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Who We Are

The Duluth Art Institute enriches daily life with dynamic, innovative visual arts programming that upholds excellence and promotes inclusive community participation.

But I Never Shared My Art Christina Woods



We all have that box tucked in a sacred place being filled with the things we keep. They hold a ticket from a daughters' first symphony or doodles on dinner napkins smudged with BBQ sauce and butter. Only for us, these boxes hold treasures plundered from each of our exquisite histories.

The summer of my 11th year, I discovered the creative process. One of my dearest memories materializes in a little wooden house in the middle of a long, looped driveway; it was my childhood home. This world was where I rode horses through alfalfa fields with only a blanket for a saddle, built forts from odd sized scrap lumber, rolled the soft lilt of French over my tongue, sewed my very first two-piece bathing suit by hand with leftover scraps of fabric, and read every old, musty encyclopedia volume from the basement. I listened to Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Janis Joplin, and Kiss on my Radio Shack record player. Until recently, I had not realized that I captured that world

with my pencil and crayons on blank sheets of paper with all of the imagination I could muster.

From boxes with squished corners and dented tops emerged the art projects inspired by my year 11. Memories of this art making came flooding back: this one was inspired by Bambi and it was enlarged three times the size of the book cover. Another was a geometric drawing of all my forts with the details of the items inside. The next was a pony bucking. It was my pony, Blue, and he bucked all the time! I wondered how I learned to enlarge, draw 3-D, and action. This was 1980 and the talk about computers in every home would not happen for six more years, let alone actually happen for another decade. And, why did I never share my art?

The circles on the opposite page present a sneak peak of the upcoming 63rd Arrowhead Regional Biennial. Do you recognize any artists?



Come see what opens up for you...

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In my role now, I know the beauty of art lies not in its ability to meet the expectation of the audience, but rather in its ability to help them see the world in a beautiful new way. Seeing my childhood through my art was profound in unexplainable ways, like the experience patrons have when viewing art in our galleries. The sharing of art is the sharing of stories. The expected becomes unexpected with each person's unique, historical lens, often connecting us to our own box of treasures. Come see what opens up for you at the Duluth Art Institute.



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Tia Keobounpheng
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Tignon
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What is to Come

Amy Varsek Exhibitions Director

Michael Letts (DAI exhibiting artist, Fall 2021) began working on his *Closer to the Wild* monoprints well before the pandemic arrived. Letts' monoprints reflect the impact of how our lives are lived more and more on a screen, through glass and literally flattened, in contrast to life lived closer to the wild.

In hindsight, this social commentary on the flattening of our world into screens seems like a premonition. To stay connected while instructed to stay at home, we were forced online. We turned on a screen for work meetings, class lessons, book clubs, and holiday celebrations. Zoom fatigue became the new normal and in my household, as was in others, we went outside for respite. Evening strolls around the neighborhood for me and my son turned into

What will we embrace?

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"walks of fate." We flipped a coin at each corner—tails left, heads right. Sometimes we were home in 5 minutes, other times a two-hour journey introduced us to neighbors we never met before.

As our world settles into a postpandemic structure, what will we embrace? Have we come to peace with our reliance on technology while balancing our need to ensconce ourselves in nature? Have we discovered connection through our collective isolation or has the divide grown and deepened beyond healing? We look ahead to the DAI's upcoming exhibitions with a new lens. The work on view in the coming year was conceived of and selected before Covid-19 was a thought in our minds. In remembering this, we can grant an offering of grace and freedom. Freedom for artists to bring work outside of their original 2018 proposals and the grace to learn from what the artists have to show and teach us. Here is a look at what is to come in 2022:

Image Credit: Michael Letts, "Egg Man," acrylic monoprint on canvas, 2020, 18" x 24".



Robert Patrick Painter

Robert Patrick creates symbolic paintings on canvas tarpaulin that chronicle the artist's perceptions and experiences. Patrick notes, "I paint fantasy environments as metaphors for landscapes of the mind, the imagery a product of combining senses shaped not only by light, but by sounds, smells, touch, and taste."

www.robertpatrick.org @robertpatrickart

Wynn Davis Painter

Wynn Davis' mixed media paintings reflect emotions and moments he experiences while traveling by foot through midwestern urban centers and natural environments.

www.davisdrawing.blogspot.com

Kristen Kaas Textile Artist

Kristen Kaas works with techniquedriven ideas that give way to the movement, pattern, and handwork in weaving.

www.kristenkaas.com @kristenkaas

Elizabeth Livensperger Painter/Installation Artist

Elizabeth Livensperger's ink and graphite installation drawings capture the complexities of life for working women. Livensperger says, "I wanted to make a body of work reflecting the complexity and richness of this moment, acknowledging an ongoing struggle for respect and parity while celebrating perseverance."

bethlivensperger.com @blivensperger

Marjorie Fedyszyn Mixed Media Artist

Through abstracted sculpture, painting, and installations, Fedyszyn explores emotions of power, loss, love, and vulnerability.

www.marjoriefedyszyn.com @marjoriefedyszyn

Twin Ports Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Collective Photographers and Writers

An emerging exhibition documenting individual narratives by members of the Twin Ports Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Collective community. Photos, videography, podcasts, and poetry reveal truths about being Asian American and explore the sense of identity arising from a common thread of displacement.

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Christopher Harrison Mixed Media Artist

Christopher Harrison's twodimensional and sculptural work is inspired by Jacob Lawrence's Migration series. "I look to challenge myself to research and develop new work that expands on the unheralded histories and transformations of people of African descent," says Harrison. "It's important to share the anecdotes of struggle and perseverance that have defined the Black race in a conceptual and impactful way."

www.harrisonartstudio.net

Avigail Manneberg Painter

Avigail Manneberg's large scale paintings examine the meaning of home. The Minnesota-based artist was born and raised in Israel and explains, "At present I am a stranger: every community sees me and defines me differently. I use my situation as an outsider to raise questions about the concept of home...[exploring] different sites of connection: a physical place, a cultural connection, my parents, and community."

www.avigailmanneberg.com

Steven Lemke and Kelsie Ward Sculptors/Installation Artists

Steven Lemke and Kelsie Ward use experimental processes and materials such as polystyrene, cast epoxy, plywood, and house paint. Together they describe their creations as "undulating, landscapelike surfaces that evoke mutual themes of place and the artificiality of our increasingly constructed environments."

www.stevenlemke.com www.kelsieward.com

Image Credit: (*Top row, from left to right*) Christopher Harrison, "Two Tribes (A Great War)"; Wynn Davis, "Flag"; Robert Patrick, "Mask"; Kristen Kaas, "Color Block Rya." (*Bottom row from left to right*) Steven Lemke, "Deconstructed Paradise"; Avigail Manneberg, "Loss"; Elizabeth Livensperger, "Your Mother Does Not Work Here." All images are detail shots of the original artwork.





Image Credit: Roshan Ganu, "The Peripatetic Hamilton Building," found letterpress drawer, mixed media, 2020, 32.5" x 16" x 1.5".

Artist Talks

Tia Keobounpheng & Karlyn Atkinson Berg: July 30, 2021, 4:30-6:30рм Chesley Antoinette: August 4, 2021, 5:00-6:30рм

The DAI Annual Member Show

August 17-September 26, 2021 Ribbon Cutting: August 17, 2021, 3:00PM Reception: September 15, 2021, 6:30-8:00PM

The Annual Member Show is the Duluth Art Institute's most celebrated event of the year. This exhibition showcases a creative, inspirational, and moving collection of art highlighting DAI members' artistic endeavors over the past year. Members' work matters to the community, and this show promises to be unlike any other. We are excited to bring community together in celebration with a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting. Please save the date for this unique art opening event on August 17 at 3PM. We anticipate over 150 pieces of two-dimensional and sculptural art, with many pieces available for sale.

Drop-off dates are Monday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 10, 2021, with after-show pick-up days starting Monday, September 27. Member pre-registration is required for participation. Watch your email and the DAI website for directions as August approaches.

Lincoln Park Building Grand Re-Opening

August 21, 2021, 1:00-5:00PM

Celebrate creativity and community during the Duluth Art Institute Lincoln Park Building Grand Re-Opening. Explore everything the building has to offer with self-guided studio tours, live demonstrations, and make-and-take art projects. Shop the DAI art supply sale and find your new favorite coffee mug at the ceramic studio sale. Finally, cool off with ice cream from the Love Creamery Cart and dig into some plant-based globally inspired cuisine from the MamaRoots food truck.

DAI Annual Masquerade Gala

October 9, 2021

Show your support for the Duluth Art Institute, Roaring 20s style. We are bringing back some classic DAI Gala elements including silent auction packages, heads and tails, and a Fund-a-Need program. Inspired by the success of the 2020 Virtual Gala, the 2021 Gala offers a multilevel ticket option, exciting raffle items, and a once-in-a-lifetime afterparty experience you will not want to miss. The 1920s were a decade of growth and celebration and the 2020s are quickly trending this way, too. Save the date for the Duluth Art Institute Annual Masquerade Gala.

The Masquerade Gala is the DAI's premier annual event and fundraiser. With visual art exhibitions, art classes for all ages, and artist services such as professional development and networking, the DAI serves 68,000 artists and art lovers in the region and throughout the state. Funding from the Gala supports bringing art to and inspiring art in everyone. Watch the website for more details.

CLASSES

Image Credit: (bottom of this page)

installation. Other images taken during

Chesley Antoinette with Tignon

Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop with Matt Kania

Friday, July 23, 5:30-8:30PM Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25, 9:00AM-4:00PM Locations to be determined Ages 16+ Member cost: \$150 Non-member cost: \$170

Expand your plein air toolkit and working methods with this intensive two-and-a-half-day workshop with award-winning painter Matt Kania. Matt demonstrates important plein air skills, including how to evaluate a plein air scene, how to mix correct colors and values, and how to work from palette to canvas. Go beyond basic skills and become a more confident and experienced plein air painter with both group and individual instruction to ensure a pathway toward better paintings.

Exhibiting Artist Workshop: Heart of the Head Wrap with Chesley Antoinette

Thursday, August 5 Ages 16+ All other details to be announced

Learn to sculpt headwraps with exhibiting artist Chesley Antoinette. Each workshop participant receives a scarf to sculpt and embellish, inspired by the collection of headwraps on view in Tignon. As participants incorporate their personal style, they will learn the history of the 1786 Tignon Law and uncover how the headwrap became a symbol of rebellion in Louisiana—subverting intentional oppression by enhancing beauty, intelligence, and adaptability.

Exhibiting Artist Workshop: Measure the Earth with Tia Keobounpheng

Saturday, July 31 Location: Leif Erickson Park Ages 16+ All other details to be announced

Work alongside artist Tia Keobounpheng to create an immersive temporary outdoor installation in Leif Erickson Park. Using non-invasive metal stakes that twist into the ground and bright fluorescent construction tape, participants will measure out a geometric pattern across the land to "measure the earth."

Free ArtDAI

Saturday, August 21 11:00AM-12:30PM Location: Online All ages welcome

Get ready to zoom into the next Free ArtDAI. Free ArtDAI is an inclusive art-at-home class held over Zoom. Makers of all ages will dive into two exciting art-making activities taught by Deborah May and Roshan Ganu (both 2021 exhibiting artists). All supplies are provided in kits to be picked up from the DAI ahead of time. Adult supervision and assistance is recommended for young participants.

Youth Art History Camp with Megan Finegan

9:00АМ-12:00РМ Ages 6-11 Member cost: \$150

Explore new creative processes understanding of the world through surrounding art. Campers will learn Riley, and Mark Bradford.

Watercolor Workshop with **David Becker**

Friday, August 27, & Saturday, August 28, 9:00AM-4:00PM Location: DAI Lincoln Park Building Ages 16+ Member cost: \$275 Non-member cost: \$325

Learn watercolor painting from beginning to end. Take control of the watercolor medium and learn all skills needed to create wellcomposed paintings. Painters at every level will enjoy this workshop. All supplies included.

Register at duluthartinstitute.org

Location: DAI Lincoln Park Building Non-member cost: \$200

by imitating and expanding upon contemporary and historic artists' methods. Campers will study a variety of artists who have shaped and are still shaping our their art. Multiple mixed-media projects will be created throughout the week, inspired by artists who have been left out of conversations about artists that are not often taught in traditional art classrooms such as Heather Hansen, Bridget

Monday, August 2-Friday, August 6,

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Member Spotlight

Sam Zimmerman



I am an artist and the Director of Special Education at Harbor City International School. For many years, I lived and worked in New York, teaching art to children with disabilities. The demands of my job left little energy for painting, and I took a fifteen-year break from making artwork. Feeling as though I was missing something in my life, I packed up and traveled to go hiking in Alaska. This trip reignited my art-making practice.

My paintings feature oral histories or dreams that I have experienced along the North Shores of St. Louis, Cook, and Lake counties. My pieces include elements of the Woodland school style while also incorporating my stylized applications of layers of colors and

landscape shapes. The Duluth artist community has been so warm and supportive of me and my latest collections of paintings. Both the Lizzards and AICHO Indigenous First galleries have been so incredibly generous with their time and encouragement.

Why did you become a member?

Other artists recommended I become a member of DAI after seeing a focus on the inclusion of BIPOC artists in the programs and exhibitions. My paintings preserve, honor, and teach the cultural lessons of the Ojibwe to increase our visibility not only within the arts but also as the ancestral stewards of the region.

How has art impacted you or your community?

During the pandemic, my paintings focused on capturing the oral histories shared by my family, friends, and others preserving them. I have been inspired by BIPOC artists whose work now appears locally on health-based billboards and on facial coverings. Recently, my designs were translated from canvas to public health coloring sheets using English and Oijbwemowin. Art allows me to pause, step back, and reflect, and I hope my paintings offer the same experience to others.

As an art enthusiast, what opportunities do you find at the DAI?

I am excited about the upcoming 63rd Arrowhead Regional Biennial exhibition and the DAI Annual Member Show.

Follow Sam Zimmerman on Facebook and Instagram (@CraneSuperior)

[®] MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to our current members. Membership is vital to the DAI, supporting education programs, exhibitions, and

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MUSINGS

"We need art!"—Lincoln Park revitalization grows out of key insight

Shannon Laing
Main Street Lincoln Park Program Director

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"We need art."
This was the realization of business owners,

city and county officials, and neighborhood residents gathered several years ago to brainstorm ways to revive the disinvested, overlooked Lincoln Park business district. Several public art projects came forth, from painted crosswalks to sculptures. Due to cost constraints, these ideas for new public art nestled into the "someday" list.

Frost River was the first business to invest in public art, working in collaboration with DAI Artist-in-Residence Paul LaJeunesse to complete a mural along 19th Avenue West. This mural chronicles the history of the Lincoln Park district, documenting the transformation as a result of colonization and industrialization. The unexpected splash of vibrant color prompts a pause, a further consideration of the neighborhood. This is the change LaJeunesse's mural ignited.

Since LaJeunesse's mural project in 2017, art is popping up all over Lincoln Park, making it a prime example of the powerful impact of public art. The corner park, previously overgrown with trees and filled with litter, is now home to tile work and a stage backdrop installation by Kirsten Aune, Jon Finkle's Torii Arch, and a mural by Ann Klefstad. With two cideries, two breweries, two restaurants, and one ice cream shop ago, this space now invites people to come together daily to catch a breeze under the tree canopy, take a lunch break, and be a tourist. Art also inspires people to care for the park because the contrast is very noticeable when it is unkept.

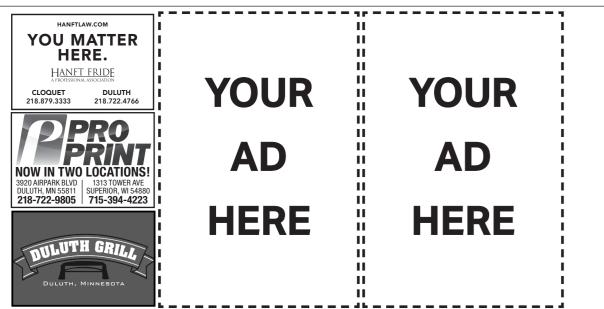
Lincoln Park neighborhood art includes an array of stories—a practice that sets new standard: the practice of telling absent narratives. This reflection of diversity in the community lifts up all genders, all cultures, and all lived experiences. Even the variety of artistic style lends itself to accessibility of ideas. For example, the Seafarer's Center is painted with art by Moira Villiard using realistic imagery to illustrate important facets of Anishinaabe culture. Jonathan Thunder's mural (now deinstalled) expressed Anishinaabe culture through abstract symbolism.

Public art is a pillar of thriving communities because it is an investment in the community.

Art reflects community identities and values. It kindles a fire for conversation. It lights up social contexts with opportunity to manifest an environment truly open to all. Public art reminds us of the good and encourages us to take care of our community.

Shannon Laing, Main Street Lincoln Park Program Director, is responsible for all facets of the Ecolibrium3 brand, media relations, social media, as well as marketing for the Lincoln Park neighborhood. Laing facilitates monthly Main Street Lincoln Park meetings and is the first point of contact at Ecolibrium3 for all things Lincoln Park. She is a member of the Lincoln Park Middle School Leadership Team and serves as an advisor for the Lincoln Park Business Group. She counts new boulevard trees, a neighborhood gift card program, and connecting neighborhood businesses as the biggest achievements in the last year, and it is her goal to make Lincoln Park the most art-accessible neighborhood in Duluth.





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The St. Louis County Depot is open and free to the public with new hours: 10AM-5PM, seven days a week. For the best experience visiting the DAI galleries, please download a QR code reader and the Smartify app prior to visiting.

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Metered parking for the Depot is available on city streets, and the Library/Depot Pay Lot - 502 W Michigan Street. A bus transit center is two blocks away with year-round access, and DAI is also accessible by the Port Town Trolley in summer months.

Parking for events occuring after 5PM is free.

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The DAI Ceramics Studio, Printmaking Studio, and multiuse classrooms are located at the Lincoln Park Building.

For the Lincoln Park Building, a small parking lot is available on the West side of the building, as well as free on-street parking.



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