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SUN 11 am – 5 pm MON CLOSED TUES 11 am – 5 pm WED 11 am – 5 pm THU 11 am – 8 pm FRI 11 am – 5 pm SAT 11 am – 5 pm

Hours are subject to change. Please check our website.

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\$10 Adult | 8 Senior 65+ \$6 Student 17 & up with I.D. Free up to age 16 Free for MMA Members Specialty exhibitions may have an additional charge.

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General Admission is free ever Thursday thanks to The Meijer Foundation.

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Message From The Director

While you are enjoying everything the West Michigan summer has to offer, it's also a perfect time to take in *John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm*, before it's gone on September 2.

This exhibition merits multiple visits, so don't forget to take advantage of a docent led tour for this once in a generation show. We are very grateful to the many lenders, underwriters, media partners, and other collaborators who have made this exhibition possible.

A great complimentary exhibition on display is *Quilts: The Artistry of Home* showcasing historical quilts from the special collections of Michigan State University.

As you may have noticed, the Muskegon Museum of Art Expansion Project continues to make fast progress. We remain on schedule for an early 2025 opening.

Please keep abreast of the MMA's communications in the coming months. We will be ramping up in anticipation of the new museum opening, as well as revealing an exciting new website and rebrand, along with the announcement of many opening events and celebrations.

The opening of the new MMA will include an exhibition in the new Van Kampen Boyer Molinari feature gallery of the extraordinary Bennett Collection, alongside major new acquisitions to the MMA's permanent collection.

We will also reveal a new specialized gallery for works on paper from the permanent collection which will be a permanent home to our Renaissance print collection, Edward S. Curtis photographs, Ansel Adams collection and much more. The historic wing of the museum will be completely reinstalled with more of the permanent collection, a glass gallery, and more.



Underwritten by the Friends of Art, the Muskegon Museum of Art is officially a Smithsonian Affiliate museum!

We are connected with over 200 other institutions across the US that are Smithsonian Affiliates. This membership allows our museum access to the Smithsonian's collection for loans, exhibitions, connections with Smithsonian experts for programs and partnerships, and so much more!



JOHN STEUART CURRY

WEATHERING THE STORM

May 23 - September 2, 2024

John Steuart Curry's *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)* is one of the Muskegon Museum of Art's most recognized artworks and has become an icon of the American Midwest for audiences around the world. Appearing in over 30 exhibitions and 100 publications during its almost one hundred years of existence, *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)* is a defining work of Curry's legacy.

John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm, explores Curry's legacy through his most famous paintings – including Baptism In Kansas, The Mississippi, The Bathers, and Old Folks – a stunning display accompanied by a deep exploration of his life, as told through archival images, personal letters, and historic records. Organized by the Muskegon Museum of Art in partnership with art historian Patricia Junker, this exhibition is the first major show on the artist in over two decades.

Major lenders include the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Cincinnati Art Museum, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, The Saint Louis Art Museum, The Sheldon Museum of Art, The Syracuse University Art Museum, and Kiechel Fine Art (which represents the Curry estate).

WANT MORE CURRY?

Check out how the MMA partnered with local businesses to promote this exhibition!

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Enjoy a fresh cup of Weathering the Storm, a specialty blend of coffee and a tea latte inspired by the MMA's *The Tornado* (*Tornado Over Kansas*)







Inspired by The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas), Storm Watcher is the perfect brew to sip as you watch the stormclouds roll in.



The Kansas Old

Fashioned is a one of a kind cocktail inspired by *The Tornado (Tornado Over Kansas)*. The cocktail is a classic recipe with a twist of Michigan maple syrup and a hint of cherry.

PRESENTED BY: MIKE & KAY OLTHOFF

EXHIBITION PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

WEATHERING THE STORM: HAPPY HOUR

Puzzles & Games

Thursday, June 20 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

SUPER SATURDAY: WACKY WEATHER Saturday, July 13 | 11 AM - 2 PM

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Overalls for All

Thursday, July 18 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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Two Truths & A Lie

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Tornado Mugs, Cat Jackson



JUNE 6 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Quilt making is a traditional art form that blends artistry with craft and function. Quilts represent significant hours of labor and often became heirlooms, passed through generations of family. Quilts: The Artistry of Home showcases a selection of quilts from the Michigan State University Collection that were made during the early 20th century, with a focus on the era of Great Depression.

Exhibition Events:

Quilt Discovery Day Saturday, July 20 | 11 AM – 2 PM

Register your quilt with the MSU Quilt Index! Forms will be available online prior to the event. Representatives from the MSU Quilt Index will be at the museum to assist in completing the forms.

The event is free and will be held in the museum auditorium. If you wish to go into the galleries, please purchase an admission ticket in the gift store.

Underwritten by:

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CALL FOR ART:

Entries for the 95th Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition are now open!

All Michigan artists 18+ are invited to submit up to two works of art.

Underwritten by:





September 26 - November 13, 2024

Scan QR Code to see the Artists Entry Info

95TH MICHIGAN CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION

The 95th Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition continues a rich legacy of showcasing the work of Michigan artists, from talented beginners to accomplished professionals. A competitive show, the Michigan Contemporary presents a look at the issues, themes, and materials inspiring today's Michigan artists. Featured media include painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, and installation. A visitor favorite, the exhibition engages, challenges, and inspires conversation.

This years juror is artist and MMA friend Jonathan Thunder. Jonathan Thunder creates paintings and animated films that speak to popular culture, modern society, and his Ojibwe heritage. His work has appeared in local, regional, and national exhibitions and his short films have earned several awards. His paintings and films were included in the 2022-23 MMA curated exhibition *Jonathan Thunder: Maamawi* and the 2020-2021 exhibition *The Art of People: Contemporary Anishinaabe Artists* organized by the Muskegon Museum of Art and Grand Valley State University Art Gallery (with guest curator Jason Quigno).



Chicago Collects: Jewelry in Perspective will feature 200 pieces of historical jewelry and objects from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- A 19th century jeweled monstrance
- A collection of magnificent tiaras
- Medals of the French kings
- A Gorham punch bowl
- And much more!



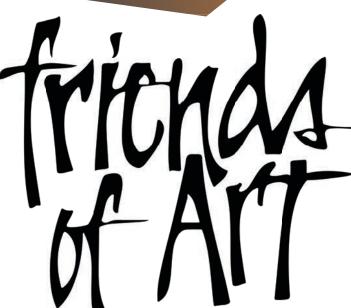
September 10 - November 3, 2024

Cups is an invitational exhibition of unique handmade cups that will entertain audiences with a wide array of creative expressions in ceramic. Top ceramics artists from around the U.S. are featured, showcasing their talents through drinking vessels of varied size, shape, and design. Additionally, all of the works in the show will be available for purchase, allowing guests to decorate their homes with art objects that are both unique and functional.



Continuing the Hackley Legacy

Charles Hackley's great-grandson, Steve Hackley, and his wife Tammi stopped by the MMA in May while they were in town to honor the opening of the new Charles Hackley Middle School. Steve and Tammi had the chance to sign a beam in the new museum expansion, leaving behind a little bit of the Hackley legacy for the next generation of the MMA!





2024 FRIENDS OF ART SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Friends of Art is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Alice Smith Art Scholarship are Tatum Dykstra from Fruitport High School and Bryce Thompson from Muskegon High School. Congratulations to these talented and hard working college bound student artists!

The Alice Smith Art Scholarship and the FOA sponsorship of the Smithsonian Affiliation for the MMA are primarily funded by our Benefit Golf Outing. This year's event is August 3 at Stonegate Golf Club.

Contact Friends of Art at info@muskegonfriendsofart.org for more information.

Behind the MMA Brand

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For many years, the Muskegon Museum of Art has been coined the "hidden gem" and "best kept secret" of Muskegon. As much as we adore our local community in trying to keep us all to themselves, it's time to let this best kept secret out!

With an expanding museum and many exciting things on the horizon for the MMA, we are growing beyond being a small town art museum and into a nationally recognized and respected destination spot for art and museum enthusiasts.

This time of change for the MMA has given us the opportunity to elevate the museum in many ways, some of which you may have already noticed (like our quarterly journals). As we inch closer to the opening of our museum expansion, we are going to be rolling out some exciting projects that the MMA team has been diligently working on behind the scenes. One of those projects is a rebrand. The word "rebrand" can be scary. However, we like to think of this project as a means to elevate and refresh our existing brand and to better position ourselves for the national stage and for the next generation of the MMA.

This September, the MMA will be launching a new logo and much needed new website, two major pieces of our rebrand project. We are so excited to share this project with you, but until then, we wanted to take a step back in time to appreciate the history of MMA logos.

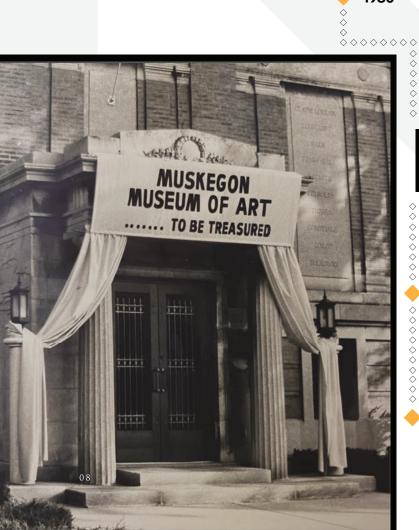












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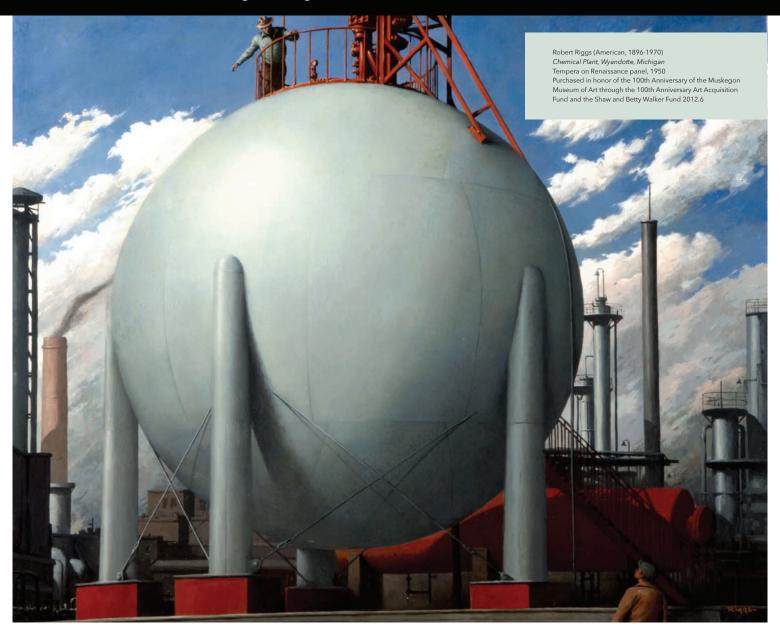
In 1998 the MMA had a contest for the public to design a new logo for the museum. This logo was on the outside of the MMA until this year.

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New Logo!

Coming September 2024



Regionalism, an art movement that began in the 1930s, was characterized by its use of images of rural America. Thomas Hart Benton, John Steuart Curry, and Grant Wood were the best known of the Regionalists, a trinity created and marketed by Benton and dealer and gallerist Maynard Walker. Regionalist art was featured widely in publications of the time, including *Time* and *Life* magazines, and played a significant role in the art of the WPA through the 1940s before fading in the popular consciousness. Artists such as Robert Riggs adopted many of the elements of Regionalism, along with social realism and its more urban and industrial subject matter, in their own work.

Chemical Plant was commissioned by the Wyandotte Chemicals Company of Wyandotte, Michigan (near Detroit) for a 1950 advertisement headlined "Sphere of Influence." This painting, combining fine art and illustrative qualities, has a highly finished, dynamic presence that calls to mind the works of Wood and Benton. The small figures in the foreground and atop the sphere accent the massive scale of the chemical tank, a record of the industrial structures that had begun to transform the American countryside in the early 20th century.

Robert Riggs was born in Illinois. As a young man, he ran away to join the circus before settling into a more traditional art education. He studied at the James Milliken University in Illinois then briefly at the Art Students League before joining the Army for World War I. After the war, he studied at the Académie Julian in Paris and on his return to the U.S. settled in Philadelphia, where he worked for the ad agency N.W. Ayer & Sons. Like many artists of his day, including John Steuart Curry, Edward Hopper, John Sloan, and Reginald Marsh, his career began in commercial art. Riggs produced numerous paintings and lithographs for advertising firms and corporations, including paintings like Chemical Plant, Wyandotte, Michigan. Riggs became best known for his boxing and circus imagery and was highly regarded in his field, winning the Gold Medal for Excellence from the New York Art Directors Club for ten consecutive years and being named to both the Society of Illustrator's Hall of Fame and the National Academy of Design.

Chemical Plant, Wyandotte, Michigan appears alongside the works of other prominent Regionalist painters in our summer 2024 exhibition John Steuart Curry: Weathering the Storm.

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HELP US CREATE

A New Public Sculpture Park



By donating to the MMA's **Patronicity Crowdfunding** Campaign!



SCANTO DONATE! Deadline TBD

If we reach our goal of \$50k in 3 months, the Michigan Economic Development

Corporation will match with an additional

\$50k.

INSPIRING Creativity

AND CONNECTING Community

We are excited to announce our crowdfunding campaign with Patronicity to create a stunning Sculpture Plaza as part of our expansion project. Our goal is to inspire creativity and connect community through urban greenspace and art.

The initial plan for the immediate space outside the new museum entrance was simply for parking. A vision soon emerged for this space as a public sculpture plaza and urban greenspace connecting the museum to Muskegon's newly revitalized downtown.

The Sculpture Plaza will be a community space to pause, relax, and learn. It will inspire artistic expression, creativity and cultural exchange. With your support, we can come together as a community to invest in something meaningful that will last for generations to come -- a welcoming, inviting setting providing enjoyment and learning for our vibrant community.

Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to our goal. If you would like to join us on our journey as we create something truly special, please visit our crowdfunding page on Patronicity.

Thank you for your support Ruby Chaise, MMA Director of Development

JUNE

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, June 6 | 11 AM - 8 PM

EXHIBITION OPENING:

Quilts: The Artistry of Home Thursday, June 6 | 11 AM - 8 PM

112th Anniversary Gala

Museum Closed
Saturday, June 8

NO Super Saturday

Saturday, June 8

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, June 13 | 11 AM - 8 PM

SPARK! Memory Care Tour Wednesday, June 19 | 10 AM - NOON

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, June 20 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Weathering the Storm Happy Hour

Puzzles & Games
Thursday, June 20 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

MMA's 112th Birthday

Friday, June 21

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, June 27 | 11 AM - 8 PM

JULY

Museum Closed

Happy Fourth of July Thursday, July 4

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation Thursday, July 11 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Super Saturday: Wacky Weather!

Thanks to Howmet Areospace
Saturday, July 13 | 11 AM - 2 PM

SPARK! *Memory Care Tour* Wednesday, July 17 | 10 AM - NOON

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, July 18 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Weathering the Storm Happy Hour

Overalls for All

Thursday, July 18 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Quilt Discovery Day

Saturday, July 20 | 11 AM - 2 PM

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation Thursday, July 25 | 11 AM - 8 PM

AUGUST

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, August 1 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Free Thursday

Thanks to the Meijer Foundation
Thursday, August 8 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Super Saturday: Quilt Squares!

Thanks to Howmet Areospace
Saturday, August 10 | 11 AM - 2 PM

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Thursday, August 22 | 11 AM - 8 PM

Free Thursday

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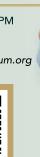
Docent Guided Tours

Drop in for docent-guided tours at the MMA. Reservations are not required.

Thursdays

1 PM - 3 PM | 5 PM - 7 PM

Email questions to: tours@muskegonartmuseum.org



Guided Tour Group Experiences

Enjoy a docent-guided tour for adult groups of eight or more. A group discount rate is available for groups of ten or more.



Group Tour Request Form

Free Field Trip Experiences

Bring your students to the Muskegon Museum of Art for an engaging experience that fosters creativity and critical thinking. While visiting the MMA, students are encouraged to look deeper, question more, and think bigger!

Each school group experience is tailored to be grade-level appropriate, inspires high levels of engagement, and works alongside basic curriculum. Scheduled field trips are free for all students Pre-K through college.

Educator Newsletter

Scan the QR Code to sign up for our new monthly Education Newsletter, stay up to date on unique field trip offerings, professional development opportunities, busing grants, and more!



Sian Up Here

- · Transportation Funding Available
- · Virtual Field Trips are available online



Field Trip Request Form

Artist Interviews

Did you miss the artist talk at an opening exhibition? Don't worry!
We sat down with each artist and filmed an in-depth interview about their work and exhibition.
Check out the videos on our YouTube channel.



View Interviews Here

Virtual School Tours

We have created a collection of FREE virtual tours with accompanying PDF worksheets for elementary to college level students. These virtual video tours, written by MMA docents, are short and easily digestible in design and the PDF worksheets can easily be filled out on a computer or Chromebook.

The virtual tour program is underwritten by:



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SUPER SATURDAY

11 AM – 2 PM

Join us the second Saturday of every month for free general admission at the MMA. Come see the exhibitions and join us in the classroom for an exciting hands-on art and exhibition-related STEAM activity!

See educational programming for activity dates below.



10 AM | Doors Open 10:30 AM - 11 AM | Gallery Program 11 AM - NOON | Hands-On-Art Activity SPARK! is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage cognitive impairment and their care partners. Programs are designed as social opportunities to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support and inspire creativity through creative engagement, workshops and programs.

Pre-registration Required.

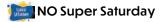
To register call 231.720.2577 or email hplacko@muskegonartmuseum.org.

Sign up here to keep up to date on upcoming dates.

Get More Info

E D U C A T I O N A L P R O G R A M S

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Bring your quilt to the museum for a day to be entered into the Quilt Index through Michigan State University!

We'll have staff on hand to help you complete the registration information, take photographs, and complete your quilt's unique story.



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