FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

We have all faced many challenges this past year, and these headwinds most likely will continue. I would like to recognize our membership for their dedication to the visual arts. Just as the winter snowpack will nourish our new trees, the morning light shines more brilliant, and our vision continues with each branch of the art center growing more strongly. Along with our trustees and staff, I am especially grateful for your continued support.

We have a full slate of wonderful exhibitions, art classes, workshops, and an open house scheduled between now into summer. Art always endures sustaining the human spirit, and you are encouraged to explore our website for the latest in art news, and return to the exhibitions, weekend glass blowing demonstrations, and galleries often. We are doing everything possible to make your visit safe and enjoyable.

Our future together is brighter and many things possible with the commitments and fabulous support from our friends, neighbors, visitors, and you.

Executive Director
George Whitten

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Feature Article

Spring will be arriving soon and with it a renewal of all things beautiful and wonderful - like enjoying our new pavilion and ceramics and glass studio at the Mansfield Art Center. We have started 2021 with great classes, exhibitions and a hope for renewed participation and enjoyment of the arts for our members, donors, stakeholders and community.

Our newest endeavor in 2021 is the new REACH Gallery. You may have already heard about it or have already visited our first and current exhibition in this small space across from the Gallery Shop. The exhibition, “Atypical” is an amazing exhibition of photography presented by Braxton C. Daniels III. Throughout the year we will have four more solo exhibitions, each one lasting seven weeks. These are extremely talented “local to Mansfield” artists that we are recognizing and supporting with an exhibition of their own. The REACH Gallery exhibitions are sponsored by Richland Source and Westfield Bank.

Whether it is scheduling a class, checking out what is new in the Gallery Shop or spending relaxing moments admiring the amazing artists in our Elizabeth Thomas Black, Foundation and Reach Galleries, we welcome you and hope that you are inspired by what the Mansfield Art Center holds for you.
In Kind Donations

In addition to our generous sponsors, donors, members and stakeholders, the Mansfield Art Center has been blessed this year with an array of in-kind donations that directly assist our art education. The gifts are a huge support to the quality of classes we offer and, in many cases, give us the ability to introduce new classes that we may not have been able to previously afford.

We would like to thank the following for their generous in-kind donations:

**Dr. Doug and Mardy Beilstein** - stained glass, supplies and storage

**James Haring, Comfort Inn** - picture frames/mirrors to be used for class projects and presentations

**Jack and Ann Bargahiser** - stained glass and supplies

**Rani Piar** - glass fusing and enameling kiln

**James Fleeson** - supplies for art classes

**Klopfenstein Art Equipment** - easels

**Chriss Harris** - education tables

**Dee Lorentz** - art books and magazines

Art Education & Studio Classes

As a non-profit organization, one of the pleasures the Education Department has, is to celebrate our community in all forms.

When we design our classes, workshops and programs, one of our goals is to be eclectic and specifically, with intent, representative of all cultures.

Our understanding deepens with those of whom we listen and talk to about their parents and grandparents origins. What did their art look like? How did the culture, at the time, show its face in the burden or fascination of the artist?

Studying art can be a personal and cultural journey at the same time. We are teaching art, of course, at Mansfield Art Center; however, we are as teaching-artists, finding our own understanding of places of old and ideas of new to teach the history and the techniques of art from corners of the world.

Check us out at mansfielddartcenter.org

Membership

Please consider asking a friend or family member to become a member of the Mansfield Art Center. Members receive a discount on classes and gallery shop purchases as well as an automatic membership to NARM (North American Reciprocal Museums). This membership will give you the opportunity to receive discounts at over 1,200 galleries and museums across the country. Free entry to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is one example.
MARCH 21-APRIL 18

“Ohio Regional High School Exhibition” and the “2021 MAC Youth Art Show”
Presented by: Mechanics Bank
Provides our young artists in the region and locally an opportunity to receive recognition for their outstanding work in this annual competition.

MAY 9 - JUNE 6

The 76th Annual May Show
Presented By: Mechanics Bank
A juried exhibition drawing extreme talent from all over the state of Ohio. A wide variety of mediums will be shown including painting, drawing, sculpture and contemporary craft.

JUNE 27 - JULY 25

“Authentic Surface”
An exhibition that presents the “truth of surfaces”. The work of the 11 exhibiting artists is authentic in that the artworks do not pretend to become anything more than what they are. Genuine authenticity is shown in the relationship between artistic media and the surface on which it resides. Significantly, in the process of discovering that surface, something beautiful, astonishing and lasting is created.

“Shush” Porcelain Sculpture
In the Foundation Gallery will be an exhibition called “Shush”, porcelain sculpture created by artist Kimberly Chapman.

AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 12

“Ohio Designer Craftsmen: The Best of 2020-2021”
Presented by: Taylor Metal Products
A popular show that will feature over 70 artists. Their contemporary works show excellence in design and artistic expression.

Mike Wasemann Painting
The beautiful paintings of the late Mike Wasemann, a Mansfield native, will be on display in our Foundation Gallery.

OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 31

“The Ohio Clay & Glass Invitational”
A new event for the Mansfield Art Center giving a nod to our new Ceramic and Glass Studio. A call to Ohio clay and glass artists will be given to showcase their specialized works of art.

Vergil Villers Sculpture
Vergil Villers Sculpture exhibition will be held in the Foundation Gallery. Villers sculptures can also be seen in the permanent collection at Kingwood Gardens.

REACH GALLERY

Presented by:
Richland Source & Westfield Bank

FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 20

Braxton Daniels III
‘Atypical’ Photography

APRIL 3 - MAY 15

Jane Johnson
Paintings and Pastels

MAY 29 - JULY 10

E.D. Jasbeck
Portrait Paintings & Drawings

JULY 24 - SEPTEMBER 4

James Fleeson
Paintings

SEPTEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 6

Gibby Kain
Drawings

GALLERY

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Alumni Roofing
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