

MACNIDER ART MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

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- 9 *Picturing the Past: Safford Lock and the Art of Documentary Photography* exhibition opens
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- 14 MacNider Arts Festival: *Art Is For Everyone!* 9 am—5 pm
- 14 MacNider Outdoor Art Market 9 am—4 pm
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- 3 *Iowa Crafts: 46 Best in Show Award Winner Exhibition: Amythest Warrington* exhibition opens
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- 15-17 Mini Art Camp—Creative Exploration (Ages 6+) 8 am—Noon daily
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- 17 Kids' Club *At the North Iowa Fair* (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm

August

- 1 *Annick Ibsen—The Beginning of Everything* exhibition opens
- 12-14 Mini Art Camp—Medium Mania (Ages 8+) 8 am—Noon daily
- 16 Kids' Club *Art Formations & Process* (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am

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- 1 Museum closed for Labor Day
- 6 *Iowa Crafts: 46 Best in Show Award Winner Exhibition: Amythest Warrington* exhibition closes

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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MacNider Arts Festival is June 14!

The Charles H. MacNider Art Museum is pleased to announce the theme of the annual MacNider Arts Festival and Outdoor Art Market. This year's "Art is for Everyone" creative artistic theme will encourage children to use their imaginations while making exciting projects on Sat., June 14 from 9 am – 5 pm. Arts activities for children, an Art Market full of talented artists, and live music will all be part of the fun. The FREE Pancake Breakfast, served by the City Council, is from 9-10 am or until gone. Basic festival foods such as hamburgers and walking tacos will be sold throughout the afternoon. Proceeds of the food sales benefit the festival and Museum programming.

Children's activities will be offered from 9 am to 5 pm and are free. A variety of projects will be available with volunteers on hand to assist. Kids will be able to create and take-home art projects like suncatcher kites, marbled clay shapes, and beaded picture holders, as well as enjoy the traditional favorites of easel painting and stepping stones.

There will be live musical entertainment on the stage in front of Museum throughout the day, including the Mason City Municipal Band (9-10 am), NOLA Jazz Band (10:30 am -12:30 pm), Mac and Cheese Band (1-3 pm), and Carol Montag (3:30 -5 pm). Bring a lawn chair or use the picnic tables and bleachers provided!

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Shop at the MacNider Outdoor Art Market on June 14!



The MacNider Outdoor Art Market will be open from 9 am – 4 pm with many artists and crafts persons. This is your opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind pottery, paintings, jewelry, glass, and more. By purchasing work from these artists you are not only supporting local talent, you are purchasing quality, unique art.

Participating artists are: 8 Twisted Designs, Alicia M Studio LLC, Amanda Kocurek Pottery, B&G Art Gallery, Barnyard Steamworks, Bee Creative by Jen, Beneath the Bark, Bill Mateer, Bruce Litterer, Callie Aaron Art, Ciccotti Art Glass, Creatively Dale, Demarcate Designs, Homeinstead, Homespun Family, Jennifer Lee Studios, Leather & Gems Juliery, Lotsa Little Love, Minnesota Summer, Sergiy Nagorny, Purple Pincushion, Rich Herrmann Photography, Serendipity Art & Stones, Shellae Fine Arts & Crafts, Thymelyglass Studio, Troy Thomas Art Gallery/Studio, Lost Loon Studio, Blue Lily Creations by Candida, Mountains of Whimsy, Peggy Cornick, Piippo Works, and Tanklady Creations.

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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., MAY 15, 6—7 PM

OUTER SPACE

SAT., JUNE 14, 9 AM—5PM

MACNIDER ARTS FESTIVAL

THURS., JULY 17, 6-7 PM

AT THE NORTH IOWA FAIR

SAT., AUGUST 16, 9-11 AM

ART FORMATIONS & PROCESS



Call 641-421-3666 or go to www.macniderart.org to register!
Sponsored by the First Citizens Power Savers

**Check out www.macniderart.org
for summer classes!**

Don't forget—you can now register for classes online!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**More than 200 area citizens are being recruited
to volunteer during MacNider Arts Festival
and also with summer classes!**

If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Museum at
641-421-3666 or email Jackie at jmbohl@masoncity.net.

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

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • May 9 – July 16, 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. 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.

Coming Soon:

Annick Ibsen:

The Beginning of Everything

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • August 1 – October 1, 2025



Annick Ibsen, *Nude*, ceramic piece.

Annick Ibsen investigates subject matter through sculpture and printmaking - in that order. She projects her ideas in three dimensions to find the freedom and movement that printmaking offers via juxtaposing and superimposing elements within her compositions. With her 3D works, she aims to expose how sculpture is often a meeting point for art, design, and painting. While sculpture arrests

movement, printmaking allows her to capture forms and line present in the negative space.

Born in Paris, Ibsen settled in Des Moines 20 years ago. She is currently undertaking a Master of Fine Arts at MIU.

Ibsen's exhibition is sponsored locally by the Hanson Family Foundation.

45th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show

Center Space Gallery • April 11 – June 21, 2025



Valerie Joan Pennington of Mason City, *White Sands Vista*, Digital Photograph

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 were invited to enter up to three photographs. Eighty-two photographic entries were received from residents in Cerro Gordo County and from those attending the spring or summer semesters at North Iowa Area Community College. Forty-seven photographs by twenty-four artists were chosen for exhibition by a panel of judges.

Area residents whose work was chosen for this year's show are: Chris Barragy, Alec M Heggen, Brad Janson, Wendy Janson, Dennis Nettifee, Joyce T Sorensen, Margo Underwood, and Lisa Wolf of Clear Lake; Emily Belt, David Crippin, Robert Follmuth, Dr. Martie Geiger-Ho, Lisa Grouette, Kathy Kinsey, Kyle Lucas, Cheryl Massey, Bruce G McKee, Valerie Joan Pennington, Daniel Pennington, Jim Rose, Kathryn Skellenger, and Jaclyn Smith all of Mason City; Alanna Davison of Plymouth; Betty J Moore of Ventura.

Coming Soon:

Iowa Crafts: 46 Best in Show Award Winner Exhibition

AMYTHEST WARRINGTON

Center Space Gallery • July 3 – September 6, 2025



Iowa Crafts: 46 Best in Show award winner Amythest Warrington, of Waterloo, Preserving a Memory, white earthenware, Majolica

Amythest Warrington won Best in Show during the *Iowa Crafts: 46* exhibition in 2023 for her earthenware sculpture, *Preserving a Memory*. As prize for her win she was awarded a solo exhibition in the Museum's Center Space Gallery. Join the Museum in honoring Warrington's win in this solo exhibition.

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

The Museum is closed legal holidays.

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