

friends of Art

February 2024 NEWSLETTER

ART SMARTS!

Join us for our March ArtSmarts! with a Bite!
Featuring the Works of Kara Walker Presented by Erin Walling

Many of Kara Walker's works explore American racial stereotypes and images and ideas related to African American enslavement in the United States. Here, Erin Walling poses near Kara Walker's painting at the Chicago Institute of Art. Kara has used watercolor and coffee to achieve a sepia color tone reminiscent of 19th century photographs and populated the scene with figures that embody harmful representations of blackness from throughout the United States history. The result is a haunting depiction of racial violence in the American past and present.



Thursday, March 14 at NOON MMA Aud

Tickets

FREE to FOA members / \$5 all others

Gallery Tour following the presentation.



Book belonging to the Muskegon Museum of Art depicting Kara Walker's work.

Another Amazing Door Prize for the Spring!

A lucky raffle winner will receive this gorgeous African quilt, donated by Rita Wilson at our final FOA event on April 11. Each FOA member will have the chance to win, and every time you come to an FOA event, you get your name in the raffle one more time!

Could this be YOURS??



**Congrats to Mary Ann Golin, the winner of the beautiful
Gilot tray! This bespoke tray was the FOA fall door prize!**



**2024 ALICE SMITH
ART SCHOLARSHIP**

Two \$2,500
Scholarships
Available!

APPLICATIONS
DUE APRIL 12, 2024

QUALIFICATIONS

- Muskegon County High School Senior
- Must Have Taken An Art Class During High School
- Must Be Pursuing An Art Degree

For More Info + Questions Email
scholarship@muskegonfriendsofart.org

SCAN QR Code For More info!

Friends of Art 2024 Alice Smith Art Scholarship

**Do you know a senior in high school with
plans to pursue a college art degree? PLEASE
SHARE this great scholarship opportunity!**

The Mission of the Friends of Art is to encourage knowledge of the visual arts. To support the growth of young artists, the annual Alice Smith Art Scholarship Award was established by Friends of Art. In 2024 we will grant \$2500 financial aid awards to two Muskegon County high school seniors interested in pursuing an art degree from an accredited community college, university, or private college.

Deadline for entries: APRIL 12, 2024

Click here to learn more about the scholarship and how to apply!

Review of applications will take place in April with award notification by or before May 3, 2024.

Any questions regarding this application can be directed to: Susan Wink at

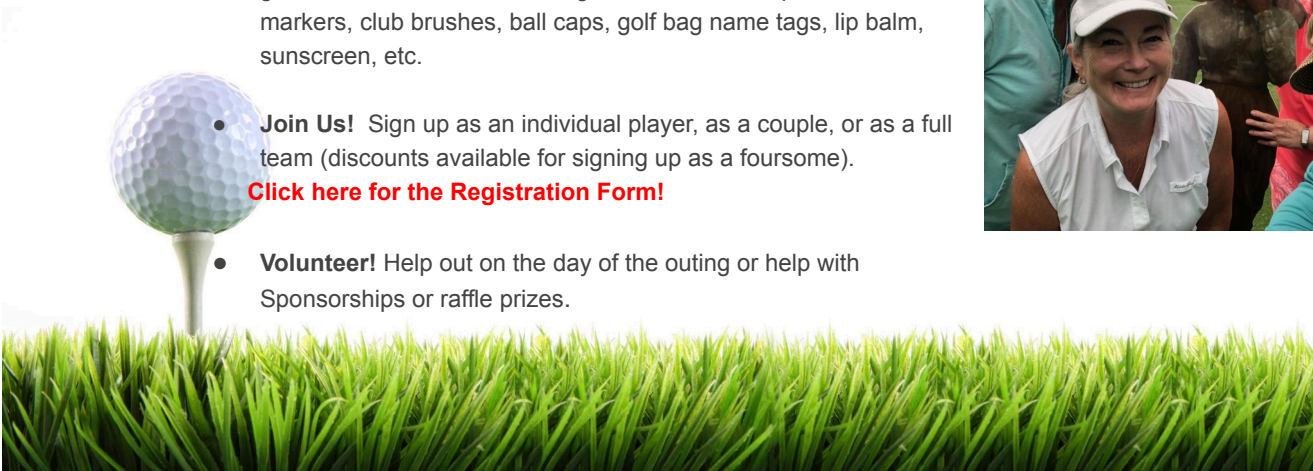
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Friends of Art 3rd Annual Benefit Golf Outing

The **Golf Outing** will be held on **Saturday, August 3, 2024** at Stonegate Golf Club in Twin Lake, MI.

We would love your help and support! You can participate in several ways:

- **Sponsorships:** Be a sponsor and have your logo displayed on event banners, signage, mailers, and the Museum Journal. Several sponsorship levels are available, as low as \$250. **Click here for a sponsorship form.**
- **Tell your friends!** Help us reach more golfers and sponsors.
- **Donate Contest Prizes, Cash, or “goody bag” items,** such as golf balls, tees, water bottles, golf towels, divot repair tools, ball markers, club brushes, ball caps, golf bag name tags, lip balm, sunscreen, etc.
- **Join Us!** Sign up as an individual player, as a couple, or as a full team (discounts available for signing up as a foursome). **Click here for the Registration Form!**
- **Volunteer!** Help out on the day of the outing or help with Sponsorships or raffle prizes.



For more information on becoming a sponsor, making a donation or playing in the outing please contact us at info@muskegonfriendsofart.org

What Does FOA Do for the Muskegon Museum of Art?

Friends of Art has supported the Muskegon Museum of Art with many gifts throughout the years and is proud to support the museum in the following ways:

- Supporting the upcoming museum expansion by making a donation for capital improvements and for the furnishings and art supplies for a new museum classroom.
- Giving a monetary award to an artist for the annual Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition
- Donating to the Festival of Trees and the annual Gala
- Sponsoring the Smithsonian Affiliation Membership
- Donating to Lee Brown’s Public Work of Art for Muskegon

How Has a Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Helped the Museum?

MMA became a Smithsonian Affiliate in September, 2022. Friends of Art agreed to pay the \$3000 fee to fund this affiliation for 2 years, after which time we would take a membership vote to decide if we wanted to continue to do so. FOA will be taking a vote at our April General Membership Meeting, so we thought you might like to know how your dues and support help our museum, and how the MMA benefits from our Smithsonian Affiliation.

Affiliation Perks available to the museum:

- Loan of Smithsonian objects
- Smithsonian lecturers
- Films for exhibition spaces and auditorium uses
- Professional development workshops and seminars

MMA works with a Smithsonian outreach manager to help coordinate the Smithsonian perks. They are currently working on:

- Smithsonian films for Super Saturdays for families to enjoy for free
- Smithsonian membership perk to MMA members
- Smithsonian lecturer for Friends of Art on Women in Art for this Spring 2024
- Artifacts, films, news reels, digital assets, and program options for the John Steuart Curry exhibition this summer 2024
- Programming/loans for a number of other exhibitions that are a couple years out.

Thanks to all who joined us for our December ArtSmarts Honoring Françoise Gilot!



Welcome to our new 2023-2024 FOA Members!

Sandy Beck	Robert and Ruth Fountain	Susan King
Kellie Deluca	Mary Ann Gorman	Nan and Rich Klassen
John Derbin	Laura Grafton	Karen Shields
Nancy DeVries	Susan Hetzel	Jean Smalligan
Dave Duggan	Lori Houghton-Rahrig	Peter Turner
Julie Essenberg	Lisa Jirikovic	Barbara Wikander
Annette Evan	James and Jan Johnson	Lynn Wilkutt Penny Johnson

Upcoming 2023-2024 Friends of Arts *Women in Art* Lecture Series



March 14

Kara Walker

*Friends of Art Members are FREE (except for December) and all others are \$5.00 at the door.
Program begins at 12:00 noon.*

April 11

Indigenous Women Artists

Presented by Smithsonian Affiliation Speaker Rebecca Head Trautmann
Curator of Contemporary Art at the Smithsonian Native American Art Museum
Program begins at 12:00 noon. *General Membership Meeting to follow.*

May 9

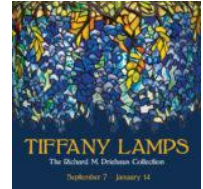
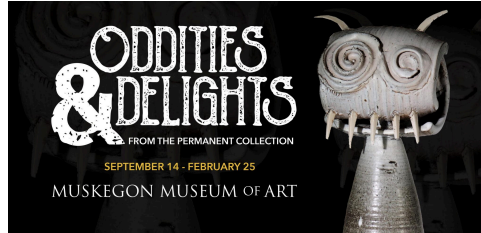
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Program begins at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming MMA Events

Muskegon Museum of Art has lots in store in the months ahead! Click below for more information and dates about the wonderful exhibitions you won't want to miss!!

<https://muskegonartmuseum.org/exhibitions/>



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Become a Member of the Friends of Art

If you'd like to join an ever-growing community of art lovers, we invite you to download the PDF form below for more information.

Membership to Friends of Art is open to all those with a Muskegon Museum of Art membership. Basic membership in Friends of Art is \$25, with benevolent memberships above that level.

[MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

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