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The things I love thinking about are art, art ecosystems, artists, and art enthusiasts. I spent 6 hours on Wednesday in conversation with an artist deep diving into these very topics. It left me inspired and hopeful as we reminded each other about the [power of art.](#)

Since 2017, the Duluth Art Institute worked to speed up an evolution that started with its founders and lasted through the leadership eras of Bob DeArmond, John Steffl, Kat Eldred,

Samantha Roth, and Anne Dugan. The team took a hard look at the barriers facing artists and art enthusiasts and began dismantling them.

A major shift occurred when we realized the work was about decolonization. Solidarity was the path. The very first changes made included what stories were amplified and how we *create dialog vs. classifying knowledge*. As a small team, we used our nimbleness to make meaningful changes. The relationships started to grow, even through the pandemic. We noticed you looking to the Duluth Art Institute for answer to your questions, to build a shared community, and as a place to share your truths. [The DAI started using art for creating social change and opportunities for underrepresented people.](#) We continue this work in our Northeast Minnesota communities to *amplify diverse voices* in the region.

The Duluth Art institute is where art and community come together to build new ideas, open minds, and ignite creativity. [A recent interview of author Amy Herman by the CBS Morning Show highlights how looking at art improves critical thinking.](#) Using art to see boosts observation, perception, and communication skills. We strive to be the destination you visit to enhance your life and learning. The Duluth Art Institute's hardiness makes it an incredible asset to the area.

You power the DAI in all it does. The Duluth Art Institute exists for you and because of you and your DAI is on the cusp of big things! We have set out on an ambitious 2023 with more stories, classes, and artist business development.

Here are a few Highlights:

- HD Art Scanner
- Vinyl Cutter
- [18 Exhibitions](#)
- [Online Gallery- Smartify](#)
- Award Winning Classes for Youth
- Art Practice Classes for Emotional Well Being
- [BIPOC Artist page](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Artist page](#)

Your dedication and support help us do more. Here are many ways you can give to the DAI before the end of the year and beyond:

- [Make a one-time year-end gift](#)
- [Become a member](#)
- [Take classes](#)
- [Purchase art on exhibition](#)
- Sponsor an event, exhibition or place an ad in [HUE](#)
- Name the Duluth Art Institute in your will or estate plan

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January 2022- December 29, 2022

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