

MACNIDER ART MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

May

- 1 *Cerro Gordo Photo Show: 46* exhibition opens
- 7 *Cerro Gordo Photo Show: 46* Opening Awards Reception 6 pm
- 21 Kids' Club: *Monet Cafe* (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 25 Museum closed for Memorial Day

June

- 4 *Birding 101* Talk at 6 pm
- 13 MacNider Arts Festival: Sweet on Art! 9 am—4 pm
- 13 MacNider Outdoor Art Market 9 am—4 pm
- 17 *Ray Colby: Nature Photographer* exhibition closes

July

- 3 *Area Show: 50* exhibition opens
- 4 Museum closed for the 4th of July
- 11 *Area Show: 50* Opening Awards Reception 11 am
- 11 *Cerro Gordo Photo Show: 46* exhibition closes
- 14-15 Mini Art Camp I—Basic Drawing (Ages 8-12) 8 am—Noon daily
- 24 *Iowa Crafts: 47 – Best in Show Award Winner* exhibition opens
- 25 *Iowa Crafts: 47 – Best in Show Award Winner* Opening Reception 1 pm
- 30 Kids' Club At the North Iowa Fair (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm

August

- 10-12 Mini Art Camp II— Mini Artists (Ages 6+) 8 am—Noon daily
- 15 Kids' Club: Color Mix Up (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am

September

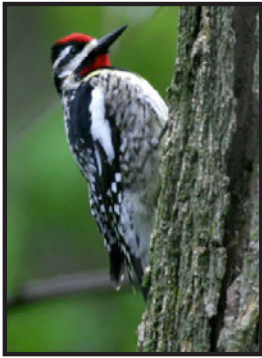
- 7 Museum closed for Labor Day
- 16 Kids' Club: Theme TBA (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 23 *Area Show: 50* exhibition closes
- 26 *Iowa Crafts: 47 – Best in Show Award Winner* exhibition closes



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NEWS & EDUCATION



Birding 101 talk on June 4

We are excited to announce an upcoming “Birding 101” talk in conjunction with the “Ray Colby: Nature Photographer” exhibition currently open in the Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery. The talk features Heather Hucka from Lime Creek Nature Center on Thurs., June 4 at 6 pm. The event will be held in the Museum’s Salsbury Room and seating will be on a first come, first served basis. The talk is

free and open to the public.

Come and discover how to join one of the fastest growing outdoor hobbies in the nation, bird watching! This economic, accessible, and healthy habit can be fun for everyone. Find out just how easy it is to start getting to know these beautiful creatures and get some tips and tricks from one of your local bird nerds!



MacNider Arts Festival is June 13!

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 “Sweet on Art” tasty treats theme will encourage children to use their imaginations while making exciting projects on Sat., June 13 from 9 am – 4 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 4 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 dessert theme art projects, as well as enjoy the traditional favorites of easel painting and stepping stones.

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Shop at the MacNider Outdoor Art Market on June 13!

The MacNider Outdoor Art Market will be open from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday, June 13 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: Shellae Fine Arts & Crafts, Foraged Curiosities, Andrew J Wroble - Fine Art, Demarcate Designs, Piippo Works, Aesthetic Eye Art, Meeka Mouse Art, JJs Oasis, Callo Metal Art, Ruff Cuts Rocks, Gems, & Minerals, Lost Loon Studio, May Clay Designs, Artem Mathematica, Lori Biwer-Stewart, Amanda Kocurek Pottery, Art of Sweaterjon, In His Hands, B & G Art Studio, Coyote Ridge, Peggy Cornick, Back Shop Creations, Bee Creative by Jen, Brushes N Bobbins, Blue Lily Creation By Candida, Mountains of Whimsy, Serendipity Art, NV Design, Maura Hosmer Pottery LLC, Minnesota Summer, Bill Mateer, Kara Lund Studio, Lotus Moon Ceramics, OhJulieann, Three Cat Alarm Studio / Annie Noodle, and Bohemian Kat.

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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 21, 6—7 PM
Monet Cafe

SAT., JUNE 13, 9 AM—5PM
MACNIDER ARTS FESTIVAL

THURS., JULY 30, 6-7 PM
At the North Iowa Fair

SAT., AUGUST 15, 9-11 AM
Color Mix Up



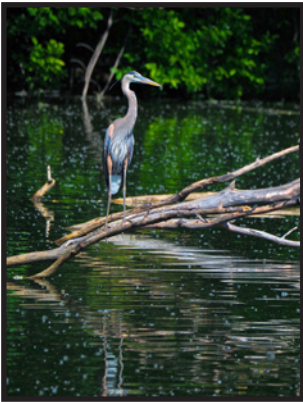
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Ray Colby: Nature Photographer

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • April 10 – June 17, 2026



Ray Colby, *Great Blue Heron*, digital photograph, 2025

Ray Colby, a retired commercial photographer living in Minneapolis, MN, is featured in a solo exhibition in the Museum’s Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery. This photographic display has a three-pronged focus: often-overlooked insects and arachnids that populate Midwest backyards and gardens, large birds of urban Minneapolis, and a stop on the migration route of Sandhill Cranes near the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area.

The photographs in this exhibition will be available for purchase via auction, with proceeds going to support the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum. Please check the Museum’s website for full purchasing details.

Ray Colby: Nature Photographer is sponsored by the Mason City Clinic Charitable Giving Committee and the David & Phyllis Murphy Charitable Foundation.

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Coming Soon:

Area Show: 50

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery • July 3 – September 23, 2026



Image: Area Show: 49 (2024) Best in Show Award Winner, Mary Ann Marreel of Osage, IA, *The Praying Man*, Charcoal

Area Show: 50 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 2024, and have not previously entered into the MacNider Area Show.

Each entrant is eligible to submit up to two artworks for consideration. The juror for *Area Show: 50* is Kong Ho - Associate Professor of Art, North Iowa Area Community College. The deadline for entry is Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Entering artists are competing for the opportunity to have their work exhibited and for cash awards. The artist with the entry chosen Best in Show will be granted a solo exhibition in the MacNider Art Museum’s Center Space Gallery in 2027. Three artists will receive \$250 Excellence Awards. Two Merit Awards, each at \$100, and a \$50 Most Daring Award will also be given at the opening reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, July 11 beginning at 11 a.m.

Cerro Gordo Photo Show: 46

Center Space Gallery • May 1 – July 11, 2026



Abraham Wolf of Mason City, *Three’s Company*, Photograph

The *Cerro Gordo Photo Show* is a competitive exhibition, sponsored by the Safford and Lena Lock Photo Endowment Fund, 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.

An opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 7, starting at 6 p.m. Awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Cash awards will be given for Best in Show (\$125), Second Award (\$75), Third Award (\$50) and First Time Entrant Award (\$50). Honorable Mentions are also presented. This event is free and open to the public.

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Coming Soon:

Iowa Crafts: 47 – Best in Show Award Winner Exhibition

Center Space Gallery • July 24 – September 26, 2026



Iowa Crafts: 47 Best in Show award winner Rebecca Kemble of West Des Moines, *Honey Bee – Here Today, Gone Tomorrow*, Fiber – Painted, Stitched

Rebecca Kemble of West Des Moines won Best in Show during the *Iowa Crafts: 47* exhibition in 2025 for her fiber work, *Honey Bee – Here Today, Gone Tomorrow*.

As prize for her win she was awarded a solo exhibition in the Museum’s Center Space Gallery. Join the Museum in honoring Kemble’s win in this solo exhibition.

DEVELOPMENT & THANK YOU'S

The MacNider Art Museum appreciates the generosity of its sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Since our last newsletter contributions have been made by:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

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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.

Admission: Free

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