

# MACNIDER ART MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2024

### June

- 5 *Iowa Watercolor Society* Exhibition opens
- 8 MacNider Arts Festival 9 am-5 pm
- 8 MacNider Outdoor Art Market 9 am-4 pm
- 17-21 Summer Art Camp: Fabulous Creations 8 am-Noon daily
- 19 *Area Show: 49* Exhibition closes
- 21 Deadline for *Cerro Gordo Photo Show* applications

### July

- 4 Museum Closed for 4th of July
- 6 *Portraits of Dementia* Exhibition opens
- 18 Kids' Club "At the N. Iowa Fair" (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 24 *Iowa Watercolor Society* Exhibition closes
- 24 *Portraits of Dementia* class \*\* 10-11 am
- 25 *Portraits of Dementia* class\*\* 5:30-6:30 pm

### August

- 5-9 Summer Art Camp: Color Theory 8 am-Noon daily
- 9 *44th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show* Exhibition opens
- 16 *Portraits of Dementia* Exhibition closes
- 17 Kids' Club "Masters of the Arts" (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am



**MACNIDER OUTDOOR ART MARKET**  
Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 9 am—4 pm



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### ***Portraits of Dementia*** \*\* classes

**Wed., July 24 from 10-11 am**

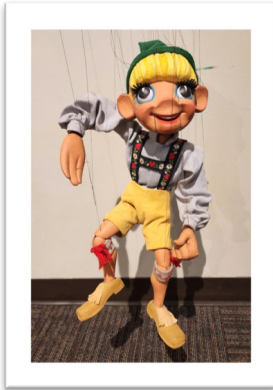
**Thurs., July 25 from 5:30-6:30 pm**

This will be a class for persons with dementia and a caregiver to take together. They will work with one another on an art project to take home.

These classes will be free, thanks to a grant from Mason City Clinic.

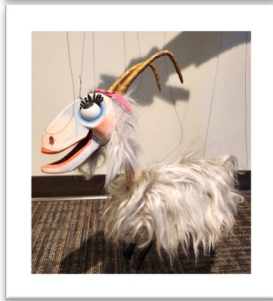
More details will be forthcoming.

## MacNider Museum Receives Grant from Area Questers Group



The Charles H. MacNider Museum has received two more grant awards from the Chautauqua Circuit #889 Questers chapter of the Iowa Questers. The project funded were two Preservation and Restoration Grants from International Questers totaling with additional funds raised by the local chapter to total \$10,420.

The purpose of the grant is to stabilize and restore artifacts in local communities. The artifacts must have significance to the community in which they reside. This follows closely the purpose of the Questers organization which exists to research, study, and preserve antiques for the future as well as promote the field of preservation.



For this project the Museum was granted \$10,420 to send 4 artifacts to the Midwest Art Conservation Center for conservation work. As a city entity the Museum is not able to spend tax-payer funds on the preservation of artifacts and must rely on grants such as these to maintain the collection. The Midwest Art Conservation Center is one of the nation's leading conservation labs for artifact restoration.

The selected artifacts are part of the famed Sound of Music Puppets, created by Mason City native Bil Baird. The Baird family donated the puppets in the 1980s. There have been efforts to document and create custom storage boxes for the puppets through various grants but this grant is the first one to do specific conservation work on the puppets. The puppets were transported to the Midwest Art Conservation Center where they were cleaned, stabilized, and small repairs were made. The puppets that were conserved are: Female Goat, Goat Herder, Prince, and the Male Goat.

"The Sound of Music puppets are perhaps some of the most famous puppets in the world." stated Museum Director Edith Blanchard. "This will preserve these famous cultural icons not only for our community but for the thousands of visitors that flock to the Museum yearly to see the famous puppets."

Those interested in becoming a member of the area chapter of the Iowa Questers should contact Carol Tinkey at 641-423 -or email [tinkeycarol@gmail.com](mailto:tinkeycarol@gmail.com). The grant is the third grant given by the local chapter to the MacNider for the benefit of the community.

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Kid's Club is a cool way to explore the visual arts and treasures of the MacNider Art Museum. Designed for children ages 5-12. It's hands-on fun and absolutely FREE!

**SAT., JUNE 8, 9 am-5 pm**

MacNider Arts Festival

**THURS., JULY 18, 6-7 pm**

At the North Iowa Fair @ Family Fun Park

**SAT., AUG. 17, 9-11 am**

Masters of the Arts



Call 641-421-3666 or go to [www.macniderart.org](http://www.macniderart.org) to register!

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**[www.macniderart.org](http://www.macniderart.org)**  
for summer classes!  
*Don't forget—you can register for classes online!*

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show

Entry deadline: Friday, June 21

On display: August 9 – October 26, 2024

This competitive exhibition, sponsored by the Safford and Lena Lock Photo Endowment Fund, is intended to serve several purposes: to promote interest in photography as art, to stimulate greater levels of quality and creativity in photography, to share examples of area work with the public, and to provide a forum for area artists.

Residents of Cerro Gordo County, high school age and up, and those attending the spring or summer semesters at North Iowa Area Community College are invited to enter up to three

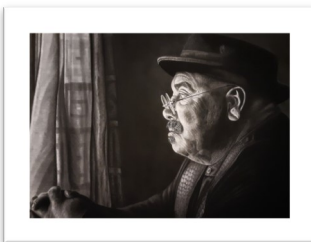


photographs. This year's deadline for entry is Friday, June 21. Please visit the Museum's website ([macniderart.org/entry-forms/](http://macniderart.org/entry-forms/)) for more information and a printable entry form.

2023 Cerro Gordo Photo Show Best in Show award winner  
Alanna Davison of Plymouth, *A Deep Look Into Winter's Creek*, Digital Photograph

### Area Show: 49

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • Through June 19, 2024



Mary Ann Marreel of Osage, IA, *The Praying Man*, Charcoal.

*Area Show: 49* is an all-media juried exhibition open to anyone above high school age living within 100 miles of Mason City. All artworks are original, by the entering artist, have been completed since January 2022, and have not previously entered into the MacNider Area Show.

Entering artists are competing for the opportunity to have their work exhibited and for cash awards. Each entrant was eligible to submit up to two artworks for consideration. The final exhibition includes 41 works by 38 artists. The juror for *Area Show: 49* is Phillip Frenchick, Art Teacher at Lincoln Intermediate School in Mason City.

Coming Soon:

### Iowa Watercolor Society:

#### Traveling Exhibition

Center Space Gallery • June 5– July 24, 2024



Diane Tough, *Des Moines Farmer's Market*, watercolor on paper.

The MacNider Art Museum is pleased to present the Iowa Watercolor Society (IWS) Traveling Exhibition for 2023-2024. IWS was organized in 1977 by a small group of enthusiastic watercolorists led by Joe Messner of Cedar Rapids. Their members reside all over the state and a few from out of state as well.

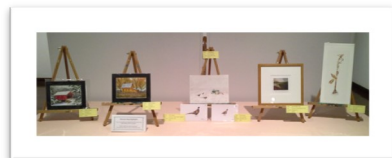
Each spring and fall they bring in nationally and internationally recognized artists to conduct workshops. Recent instructors include: Soon Y Warren, Michael Holter, Frank Eber and Alexis Lavine. In the fall, along with its annual meeting, IWS sponsors workshops and a juried exhibition with monetary awards. This year's instructor/ juror is David R. Smith, AWS, NWS. Visit [dsmithfineart.com](http://dsmithfineart.com) to learn more. From this exhibition, a 30-piece traveling show is selected by the juror to travel, throughout the following year, to various locations around Iowa. At these shows, IWS members often provide talks and/or small classes to introduce people to the medium of watercolor.

IWS also conducts an online show once a year, giving its members an opportunity to display and sell their artwork to a larger audience. A miniature show is also held each year in Des Moines.

For more information about the IWS, please visit their website, [iowawatercolorssociety.org](http://iowawatercolorssociety.org).

### Museum Shop Highlights

Center Space Gallery • Through – May 25, 2024



The Museum is happy to present the exhibition, *Museum Shop Highlights*, in the Center Space Gallery. This show is very

similar to the Museum's usual shows, with a unique twist. All the artwork on display has been pulled from the Museum Shop and is available to purchase and take home the same day. No need to wait until the end of the show.

*Museum Shop Highlights* allows visitors expand their shopping opportunities. They can find unique artworks by talented local and regional artists that will make great gifts for any occasion. Or they can find the perfect work to fill their home.

The Museum Shop has been part of the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum's offerings since 1967. It, along with traveling exhibition and Permanent Collection galleries, is a space in the Museum where visitors can see and learn about art and expand their art experiences. It is also a space in which hands-on exploration and discovery is encouraged.

Coming Soon:

### Portraits of Dementia\*\*

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • July 5 – August 16, 2024



Joe Wallace, *Rene Perkins*, ink on paper, 2021. 28 x 35 1/4 inches (framed, approximate); Image courtesy of the artist.

More than 50 million people are living with dementia globally. In the United States, one in three seniors suffers with Alzheimer's disease or dementia at the time of their death. And yet despite the millions of individuals and families affected, dementia is often a taboo subject with limited public awareness or

discourse. *Portraits of Dementia* destigmatizes those living with dementia through moving portraits and stories of lives well lived.

Artist Joe Wallace has been a portrait photographer and storyteller for 20 years. Like many, Wallace has a deeply personal connection with dementia. His maternal grandfather and hero, Joe Jenkins, had Alzheimer's. His maternal grandmother had vascular dementia. And in recent years, his mother has begun her journey with the disease. Wallace was frustrated by the common, one-dimensional narrative of dementia—futility, despair, and loss.

*Portraits of Dementia* Exhibition continued—>



# DEVELOPMENT & THANK YOU'S

*Portraits of Dementia* Exhibition continued...

These are real and important elements of the dementia journey, but focusing only on the narrowest of views, very little is done to change the stigma of those living with the disease. Wallace feels strongly that to give the audience courage to act in ways large and small, you must show the whole story.

*Portraits of Dementia* is toured by ExhibitsUSA, the national touring exhibition program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. ExhibitsUSA sends more than 25 exhibitions on tour to over 100 small- and mid-sized communities every year. These exhibitions create access to an array of arts and humanities experiences, nurture the understanding of diverse cultures and art forms, and expand the depth and breadth of cultural life in local communities, rural and urban. For more about ExhibitsUSA, email [MoreArt@maaa.org](mailto:MoreArt@maaa.org) or visit [www.eusa.org](http://www.eusa.org).

The Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) strengthens and supports artists, cultural organizations, and communities throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and beyond. To learn more about M-AAA grants, programs, exhibitions, and fellowships, visit [www.maaa.org](http://www.maaa.org).

*Portraits of Dementia* is funded locally by the Mason City Clinic Charitable Giving Fund.

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## Portraits of Dementia Exhibition

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## MACNIDER INFORMATION

**HOURS:** Wed, Fri & Sat 9 am - 5 pm  
Tues & Thurs 9 am - 8 pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

The Museum is closed legal holidays.

**Admission:** Free

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By entering into a partnership with our regional community, the MacNider Art Museum seeks to engage diverse audiences in the visual arts and through them sustain a thriving environment in which American art and exceptional collections are collected, enjoyed, and understood. Our commitment to professional museum standards is a central part of our public trust and responsibility to current and future generations.