

# MACNIDER ART MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

## Fall 2026

### September

- 7 Museum closed on Labor Day
- 17 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

### October

- 9 *Find Yourself Here* Exhibition opens
- 9 *Chosen: Permanent Collection Artworks Selected by the Museum Staff and Board Members* Exhibition opens
- 17 Kids' Club "Halloween Happenings" (Ages 5-12) 9-11 am
- 23 Artoberfest Fundraiser Event starting at 6 pm. Ticket needed for entry. Ages 21+. More details coming soon!
- 23-24 Museum Closed for Artoberfest

### November

- 5 Fall Puppet Show Day! "Bremen Town Musicians" Shows at 10 am, 1 pm, & 6 pm
- 11 Museum Closed for Veterans Day
- 13 *Find Yourself Here* Exhibition closes
- 19 Kids' Club "Fall Fun" (Ages 5-12) 6-7 pm
- 25 *Try Your Hand At Drawing II* Exhibition opens
- 26 Museum Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27 Double Discount Days Begins for Museum Members

### December

- 11 MacNider: Off the Clock from 5-7 pm with musician Sam Crosser
- 12 Holiday Open House from 1-4 pm
- 12 Double Discount Days Ends for Museum Members
- 12 *Chosen: Permanent Collection Artworks Selected by the Museum Staff and Board Members* Exhibition closes
- 24 Museum Closes at Noon for Christmas Eve
- 25 Museum Closed for Christmas
- 31 Museum Closes at Noon for New Year's Eve



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## ARTOBERFEST

Friday, October 23, 2026

### SAVE THE DATE!

The MacNider Art Museum's annual fall fundraiser, Artoberfest, will be Fri., Oct. 23!

Join us for an evening of entertainment, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a variety of specialty beers as well as wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Enjoy auctions with many beautiful items! There will also be live music by juni+betty! Tickets for this 21+ event will go on sale September 1!

Watch [www.macniderart.org](http://www.macniderart.org) for ticket & event details!



### MACNIDER: OFF THE CLOCK

Fri., December 11  
5:00 - 7:00 pm



The next MacNider: Off the Clock will be Fri., December 11 from 5-7 pm. 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 festive live music by Sam Crosser!

## Celebrate the Holidays at the MacNider Art Museum!

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
FROM 1:00-4:00 PM

A free event for the whole family!

Enjoy fun holiday crafts, yummy treats, and a visit from Santa Claus!



Sponsored by the MacNider & Dettmer families

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

## Bremen Town Musicians

Performed by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company

Eulenspiegel Puppets presents a new adaptation of *The Bremen Town Musicians*, a beloved Grimm's fairy tale! In this version, Till Eulenspiegel's donkey retires and makes common cause with a bluesy hound, a rockin' rooster, and a jazzy cat. They outsmart two "granny scammers" caught taking advantage of their former owners, settle in an abandoned cottage, and take their musical act to the streets of Bremen Town!



The puppet show is sponsored by the Bertha Stebens Charitable Foundation. Bus subsidies are available for schools thanks to 3M Foundation.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Thurs., November 5 • 10 AM • 1 PM • 6 PM

GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE (SCHOOLS, HOME SCHOOL GROUPS, DAYCARE, ETC.) SHOULD REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE 10 AM & 1 PM SHOWS

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## MUSEUM MEMBERS!!! Make sure to take advantage of the MacNider Art Museum's Double Discount Days!

Friday, November 27 to Saturday, December 12

Just in time for Holiday shopping members receive double their normal membership discount on shop purchases up to 40% off!

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., SEPTEMBER 17, 6-7 PM  
Theme TBD

SAT., OCTOBER 17, 9-11 AM  
Halloween Happenings

THURS., NOVEMBER 19, 6-7 PM  
Fall Fun

SAT., DECEMBER 12, 1-4 PM  
Holiday Open House

Call 641-421-3666 or go to [www.macniderart.org](http://www.macniderart.org) to register!  
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## Area Show: 50

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



Area Show: 50 Best in Show Award Winner, Dan Gamble, of Mason City, IA, *Untitled (Diptych)*, Egg Tempera on Panel.

*Area Show: 50* is now open in the Museum's Center Space Gallery. The competition for this exhibition was open to all artists above high school age residing within 100 miles of Mason City, encompassing North Central Iowa and Southern Minnesota. Each entrant was eligible to submit up to two artworks of any media for consideration. This year's show drew a total of 114 entries by 62 artists. The final exhibition includes 36 works by 35 artists.

Entering artists were competing for the opportunity to have their work featured in a solo exhibition and for \$1,000 in cash awards. The Best in Show award was given to Dan Gamble, of Mason City, who will be granted a solo exhibition in 2027, for the egg tempera on panel, *Untitled (Diptych)*.

Three artists received a \$250 Excellence Award; Larry Gregson, of Mason City, for the oil on herringbone linen work, *Bosveld's Odtas Number 7*; Susan E. Kuennen, of Elgin, for the willow and reed basket with deer antler, *Amethyst and Jade*; and Janet Kostka of Mason City, for the acrylic painting, *Dahlia from Lorrie on My Birthday*.

Two Merit Awards, each at \$100, were given out; one to Mary Ann Marreel, of Osage, for the charcoal drawing, *The Shepherd* and one to Yvonne C. Cory, of Easton, Minn. for the textile art apron titled *Rebirth of Family Mementoes*. The \$50 Most Daring Award was presented to Frida Figueroa, of Waverly, for the oil on canvas artwork, *Mitos de la Historia*.

Five Honorable Mention awards were handed out as well. The first went to Tracy Ingham of Rockford, for the acrylic painting, *Walking The Dog*. The second went to Jefferson Brown, of Mason City, for the acrylic painting, *The Bear*. The third went to TC Dakin, of Kensett, for the stained glass piece, *Horse/Strength*. The fourth Honorable Mention was awarded to Julie Hughes, of Cedar Falls, for the mixed media piece, *Quiet Watch* and the fifth was given to Dean Swenson of Buffalo Center, for the acrylic painting, *The Hermit*.

The juror for *Area Show: 50* is Kong Ho - Associate Professor of Art, North Iowa Area Community College.

*Area Show: 50* is sponsored by the David & Phyllis Murphy Charitable Foundation.

## Rebecca Kemble: Artist

Iowa Crafts: 47 Best in Show Award Winner

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 in 2026. *Rebecca Kemble: Artist* features fabric works along with paintings and drawings by the artist.

"I enjoy the tactile feel of fabric; but I also enjoy adding paint and/or other embellishments to create even more texture, depth and movement. At the heart of it all is stitch, which, as an additional line element creates continuity throughout my work."

Please join the Museum in honoring Kemble's win by experiencing her solo exhibition.

Coming Soon:

## Find Yourself Here



George Bellows, *Preliminaries*, lithograph on paper, 1916. Museum Purchase with Funds Given by Esther L. Strickland [1993.1]

Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery •  
October 9 – November 13,  
2026

*Find Yourself Here* will give visitors the opportunity to find themselves, their friends, and family in selected artworks from the Museum's Permanent Collection.

Are you a fighter?  
Would you attend a  
boxing, wrestling, or

MMA event? If you had to place yourself in this image, where would you be and why? Answer these questions and more when you *Find Yourself Here*.

# DEVELOPMENT & THANK YOU'S

Coming Soon:

## Chosen: Permanent Collection Artworks Selected by the Museum Staff and Board Members

Center Space Gallery •

October 9 – December 12, 2026

Staff and Board Members of the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum were asked to choose an artwork, from the Museum's Permanent Collection, that they wanted to be displayed in the exhibition, Chosen. Artworks in this show will help visitors get to know the people "behind the scenes" at the Museum through their artistic choices.



Katie Kiley, *Niwa-in/Bhūtadérmera (Warding Off Evil)*, intaglio print on paper, 2003  
Gift of Mary MacGregor in Honor of Kelly Paulson. [2006.4]

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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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