Happy Holidays!
I have truly missed seeing everyone this year, but, hopefully we will see each other soon. The Fall program was wonderful, and I look forward to our January program! The Museum is open and safe! Go by and visit during the holidays! Make new and fun holiday traditions by celebrating the Museum with friends and family! Be well and safe my friends, and join us in the New Year!

Therese Rourk
President, Dallas Museum of Art League

Contemporary Art + Design: New Acquisitions
Monday, January 11, 10:30 a.m.

Vivian Crockett, the Nancy and Tim Hanley Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, and Sarah Schleuning, the Margot B. Perot Senior Curator of Decorative Arts at the DMA, will present the Museum’s recently acquired paintings, furnishings, jewelry, and design objects. Artists from eleven different countries are featured. Emerging painters and designers are also included as well as Texas-based artisans. This exciting exhibition highlights the new direction and growth of the DMA’s extraordinary collection.

The meeting link will be sent via email in early January.
The 2020 Faye C. Briggs Merit Award recipient Nancy Cates poses in front of her home where she received the award from Sarah Jo Hardin, the 2019 Faye Briggs recipient. Not quite the same kind of presentation but still an incredible honor to a most deserving supporter of the League and the DMA! Thank you Nancy.

OCTOBER 19, 2020 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our meeting was a resounding success as the Board navigated its first DMAL virtual meeting with efficiency and style. It was fascinating to hear the intricate details that Adam Jasienski pointed out in many famous Biblical masterpieces, several of which are in the DMA permanent collection. Congratulations to Jan Clay on a great success!

Adam Jasienski, SMU Assistant Art History Professor
We are all looking forward to Art in Bloom as both a moment to celebrate the League community and a way to support our Museum. But as COVID-19 conditions in Dallas continue to rise, guest safety is our top priority and planning for our treasured fundraising event will be continuously evaluated. As 2021 approaches, we are cautiously optimistic that a Spring date for this event can occur by exploring alternative event formats to maximize everyone’s safety. We especially want to thank YOU, our closest Museum friends and supporters, for your encouragement and your patience as we navigate this unique situation. We will keep you informed along the way!

Chairman

Co-Chair

DMA EVENTS

Notice to visitors about the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As the city’s museum, The Dallas Museum of Art wants our visitors not only to feel safe but to feel excited and inspired by our collection and exhibitions as well as welcome in our galleries. Following extensive planning and guidelines from federal, state and local officials, we are pleased to share that the Museum is open to the public and until further notice will operate under modified hours: Closed Monday-Wednesday, Thursday, 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In advance of your visit, you need to reserve a free general admission ticket online.

Frans Hals: Detecting a Decade
Thru January 3, 2021

This exhibit showcases the revolutionary technique of Frans Hals (1582/83–1666), the first great portraitist of 17th-century Holland. Hals, along with Rembrandt and Vermeer, is considered to be one of the most prominent painters of the Dutch Baroque era. He was recognized for “painting character” through virtuosic, loose, and animated brushwork.

Event information and tickets at DMA.org

Dali’s Divine Comedy
Thru February 21, 2021

Known for his imaginative dreamscapes filled with irrational juxtapositions and erotic subjects, Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí’s (1904-1989) reputation as an illustrator is a story that often goes untold. This exhibition showcases Dalí’s most ambitious illustrated series: his colored wood engravings of the Divine Comedy, an epic poem by the medieval Florentine writer Dante Alighieri (1265-1321). Written in 1320, this timeless text recounts Dante’s journey through the Christian otherworldly realms: Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise.

Event information and tickets at DMA.org
PETAL PUSHERS

Our Floral Committee writer Janet Hoffman is proud to announce the group’s new title, Petal Pushers. “And that they are!”

It is hard to believe the last time our floral design teams met for hands-on training was a class with Raquel Harris on March 11th. Thankfully, that session left us with tremendous inspiration to create our own arrangements, during the last several months, as many of you may have enjoyed doing as well. Has there truly ever been a time that “Flower Power” meant more to our homes and hearts? Joy comes from a simple bunch of grocery store blooms, blossoms cut from the backyard, or watching online videos of grand celebratory arrangements. Yet the DMA League floral members are especially looking forward to resuming their contributions to the Museum in the Fall of 2021. In the meantime, our five team captains are planning small gatherings to help us stay current in floral design while promoting camaraderie and friendship. Please contact Sue Flynn at Sflynn.floralend@gmail.com if you are interested in more information about the DMALeague Floral Committee.

From Left:  Sue Flynn, Committee co-chair; Aleece McBay; Karen Keith; Katherine Phillips, co-chair.
League Docent Liaison, Jode Johnson reports the great success of the virtual training sessions being held this year. Docents have also enjoyed updates on the Museum’s community outreach and numerous virtual programs. The DMA has created an endless array of virtual programs as well as “Break for Art” tours that have been very well received.

DMA docents have been increasing the touring database and creating pre-recorded virtual tours to be used in the classroom and for group tours. We also offer pre-recorded “live” tours for K-12 and higher education groups. We are incredibly proud of our unique docent programs and our continued involvement with docents around the nation.

If you are interested in knowing more about the DMA Docent Program, please contact Jode Johnson at jodejohnson@gmail.com

Jode Johnson also shared the Docent Book Club’s current selections including Zora Neale Hurston’s *Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick*. Hurston’s book of short stories reveals her experiences in both Florida and Harlem during the 1920s. Virtual discussion and gallery time were led by Valerie Casillas and Janet Greedy.

During December the group is reading *The Twenties and the Black Renaissance*. The discussion will be led by Turry Flucker, director and curator for Tougaloo College Art Collections.
The DMA League provides support for the Dallas Museum of Art through the volunteer efforts of its members in fundraising, education and service. However, the League is not just about volunteer work. It offers members a chance to learn about art from recognized speakers and creates a sense of community and fellowship through League activities.

If you are a current DMA member and wish to add the League to your membership, please email the Museum at league@dma.org, and the membership team will gladly take care of you.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER**

Don’t forget that your League Membership and your DMA membership have the very same anniversary/renewal date. Join or renew both at the same time on the DMA website (DMA.org). Click *support, *membership, *levels and benefits, then click on *DMA members to renew your DMA membership first and then click on *A la Carte Additions to renew your DMA League membership. For additional assistance, call the League Hotline at 214-922-1235.

**ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN THE LEAGUE AS WELL!!**

**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK NOW!

Search “DMA League”, join our group, and presto...you are now a Facebook member! This gives you access to the most recent updates on League activities and other news during these ever changing times. For more information contact Regina Bruce at rgnbruce172@icloud.com or phone her at 214-415-4915.

**VISIT THE DMA LEAGUE ON FACEBOOK TO SEE THE LATEST HAPPENINGS**
Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

LOOKING AHEAD

February 22, 2021
League Members Only Meeting
Award-winning architect Covin Matei, founding
partner of the Matei Studio in New York.

May 3, 2021
League/Docent Joint Meeting
Cubism in Color: The Still Lifes of Juan Gris

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