

# Museum Notes

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NIU ART MUSEUM



## Welcome New Art Museum Members!

Doug Baker & Dana Stover  
Peg Burke & Ed Wietecha  
Gerald & Cheryl Brauer  
Robert & Christa Even

Sandra J. Little  
Cherie Hauptman  
Stephen & Deborah Haliczzer  
Miles R. Turner

## New Gift From The Warhol Foundation!

We are pleased to announce that a second gift to the NIU Art Museum collection from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts will be arriving soon. This gift of seven out-of-the-edition prints are designated for research and educational purposes and includes iconic screenprint images including several from Warhol's Cowboys

and Indians series, Beethoven, Flowers and Shoes. In 2007, the Foundation gifted select university museums and galleries with a donation of Polaroids and black and white prints from the Warhol Photographic Legacy Program. These gifts have immensely enriched the breadth and depth of our collections; we are thrilled that we were selected by the foundation for another gift. © The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc.



**Museum Staff:** Jo Burke, Director; Pete Olson, Assistant Director; Heather Green, Coordinator of Marketing & Education

**Graduate Assistants:** Tess Michalik, Adrienne Miller, & Christina Warzecha

**Museum Assistants:** Jillian Allen, Anthony Amettis, Carrie Morris, Ilona Tsebro, & Megan Walsh

## Illinois Association of Museums Awards



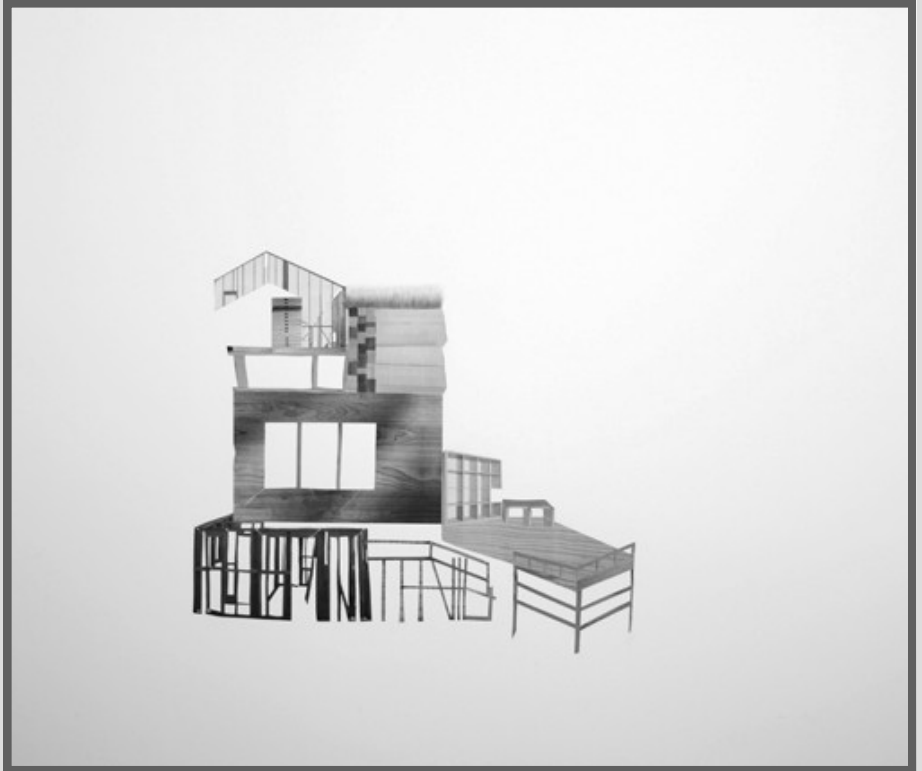
**Images (clockwise from top left):** Mari Oates receives her Award of Excellence; Jo Burke accepts awards from Board President, Dave Becker; and Kweku Williams and Ashlee Craig celebrate getting their awards at the IAM conference. Photos by Laura McDowell-Hopper

NIU made its presence known at the 2013 Illinois Association of Museums annual conference held in Peoria this past October. The Museum Studies Graduate Certificate program hosted a table in the vendor hall providing staff an opportunity to speak with several alums, and meet with potential students and future internship providers. The programs and exhibitions of the various campus museums and galleries and of the museum studies program at NIU were then recognized through several awards.

The Jack Olson Gallery of the NIU School of Art won an Award of Merit for *Tagged: Exploring Modern Graffiti*. The Art Museum received an Award of Excellence for two exhibitions: *Vice and Virtue* curated by Peter Olson and *Mapping: Measuring Across Place and Period....*, organized by graduate students in the Museum Studies program Exhibition and Interpretation class taught by Peter Van Ael. The NIU Anthropology Museum won the Superior Achievement Award for its student produced exhibition, *Trowels & Fair Trade: Revealing the Underground Railroad and Contemporary Slavery*, curated by Ashlee Craig and Kweku Williams.

One of our former guards, Anthropology student Mari Oates, represented the Midwest Museum of Natural History in receiving its Award of

Excellence for the OSCAR *Environmental Education Program* she helped to develop and implement as a student intern. For the second year in a row, NIU came home with The Museum Studies Graduate Student of the Year – the 2013 award went to NIU Anthropology student, Ashlee Craig!



**Michael Rea**, Assistant Professor, Sculpture; *Quid Pro Quo*, wood, wood-fill, polystyrene, rope, 2013 (left)

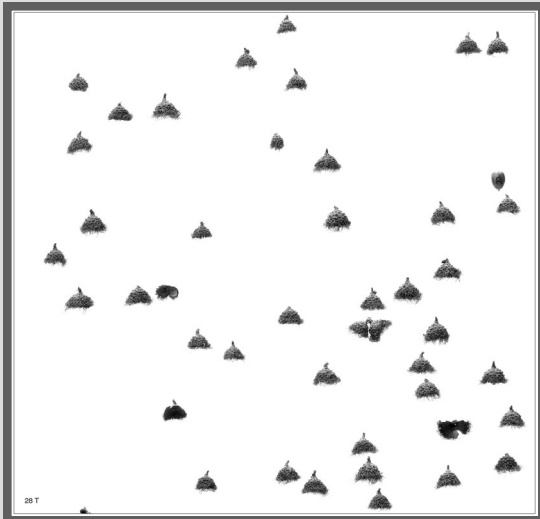
**Ashley Nason**, Assistant Professor, Printmaking; *Unrealized Dream House*, drawing, collage, 35"x 35", 2012 (right)

The biennial NIU School of Art exhibition is slated to open soon featuring recent work and scholarship by full and part time faculty. The exhibition will run from November 19th, 2013 - February 15th, 2014. We'll be hosting a reception on Thursday, November 21st, from 4:30 - 6:00pm. The exhibition will be closed for Thanksgiving Break and from December 19th - January 6th for Winter Break.

**The roster of artists displaying work includes:**

Leif Allmendinger, Michael Barnes, Blaine Bradford, Karen Brown, Todd Buck, Juan Fernandez, Eric Fuertes, Billie Giese, Aleksandra Giza, Cynthia Hellyer-Heinz, Rebecca Houze, Kevin Hunter, Barbara Jaffee, James Kearns, Yih-Wen Kuo, Jessica LaBatte, Christine LoFaso, Li-Fen Lu, Kimberly Martens, Ashley Nason, Peter Olson, Jamie Obermeier, Mary Quinlan, Catherine Raymond, Michael Rea, Nina Rizzo, Charlotte Rollman, Kurt Schultz, Lee Sido, Richard Siegesmund, Geoffrey Todd Smith, Kryssi Staikidis, Ben Stone, Frank Trankina, Peter Van Ael, Shei-Chau Wang, Bart Woodstrup, and David Willett.

Programming, including artist talks, scholarly lectures, and an art critique workshop, will be offered in January and February and will include presentations by Michael Barnes, Karen Brown, Sarah Evans, Cynthia Hellyer-Heinz, Rebecca Houze, Barbara Jaffee, Jeff Kowalski, Peter Olson, Catherine Raymond, Michael Rea and Richard Siegesmund.



We have just completed review of Calls for Entry combined with our own curatorial invitations and are looking forward to a most interesting, enlightening, moving and compelling exhibition!

Is this a topic for which we might hold another Poetry Reading and Recital?

We all have stuff and an array of relationship to it....Are any of our local poets interested in sharing?

### Artists & Images (clockwise from upper left):

**Matt Davis**, Sculptor, Morton Grove, IL ; *Half Brother (Pack)*, wax, hair, and backpack hung with carabiner and rope, variable dimensions, 2008.

**Jeff Robinson**, Sculptor, Springfield, IL; *Container #2*, wood, molding, paint, roller, carpet padding, chair webbing, strapping, tape, acrylic, and spray paint, 14.5" x 24" x 7", 2013.

**Holly Fisher**, Painter, Austin, TX; *Bedroom 202*, collage, acrylic, gouache, and used sandpaper mounted with pins, 2009.

**Guy Lorraine**, Mixed Media Artist, Des Moines, IA; *Fuller & Grand* - Installation, size variable, 2013. - (inkjet print component of the installation is pictured here), 24" x 24", 2013. - Installation includes artifacts, documentation, and inkjet prints of acorn shells.

Thursday, January 30th, 2014

**John Michael Kohler Art Center, The Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, and the Milwaukee Art Museum**

Join us as we visit the Kohler Art Center in Sheboygan to view Chicago Artist Ray Yoshida's home collection. Then explore the vast collection of wood type at the Hamilton Type museum in Two Rivers, WI (they have over 2 million pieces!). We'll also stop by the Milwaukee Art Museum (they'll be open late) before we head home. Food and museum entry fees on own. (Hamilton & Kohler - suggested donations; M.A.M - \$17 adults, student/sr. \$14 with ID) We'll depart DeKalb from the School of Art Parking Lot at 7:30am and arrive back in town at 9:30pm. **Members: \$40, Student/Senior non-members: \$45, All Others: \$50. Registration/Payment deadline: Tuesday, 01/28/14.**



Saturday, March 15th, 2014

**Hyde Park Art Center & The University of Chicago**

Leave from School of Art lot at 9:00 a.m.; Return arrival 7:00p.m. We'll visit the Hyde Park Art Center first, then go on to The University of Chicago to see what's going on at the Smart Museum, the Renaissance Society, and the new Logan Center for the Arts. Cost of food on own. **Members: \$18, Student/Senior non-members: \$22, All Others: \$25.**

**Registration/Payment deadline: Wednesday 03/12/14**



**Thursday – Sunday, March 27-30, 2014: (One day added!)**

St. Louis Collector Focus Museum Frolic GOTBON (Get-On-The-Bus Overnighter) details to follow. Recap and mix-it-up of our previous successful overnight stays in the delightful town of St. Louis. We'll be staying at the Moonrise Boutique Hotel in the Delmar Loop neighborhood. This trip is still in the works, but is bound to be exciting!

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

**The House on the Rock - Architecture & Collections**

Come see Alex Jordan's House on the Rock. We'll see the unique space (including the famous "Infinity Room") and view his fantastically berserk collections on site. This should be spectacular!

We'll depart from the School of Art parking lot at 8am and return at 5:30pm. Food and museum entry fee is on your own. Trip cost will cover transportation.

**House on the Rock:** (this price includes all collections, prices can be lower if not viewing everything)

Adults: \$28.50  
Seniors: \$26.50

**Bus Pricing: Members: \$30; Student/Senior non-members: \$35, All Others: \$40.**

**Registration and payment due Wednesday, 04/30/14.**



## Thank You Volunteers!

Special thanks go to our early fall volunteers, **Jeanette Biava, Richard Cooler, Kathy Dust, and Jan Modloff**, who donated their time to serve as gallery attendants, meeting and greeting our guests and helping to promote our exhibitions. Jan rallied thirty members of the Lifelong Learning Institute for a curators' tour of the *On Watching and Being Seen* exhibition. We couldn't get this group to fill out a survey, however, as they were relishing the concept of going back to school without homework, tests or paperwork.



L.L.I. Group tour through *On Watching and Being Seen*



## Illinois Art Council Grant:

The NIU Art Museum has been awarded \$6,550 in general operating support by the Illinois Arts Council for its 2013-2014 exhibitions and programs. This competitive award is judged by a panel of peer reviewers evaluating us on our general pursuit of excellence, organizational capabilities, local involvement, service to Illinois artists, & evidence of community support. That would be you - our members and volunteers. Thank you!

## Museum Committees:

### **Exhibition Advisory Committee:**

Audre Anderson  
Michael Bennett  
Karen Brown  
Diane Rodgers  
Peter Van Ael

### **Education Advisory Panel:**

Deborah Booth  
Cynthia Hellyer-Heinz  
Liz Rex  
Shei-Chau Wang

## **Is it time to renew your membership?**

We do not send out reminder notices for membership renewal. Please take a look at the date following your name on the mailing label to see when your current membership is scheduled to expire.

**Thank you.**

## Sponsor Members:

Rudolf & Ingeborg Bisanz  
Phillip & Gayalla Burchett  
Peg Burke & Ed Wietecha  
Virginia Cassidy  
John & Nancy Castle  
Ellen Roth Deutsch & Herb Deutsch  
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Dimitri Liakos  
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Sally Stevens  
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## Patron Members:

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Catherine Raymond & Alan Potkin  
Helen Shirley

7. By becoming a member of the **Friends of NIU Art Museum** you help increase community support for the arts and receive special privileges and benefits. As a **Friend of the NIU Art Museum** you contribute to both the continuance and growth of a valuable cultural resource in northern Illinois. Your membership provides essential support for exhibitions, educational programs, artists' lectures, exhibition-related publications and conservation of the permanent collection.

**Benefits & Levels of Membership:**

**FRIENDS: Individual \$25 / Dual \$45 / Student \$10 / Senior \$15 / Dual Senior \$25**  
Choice of:

- ⇒ NIU Art Museum Travel Mug
  - ⇒ NIU Art Museum Academic Calendar
  - ⇒ NIU Art Museum Tote\*
  - ⇒ NIU Art Museum Tee Shirt\*
- \*(additional fee of \$5 for Student and Senior members)

- Priority registration and discounted fees on museum activities
- Printed mailing of exhibition announcements
- E-mail announcements/listserve
- Special members-only previews, receptions, bus trips and special events
- 20% discount on NIU Art Museum catalogues
- Subscription to **Museum Notes** newsletter

*If you are already a member please share this form with a friend. Thank you.*

**SPONSOR Membership \$100**

All of the Friends privileges **plus**  
Choice of **one** of the following prints from the **Friends Collector Print Program:**

- ⇒ Larry Gregory, *Conkles Hollow, Ohio*
- ⇒ Charlotte Rollman, *Hopkins Park, DeKalb*
- ⇒ Philip Smith, *Five Summers Past*
- ⇒ Sidney Chafetz, *Public Servant*
- ⇒ Eugene Larkin, *27 Feathers*
- ⇒ Jack Coughlin, *Small Winter Owl*
- ⇒ Peter Olson, *Hummingbird Nebula*

- Complimentary exhibition catalogues
- Recognition in **Museum Notes**

**PATRON Membership \$250**

All of the above Friend & Sponsor privileges **with**  
Choice of **one** of the following prints from the **Friends Collector Print Program:**

- ⇒ Renie Adams, *Point of View*
- ⇒ Michael Barnes, *Sideshow*
- ⇒ David Driesbach, *Opening Night*

- **Name engraved on Membership Plaque in Museum**

**Return This Portion to the NIU Art Museum, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115**

**YES!** I want to   Join   Renew my Membership of the NIU Art Museum at the level circled:

Individual/\$25                  Dual/\$45 (2 people, one mailing address)      Student/\$10                  Senior/\$15  
Dual Senior/\$25 (2 seniors, one mailing address)                  Sponsor/\$100                  Patron/\$250

**\*Students and Seniors please enclose copy of current I.D. (seniors only when you join)**

I would like to help with an additional donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to receive a premium. Please use the entirety of my membership fee (and/or donation) towards programming and collection conservation.

Premium Selection: \_\_\_\_\_; Sponsor or Patron Print Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to the NIU Art Museum for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my :          Mastercard                  Visa                  Discover                  American Express

Account number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in volunteering:**          Baking/Receptions          Housing artists/scholars overnight  
Gallery Attendant/Information Desk          Advisory Panels - Area of Interest:          Events          Fundraiser  
Education/Outreach          Exhibitions          Collections          Get-On-The-Bus Trips  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Art & Cultural Events in the Area

### **The Art Box** (308 E. Lincoln Hwy - DeKalb)

**Group Exhibition:** All Gallery Artists will be showing! Exhibition runs from November 15th - January 6th, 2014. A reception will be held on Friday, November 15th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Regular gallery hours are: Monday - Saturday from 11:00am - 6:00pm.

### **The Ellwood House** (509 N. First Street - DeKalb)

**Holiday Splendor:** November 16th - November 30th, The museum is open for special guided tours of the decorated mansion. They will be closed on Mondays and Thanksgiving. December Schedule: 3rd, 4th, & 5th, open for bus and group tours only; Dec. 6th, open House Hours from 7 pm to 9 pm\*; Dec. 7th, open House Hours from 1 pm to 5 pm\*; Sunday, December 8, open house Hours from 1 pm to 5 pm\*  
(\*Last admittance 30 minutes before close)

### **The DeKalb Area Women's Center** (1021 State Street - DeKalb)

**Holiday Shopping Fair** will run from Friday, December 6th from 6:00-9:00pm and on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am - 4:00pm. The fair will feature arts, crafts, home-based businesses, live music, refreshments, and holiday spirit!

**Join our listserve for the most up-to-date Art Museum information! E-mail [hgreen2@niu.edu](mailto:hgreen2@niu.edu) to sign up for email updates, or find us on the web: [www.niu.edu/artmuseum](http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum) - also on Facebook, Artslant & Twitter!**

The exhibitions of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, the Friends of the NIU Art Museum, and the Dean's Circle of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

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Gallery Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 - 5:00  
Saturday 12:00 - 4:00  
And by appointment for groups tours

