

MACNIDER ART MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2025

January

- 1 Museum closed for New Year's Day
- 16 Kids' Club "Snow Fun" (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 31 *41st Annual School Art Exhibition: Crafted with Class* exhibition opens
- 31 *Rockin' Art of the 50's & 60's* FREE Tour 1:30 pm

February

- 15 Kids' Club "Collage Art" (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am
- 17 Museum closed for President's Day

March

- 1 Deadline for *45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show* artist applications
- 8 *41st Annual School Art Exhibition* Reception, 11 am
- 11-12 Spring Break Mini Camp, Ages 5+, 8 am—Noon
- 20 Kids' Club "Air Dry Clay Bugs" (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 29 *41st Annual School Art Exhibition: Crafted with Class* exhibition closes

April

- 1 Deadline for Art Market artist applications
- 3 Spring Puppet Show Day! "Nachos & Yoyo's Escapades." Shows at 10 am, 1 pm, & 6 pm
- 11 *45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show* exhibition opens
- 17 *45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show* Awards Reception, 6 pm
- 19 Kids' Club "Hop Along" (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am
- 23 *Different Perspectives* exhibition closes
- 25 *MacNider: Off the Clock* from 5-7 pm

May

- 9 *Picturing the Past: Safford Lock and the Art of Documentary Photography* exhibition opens
- 15 Kids' Club "Outer Space" (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 26 Museum closed for Memorial Day

Education credits issued due to cancelled classes, or withdrawing from registration must be used within 12 months of class-date. Any education credit not used within 12 months is considered a donation to the general fund of the museum.



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NEWS & EDUCATION



The MacNider Art Museum is offering a free, "Rockin' Art of the 50's and 60's" guided tour on Fri., January 31, 2025 at 1:30 pm in conjunction with the Winter Dance Party. The Museum's largest collection is of post – World War II art and features some of the most famous individuals from the mid-century art scene.

THE CHARLES H. MACNIDER ART MUSEUM
PRESENTS SPRING PUPPET SHOW:

NACHO & YOYO'S ESCAPADES

Thurs., April 3
10 AM ★ 1 PM ★ 6 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE!

A photograph of three puppets: a man in a striped shirt, a woman in a red dress, and a small animal puppet.

The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company will present three showings of "Nacho & Yoyo's Escapades" on Thurs., April 3, 2025, in the Salsbury Room at the MacNider Art Museum at 10 am, 1 pm, and 6 pm. All shows will be free and open to the public.

Groups of 10 or more should register in advance for the 10 am & 1 pm shows by calling 641-421-3666 or emailing jmbohl@masoncity.net.

This free show is made possible by a grant from the Bertha Stebens Charitable Foundation.

**MACNIDER:
OFF THE CLOCK**

Fri., April 25
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Free event with wine & live music!

An illustration of a wine glass filled with red wine, with musical notes and a treble clef floating around it.

MacNider: Off the Clock is a free event and open to the public. Complimentary wine and appetizers are available throughout the event, in addition to live music!

FREE ** FREE ** FREE ** FREE ** FREE ** FREE



KIDS' 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!

THURS., JANUARY 16, 6–7 PM

SNOW FUN

SAT., FEBRUARY 15, 9–11 AM

COLLAGE ART

THURS., MARCH 20, 6-7 PM

AIR DRY CLAY BUGS

SAT., APRIL 19, 9-11 AM

HOP ALONG

THURS., MAY 15, 6-7 PM

OUTER SPACE



Call 641-421-3666 or go to www.macniderart.org to register!

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Check out
www.macniderart.org
for winter/spring classes!
Don't forget—you can register for classes online!

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show

April 11 – June 21, 2025

Now accepting artist applications, due by March 1, 2025.

See info on next page*—>

MacNider Outdoor Art Market

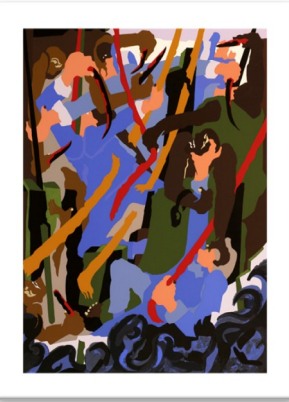
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The Outdoor Art Market is held on the lawns of the Museum and the adjacent Mason City Public Library at 303 2nd Street SE in Mason City, Iowa during MacNider Arts Festival on Sat., June 14, 2025 from 9 am- 4 pm.

SAVE THE DATE!
The MacNider Arts Festival & Art Market will be June 14, 2025!
Check www.macniderart.org for more details.

Different Perspectives

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • December 13, 2024 – April 23, 2025



Jacob Lawrence, *Revolt on the Amistad*, color screenprint on Bainbridge 2-ply paper, 1989. [2021.2] Museum Purchase using funds from the Kelly Paulson Memorial.

Different Perspectives seeks to highlight artists in the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum’s Permanent Collection whose viewpoints have been ignored or overlooked in the past in American Art Museums and Art Galleries and in the Art Community of the United States as a whole. Artists included in this exhibition are Indigenous, African American, Asian American, Latinx, immigrants to the United States or artists who self-identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ Community. *Different Perspectives* strives to focus on artists who have not always

received equal time in the artistic spotlight.

**41st Annual School Art Exhibition:
Crafted with Class**

Center Space Gallery • January 31 – March 29, 2025



Previous High School Best in Show Award Winner: Brandie Van Maanen, *Pumpkin in the Dark*, acrylic paint on canvas board, Belmont-Klemme High School, 11th Grade in 2022

Every year the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum celebrates Youth Art Month (March) with an exhibition honoring art students and their teachers. The 2025 School Art Exhibition will feature the inventive artwork of high school students (grades 9-12) from public, private and home schools served by Central Rivers Area

Education Agency, Clear Lake Regional Office.

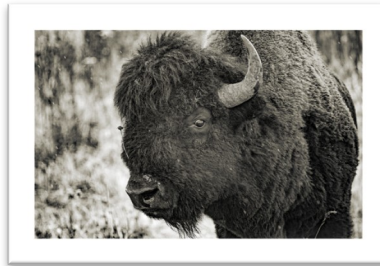
Student artists whose work has been selected for inclusion in the exhibition will be honored at a recognition reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 am. The reception will be hosted by Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority for women in education. The event is free and open to all.

The purpose of Youth Art Month is to emphasize the value of art education for all students and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Demonstrated outcomes of art education are the development of critical thinking skills, self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self-expression and cooperative working skills. Please join the Museum in celebrating these up-and-coming artists.

Coming Soon:

45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show*

Center Space Gallery • April 11 – June 21, 2025



2024 Cerro Gordo Photo Show Best in Show Award Winner: Mary Varnum of Plymouth, *Titonka!*, DSLR

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, March 1. Please visit the Museum’s website, macniderart.org, for more information and the on-line entry form.

New this Year: Artist entering the *Cerro Gordo Photo Show* for the first time have the option to select the First Time Entrant category. Photographs in this category will only be judged against other first-time entrants and have the opportunity to win a \$50 prize.

An opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 17, starting at 6 pm. The cash award winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. \$125 will be awarded to the entry selected as Best in Show. For the second award, \$75 will be given, and the third award will be \$50. New this Year, the Best First Time Entrant Award will be \$50. This event is free and open to the public.

Coming Soon:

Picturing the Past: Safford Lock and the Art of Documentary Photography

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • May 9 – July 9, 2025

Picturing the Past draws attention to the work of Mason City photographer Safford Lock. The exhibition will highlight Lock’s dedication to documenting Mason City, and the Midwest as a whole, through photography. Safford Lock was the owner and operator of Lock Photo in Mason City for more than thirty years. In that time, his photographs recorded many aspects of life while bringing verve and energy to these sometimes stagnate images.

Picturing the Past: Safford Lock and the Art of Documentary Photography
Exhibition continued—>

DEVELOPMENT & THANK YOU'S

Picturing the Past: Safford Lock and the Art of Documentary Photography Exhibition continued...

The exhibition will also feature selections from the Museum's photographic collection. These images serve to enforce the view that documentary photography can be both informative and full of life.

2025 marks the 45th anniversary of the Cerro Gordo Photo Show, an annual competitive exhibition that Safford Lock and his wife Lena sponsored from its inception. The Locks wanted to encourage the people of Mason City and Cerro Gordo County to actively document the life and world around them. What a wonderful way to celebrate the art of photography.



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Thank you

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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Mission Statement

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.