolor on paper

14 x 21.5 inches

2020.02

Carl Gustav Nelson

Untitled (Portrait of a Woman), 1940 oil on canvas 20 x 18 inches

2020.03

Yaacov Agam

Man, 2001 serigraph, 2/79 12 x 13 inches

2020.04

Yaacov Agam

Lines and Forms #2 (from Lines and Forms Suite), 1984 lithograph, E.A. 8 x 12 inches

2020.05

Yaacov Agam

Agam 1 – Lignes Géométrique, 1980 serigraph, 198/252 11 x 12 inches

2020.06

Andre Beaudin

Feuilles Évadées (from Souvenirs et Portraits d'Artistes Suite), 1972 lithograph, 604/800 12.5 x 9.75 inches

2020.07

Alexander Calder

Circles and Pyramids, c. 1975 lithograph, E.A. 16 x 12 inches

2020.08

Salvador Dali

Combat des Cavaliers, 1975 etching and aquatint (dated in plate 1962), 249/450 8.5 x 13.75 inches

2020.09

Benjamin Gardner

The Mushrooms, 2018 acrylic on canvas 36 x 48 inches

2020.10

Barbara Fedeler

Effigy Mounds in May 2018, 2019 charcoal on paper 48 x 17 inches

2020.11

Cathy Palmer

Sunspot, 2018 oil on canvas on board 48 x 32 inches

2020.12

Bilhenry Walker

Flint III, 1975 Plexiglas 12 x 20 x 4 inches

2020.13

Al Harris-Fernandez

Operetta Series #3, 2019 oil on canvas 36 x 36 inches

2020.14

Al Harris-Fernandez

The Heaven Paintings #1, 2017 oil over acrylic on canvas 36 x 36 inches

2020.15

Michael Drury

b15, 2016 oil on canvas 64 x 48 inches

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EDUCATION



ArtCamp



Holiday Workshops

Docent Program

Our team of six dedicated docents conducted 16 tours serving over 442 children and adults. Included in these numbers is the ARTworks program, serving fifth-grade students who receive free busing, a guided tour, and an opportunity to create a piece of artwork based on the Grant Wood mural. There were 9 ARTworks tours with a total of 332 fifth-grade students.

Community-requested Classes, Workshops and Outreach Programs

The Education Department hosted several community requested workshops throughout the year including the following groups:
Boy Scouts, Empty Bowls Project, Siouxland Food Bank, Fall Fest, Morningside Elementary STEAM all school challenge, Head Start, Sanford Center, Girls Incorporated, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Opportunities Unlimited, Prodigy Learning Center, First Lutheran Church, and Siouxland Senior Center.

Artful Birthday Parties

The Gilchrist Learning Center hosted 9 birthday parties in the past 12 months. Under the direction of our creative teachers, 123 children completed masterpieces of art.

Classes and Workshops

During the 2019-2020 quarterly semesters at the Gilchrist Learning Center, 1,422 students participated in 201 adult and children's classes and workshops with a total of 7,148.5 accumulated contact hours. All adult 8-week classes were available for teaching license renewal credit through Northwest AEA, Briar Cliff University and Morningside College. Weekend family art classes are offered every Saturday on a drop-in basis throughout the year.

ArtCamp

This was the fourteenth year the Art Center has hosted ArtCamp. This year's camps were once again a tremendous success with 228 children attending. ArtCamp 2019 culminated with an exhibition of the children's artwork. These works were selected by the children and were exhibited during the summer and fall months in the Gilchrist Learning Center's education hallways.

Holiday Gift-making Workshop

Our 16th annual Holiday Workshop was held December 7, 2019. Eight art projects and refreshments were offered free of charge to the public throughout the day. Under the guidance of four instructors, 164 children and adults enjoyed creating gifts for their families and loved ones.

Youth Art Month

In celebration of Youth Art Month, the Sioux City Art Center held its 31st annual Youth Art Month Exhibition for area middle schools, from February 15 - April 12, 2020. This year's juror, Pauline Sensenig chose 56 pieces for the exhibition out of 274 submitted artworks. Of the 56 selected pieces. twelve schools were represented. The opening reception on Sunday, February 16 was extremely well received with 211 students, teachers, friends and family filling the atrium. Mayor Bob Scott, Art Center Director Todd Behrens and Education Coordinator Debra Margusee assisted in the presentation of the awards.

Spring Fling Workshop

Our annual Spring Fling Workshop was scheduled to be held on March 21, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the event was canceled.

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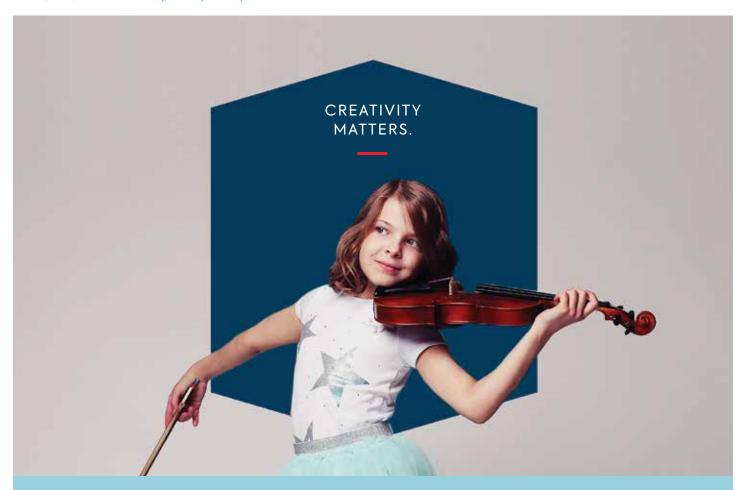
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