President’s Greeting

Ho, Ho, Ho and welcome to the holiday season! This is my favorite time of the year. Everywhere you look you see people celebrating family and friends while enjoying all of the beautiful decorations. I hope you will make time to visit the DMA to experience *speechless: different by design*. It is truly a remarkable exhibit and will open your eyes to experiencing the world differently. The League was treated to a private viewing before the November program.

In November Erin Cluley, of Erin Cluley Gallery, hosted a League Happy Hour in the gallery to see the Nic Nicosia show. Nic is the speaker for our May 4, 2020 program. Everyone had a great time and Nic was charming.

January will feature Rick Brettell as the program speaker. Rick has done many things in his career and has some great stories, so please plan to attend on January 13. You won’t want to miss the luncheon afterwards because we have a big surprise planned. If you want to play a part in the surprise, make your lunch reservations as soon as you get this newsletter.

*Art in Bloom* is in full swing. Shane Connolly will delight and regale you with stories and his British wit. He might even do flowers on the stage. Please go to the website and purchase your table or tickets so you don’t miss out. This is the direct link to Art in Bloom: www.dmaartinbloom.org which has all of the details about the event.

Please make sure you are signed up as a member of the League Facebook Group, so you can keep up with all League activities and see all of the photos from the events.

I hope you have a happy and fun holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Dyann Skelton

President, DMA League
DMA League Meeting and Luncheon

Monday, January 13, 2020
10:00 a.m. coffee; 10:30 a.m. meeting
Dallas Museum of Art, Horschow Auditorium

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an art critic? Are you looking for insights on the cultural landscape of Dallas? Come learn from Dallas’s own Rick Brettell, renowned art historian, professor, art critic, and international art consultant, as he shares personal stories from the fascinating world of art in an intimate, fireside-chat style conversation. Dr. Richard Brettell is the Margaret McDermott Distinguished Professor of Art and Aesthetics at The University of Texas at Dallas. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Yale University. Prior to UTD, Dr. Brettell taught at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, Yale University, and Harvard University. He served as the McDermott Director of the Dallas Museum of Art and has advised and consulted for museums both nationally and internationally with projects in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Following our meeting, League Members are invited to enjoy a special League Luncheon in the Museum. As a reminder, the beautiful table floral centerpieces created by our talented Hospitality Committee will once again be available for purchase for $30 each and ready to take home after our luncheon.

This year’s signature fundraiser has a true royal connection thanks to featured speaker Shane Connolly, the floral genius behind the wedding of TRH’s The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Awarded a Royal Warrant of Appointment by HRH The Prince of Wales and a second Royal Warrant of Appointment by HM The Queen, Connolly’s list of prestigious clients include London’s Victoria & Albert Museum and the Royal Academy of Arts.

Art in Bloom Chair Therese Rourk and her committee are putting together an event that will elaborate on all things royal including an elegant seated luncheon, amazing auction and more. As in the past, a special exhibition of floral arrangements paired and placed beside paintings in the Museum’s permanent European collection are being created by a select group of floral designers. Art in Bloom benefits the DMA’s educational programs and the League’s Floral Endowment Fund. We are pleased to report that Art in Bloom 2020 is already enjoying brisk patron and table sales. To be included in printed materials, please reply by Thursday, January 2. For more details including individual ticket information, contact Edwina Gonzalez, Manager of Special Events, at ArtinBloom@DMA.org or 214-922-1800.

BREAKING NEWS
A DMA FIRST

An exciting auction will debut as part of Art in Bloom 2020! It will be managed by Bidding for Good, an exclusive online silent auction platform which has enjoyed outstanding fundraising results.

Stay tuned for more details!
DMA League Pop Up Party


November’s first ever DMA League Pop Up Art Cocktail Hour at the Erin Cluley Gallery in the Design District featured Dallas artist Nic Nicosia. His current exhibition offers a compelling look into how life is full of bugs, featuring sculpture, drawing, and photography made over the past three years. League Members enjoyed a special evening together visiting with friends, sipping wine, and viewing Nicosia’s exciting new art. Nic Nicosia will be our featured League speaker on May 4th, 2020. Thank you, Joanie Smith, for organizing this fun and important event, and thank you also to Erin Cluley for hosting us!
HAMPTON’S TRIP ALMOST SOLD OUT

Just a few spots remain open for the DMA League’s exciting trip to The Hamptons from June 11-15, 2020. Co-chairs Pat McDonough and Suzy Simons have added yet another interesting highlight to this very chic trip to historic Southampton, New York. The well-known restoration architect Larry Jones will take League members on a private tour of his recently completed residential project in The Hamptons. This much-talked-about architectural gem was created out of antique barns that were joined together into an amazing residential showplace. This opportunity coupled with special events at the Parrish Art Museum assure those attending of a most memorable trip. League Members will also love tours of some very special private homes, a visit to one of NY’s top vineyards, as well as great dining and unbeatable shopping!

For more information and to register, please contact Michaela Colangelo at 202-244-1448 or email her at michaela.colangelo@isdtravel.com

Register now! Limited spots available!!

Social Media Update

Regina Bruce

Since August 2019 when the League’s Facebook Group Page first went LIVE, we have gone from Zero to over 325 members! This increase is awesome! THANK YOU! We are now able to share news, articles, updates, event information, and pictures with our members and other invited guests who would like to learn more about the important work we are doing to support the arts and our treasured Museum in Dallas on a very timely basis. Please continue to invite your friends to join our FB Group Page.

On behalf of the entire DMA League Board and Communications Committee, we wish to thank Regina Bruce for starting our new Facebook page and also for all the absolutely beautiful photographs she takes of all of us at each and every one of our DMA League events and which you see in full color in each of our Newsletters. Just so you know, Regina also posts many of these photos as well on our Facebook Page. So be sure to take a look! Thank you, Regina, for all you do to support the League Newsletter and our DMA League!
November Meeting and Luncheon Highlights

How fortunate we were to welcome Sarah Schleuning, the DMA’s Margot B. Perot Senior Curator of Decorative Arts and Design, as our guest speaker for the November League Meeting. Inspired and also challenged by her young son’s reluctance to talk as a toddler, Sarah spent the last several years planning an exhibition at the DMA that would offer visitors of all backgrounds and abilities opportunities to explore new ways to communicate beyond speech and words. Created in collaboration with six different designers, scholars, and scientists, *speechless: different by design* presents visitors highly interactive, multi-sensory, and immersive experiences to discover wordless ways to connect to the world around us. A lovely luncheon in the Atrium followed Sarah’s presentation.
Look What’s New at the DMA!!!

Wanda Koop, Deep Bay, 2019; River, 2019
Sandra Cinto, Encounter of waters, 2012

Now on view, the DMA presents two exciting solo exhibitions debuting new works by Canadian painter Wanda Koop and Brazilian artist Sandra Cinto. Concentrations 62: Wanda Koop, Dreamline, the first US solo museum exhibition for the artist, features eight new paintings from her Dreamline series of landscapes, accompanied by more than 20 preparatory paintings from the past twenty years. Koop’s richly colored canvases straddle abstraction and figuration, the real and the imagined, the personal and the political. Titled Dreamline after an airplane model, the series consists of paintings whose perspective resembles the view from an airplane window, looking out at sparsely populated worlds. The land- and cityscapes are unnaturally hued and are disrupted by drips of paint that recall windowpanes and tear drops, suggesting the uncertain relationship between humankind and nature. On view through February 2, 2020, Focus II Gallery, Admission is free.

Sandra Cinto has transformed the Concourse hall with Landscape of a Lifetime, a 153-foot mural covering the walls and ceiling in 24 shades of blue, shifting from dark to light to give the impression of the transition from night to day. Viewers are instantly immersed in a lyrical landscape of intricately hand-drawn lines and celestial forms, punctuated by canvases with the same motifs of stars and clouds, rendered in gorgeous detail. Low-level audio of sounds recorded by the artist of waterfalls, rustling leaves, and crickets playing in the Concourse further enhances the artist’s investigation of life and natural cycles. When you pass through the experience, the artist asks that you “breathe a little, take your time, and enjoy the moment.” On view now through July 5, 2020. Admission is free.

Both exhibitions are curated by Dr. Anna Katherine Brodbeck, Hoffman Family Senior Curator of Contemporary Art. “I am thrilled to share the work of Wanda Koop and Sandra Cinto with our audiences this fall. These veteran international artists offer poetic reflections on the interconnection between humans and nature. Their works celebrate the beauty of the world around us while also making us more aware of our impact on and place within that world, a lesson with particular resonance for us today.”
Petal Power

DMA League Floral Committee consists of five teams, each with a captain and led by two committee chairs, Sue Flynn and Katherine Phillips. While our primary charter is to make floral arrangements for three locations in the Museum, we also share floral design skills and techniques and strive to improve our proficiency as teams and as one large committee, resulting in blossoming friendships enjoying fun times together. Team 1 met on Halloween Eve at Janet Hoffman’s home. We had a fabulous bonding experience and each team is planning similar events. You will fit right in if you have any desire to be creative with flowers and friends. Please contact Sue Flynn at sflynn.floralend@gmail.com.

Holiday Shopping at the DMA

Browse an extensive collection of art-related titles, discover the latest offerings and ideas in contemporary design, or check out the collectible treasures representative of the Museum’s collection. Offering a wide variety of unique children's items, gifts, jewelry, textiles, and prints, the Museum Store is a valuable resource to nourish the art enthusiast in us all.

All purchases support the exhibitions, educational programming, and activities of the Dallas Museum of Art and DMA Members receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced store items!!
Dates to Remember

Monday, January 13, 2020
  General Meeting
  A Fireside Chat with Richard R. Brettell, Founding Director, The Edith O’Donnell Institute of Art History and the Margaret McDermott Distinguished Chair

Monday, February 24, 2020
  General Meeting
  Fashion, Fabric, Furniture in the DMA’s Permanent Collection with Annette Becker, Director Texas Fashion Collection, University of North Texas

Monday, March 2, 2020
  Art in Bloom

Monday, May 4, 2020
  General Meeting
  The World of a Contemporary Artist with Nic Nicosia

June 11-15, 2020
  Southampton, New York
  League Overnight Trip

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