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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Throughout the hallways of the lower level studios at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC), Sheboygan-based painter Timon Tupper has revamped the walls into psychedelic modern grayscale murals.

"The people I work with wanted to change up the boring white walls, so they decided to pick a few different shades of gray," says Tupper, who has been working in maintenance at the renowned Arts Center for 12 years. "Well, why have just boring gray walls?"

Tupper decided to paint unique gray geometric designs on each wall instead. As Tupper approached this new project, he challenged himself to create a design on each wall more complex and elaborate than the last. He started last January and will continue to work through the next six months. While JMKAC's lower level isn't typically open to visitors, guests may request a tour to see Tupper's work.

In his current project, Tupper uses latex paint and painter's tape to get precise lines and details. "Drawing on paper with a pencil and an eraser is my favorite 'medium,'" Tupper says. "It's the most basic way to get an idea put down on paper." He sketches up to 10 different versions before he starts painting, taking influences from the geometry of

everyday life. "I'm inspired by pop art from the '60s and optical illusions," Tupper says. "I also like looking at how geometric patterns have mathematical qualities in them."

Ever since Tupper was a child, he has been filling up sketchbooks and dabbling in different mediums. In college, his comics were published in Milwaukee's Shepherd Express. He also worked for the Sheboygan Press, where he created illustrations and editorial cartoons.

Whether it's illustrative, graphic or geometric art, Tupper's work shares commonalities from piece to piece. "When I work on a project, each one contributes to that improvement on the next piece." His analysis of his work allows him to fully appreciate his own ever-evolving style as well as the work of others. "I can stare at something I did a long time ago and get happy the more I look at it," Tupper says. "Even when I look at other people's work, I like it the more I look at it."

Tupper continues to feature his work in exhibitions at JMKAC, and he had his stencil work featured at Eyebuzz Fine Art Gallery in New York. He also had paintings at Paradigm Coffee and Music in Sheboygan and t-shirts he designed on sale at the coffee shop. See more of Timon Tupper's work on Instagram @timontupper.

— By Hibah Ansari

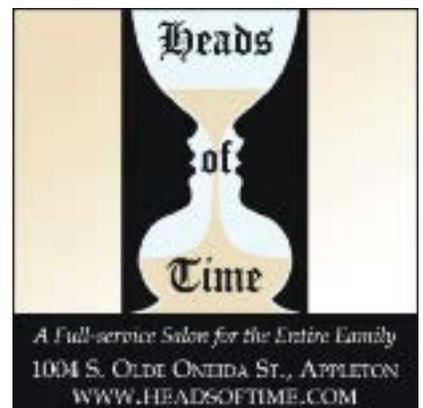
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National Railroad Museum



Inside the passenger cars at the National Railroad Museum, it is easy to step back in time. The car gently rocks. The paint colors, the atmosphere, the furnishings are just as they were when the car was in use. And between these walls, excited children and their families are immersed into the past.



Established in 1956, the National Railroad Museum's mission is to inspire lifelong learning

by providing dynamic educational opportunities through the preservation of railroad objects, engaging exhibits and innovative programs. As the only Congressionally-designated museum of any type in the upper Midwest and the only Congressionally-designated railroad museum in the country, the National Railroad Museum is uniquely able to fulfill its mission through a variety of immersive experiences, educational programs and exhibits that are set on and around a variety of restored vintage rolling stock. Over 70 pieces of rolling stock, including passenger and freight cars and locomotives are on display as well as more than 100,000 historic railroad objects.

Over the last seven years, the Museum has experienced sustained growth. Besides an 89 percent increase in education programs, we have seen a 43 percent growth in community events at the Museum and an 18 percent increase in our object collections, resulting in a 31 percent increase in total Museum attendance. With more than 92,000 visitors in 2016 – 43 percent of whom came from outside Brown County, 39 percent from throughout the United States and 5 percent from outside the United States – the Museum attracts tourists from all 50 states and more than 40 countries

including Germany, Switzerland, Australia, India, Japan, China, and the United Kingdom. It also anchors four developing entertainment districts in Green Bay, bringing \$9.2 million into our region this year alone.

Ready to embody its national designation and meet the needs of a strong, growing visitorship, the National Railroad Museum is fundraising for a \$20 million dollar addition that will be the first of three campaigns to redevelop the Museum's grounds and facilities. Meant to create an environment that truly inspires, the world-class facility will be comparable to other national museums and iconic buildings such as the Sydney Opera House and the Milwaukee Art Museum. The roundhouse design will exhibit the trains, a wing where visitors may watch rolling stock restoration, and a large space for the community to gather and for students of every age to learn. It will also



house a mezzanine that will display smaller railroading artifacts while overlooking ground floor activities.

Expected to bring more than 200,000 people to the area during its first six months, the first phase addition is a major step in creating a more significant destination in the Fox Valley area. Iconic architecture will give way to immersive, meaningful experiences that will connect visitors to the past and each other.

To contribute to the project or to learn more, go to www.nrmcapitalcampaign.org.



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MUST-SEE MUSIC



Claire Huangci

Stayin' Alive January 14

The largest production of its kind, with big-screen video clips and dazzling imagery, the songs and sights of a full Bee Gees playlist. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.



FVSO's Winter Featuring Claire Huangci February 4

The Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform The Walk to Paradise Garden by Delius, followed by pianist Claire Huangci's rendition of Rachmaninoff and Mozart. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

newVoices' Cabaret on the Ave February 18

Talented singers featured in solos, small groups and the whole ensemble in an evening of sophisticated entertainment and downright campy humor. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience February 20

Immerse yourself in the sounds and memories of the 1960s in this all-new interactive concert experience where the audience creates the playlist for the night. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Lawrence University Jazz Series: Gerald Layton Trio February 24

In his trio with drummer Justin Brown and bassist Joe Sanders, Clayton blends diverse styles into a unique musical language. 8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6749.

Vic Ferrari with Steve March-Tormé March 10

With over 2,500 shows to their credit, Vic Ferrari has been a versatile and in-demand band in the Midwest since 1988. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Black Violin March 12

Black Violin is the blend of classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B and bluegrass, accompanied by DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.



Celtic Celebration Featuring Eileen Ivers March 18

A Grammy-awarded solo violinist, Eileen Ivers is also known for performing with the London Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops and Sting. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

Now I Become Myself March 25

The Lawrence Academy Girl Choir will perform a wide variety of choral music, taught by looking through the lens of growth, change, and transformation. 2 & 7pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6749.

Lawrence University Artist Series: Mnozil Brass March 29

Mnozil Brass is one of the world's premiere brass ensembles, selling out houses worldwide and captivating audiences with virtuosity and wit. 8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6749.



The MadHatters April 1

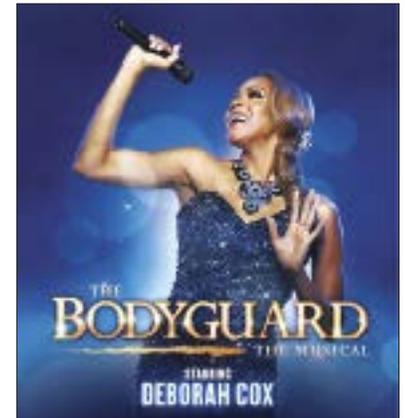
These 14 vocalists and vocal percussionists are a Wisconsin group whose musical prowess has taken them all over the country. 2pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.

Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet: The All- American Boy Concert April 8

The Appleton Boychoir celebrates baseball season with a playful concert featuring the music of home-town America and its favorite pastime. 4pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 955-2224.

FVSO Grand Finale with newVoices May 6

Two accomplished musical groups come together to bring the Sea Symphony to life in the closing of FVSO's 50th concert season. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.



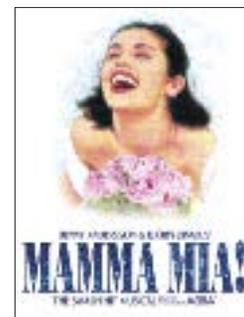
BROADWAY MUSICALS

The Bodyguard January 17-22

The award-winning musical based on the smash-hit film, starring Grammy® Award nominee and R&B superstar Deborah Cox. 17-20, 7:30pm; 21, 2pm & 7:30pm; 22, 1pm & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

Annie February 14

Leapin' lizards! The world's best-loved musical returns in time-honored form. Directed by Martin Charnin and choreographed by Liza Gennaro. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.



Mamma Mia! May 12-14

This smash-hit musical combines ABBA's greatest hits with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. 12, 7:30pm. 13, 2pm & 7:30pm. 14, 1pm & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

Information is subject to change; we recommend confirming dates and times with the organizer. To have your event considered for publication, submit online at foxcitiesmagazine.com.

ART & PERFORMANCE

Tent Show Radio Live with Michael Perry

January 14

Experience this radio show on stage, featuring Blue Canvas Orchestra and New York Times best-selling author and TSR host Michael Perry. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.



I and You

February 23-25

In this play by Lauren Gunderson, two classmates work together on a seemingly mundane poetry assignment that unlocks a much deeper mystery which brings them together. 7pm. UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, Menasha. 832-2646.

UW-Oshkosh Theatre: And Then There Were None

April 27-30

In this classic Agatha Christie murder mystery, statuettes of soldiers break one by one as eight houseguests succumb to a diabolical murderer. 27-29, 7:30pm. 30, 2pm. Fredric March Theatre, Oshkosh. 424-4417.



The Intergalactic Nemesis: Target Earth

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March 15

Radio play meets comic book in a one-of-a-kind live show, a live-action graphic novel perfect for audiences of all ages. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science

May 7

This follow-up to the smash hit "Edible Inevitable" tour combines songs, multimedia presentations, talk-show antics, and bigger and better, potentially dangerous food demonstrations. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.

An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin

March 24

Tomlin takes her audience on what the Washington Post calls a "wise and howlingly funny" trip with over a dozen of her timeless characters. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.

ArtRAGEOUS

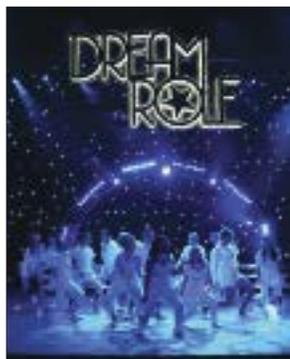
May 13

With captivating vocals, intricate choreography and exciting audience interaction, ArtRAGEOUS takes you on a unique visual journey. The ArtRAGEOUS troupe pays tribute to a variety of art forms, pop icons and musical genres. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Dream Role: Back to Broadway

April 27-30

Over 100 of the area's best talent come together to bring the house down with their favorite Broadway songs. 27-28, 7pm; 29, 2pm & 7pm; 30, 2pm. UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, Menasha. 832-2646.



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Windmill Quilt Show

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Show offers a great opportunity to increase traffic into the Windmill," she explains. "It is the first big attraction and allows people who love to quilt a chance to win prizes. Because of the great venue, those who don't want to watch the quilting can explore the historical displays." The winners of the show are voted on by viewers, so all are welcome to take part in this event. Those who choose to participate must pay an entry fee, but don't worry. This fee provides working capital for the Windmill and gives quilters

free entry to the show for the whole weekend and a tour of the historic site. For more information, contest rules and specific event times, visit focol.org/littlechutehistory.

— NW



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MOMENT IN TIME

Three exhibits pay tribute to significant anniversaries



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017 with a yearlong exploration of art environments titled "The Road Less Traveled." This series features 16 different exhibitions highlighting the works of 19 art-environment builders. It also incorporates writing and artwork produced by scholars, curators, musicians and theorists in response to the environments. This exhibition will run throughout 2017 from January 1-December 31.



SINKING OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

Over 39 years ago, a 729-foot freighter, the Edmund Fitzgerald, mysteriously wrecked and has since shaped Great Lakes history. The Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay is commemorating the 40th anniversary of the famous ship's sinking through a tribute exhibition which runs through April 17 in the Reddin Bridge Room of the museum.



WE WERE THERE!

Celebrating its 100th birthday, the New London Public Museum is featuring the exhibit "We Were There!" This local history journey shows how life has changed in New London over the past 100 years. From business and industry to sports and recreation, the exhibit will have a little bit of everything from the past century. The exhibit opens in mid-May.

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Latte Art Throwdown

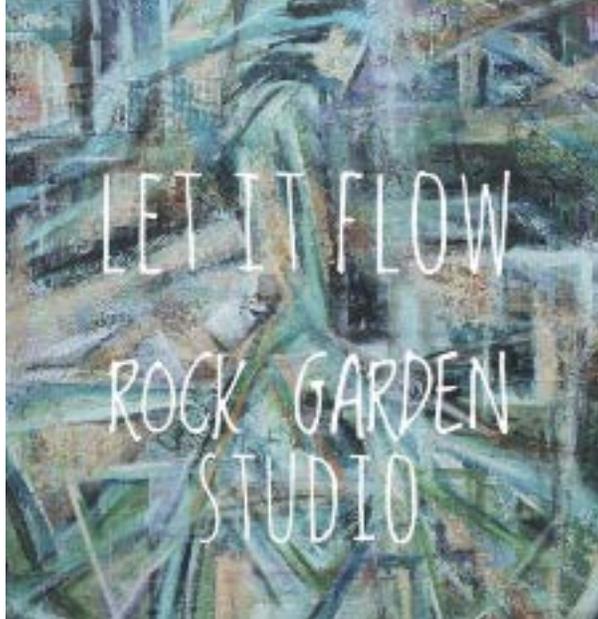
Maybe you've seen them on social media – intricate designs in the frothy brown and cream of a latte, drawn by the steady hand of a skilled barista. At Timshel Café in Neenah, you'll have the chance to witness these delicious creations for yourself at the Second Annual Latte Art Throwdown on April 8.

According to Noelle McGinnis, a manager at the cafe, "The best part [of latte art] is to wow the customer with a skill to make a really good cup of coffee." A unique contest of its kind for the Fox Cities area, the Latte Art Throwdown draws both baristas and coffee enthusiasts for some friendly competition and to celebrate the drink. At last year's event, 26 baristas came from all over the Fox Cities, and even from Door County, Minnesota and Milwaukee to compete in a bracket-style tournament.

Proceeds from the event benefit the community-building charity On the Ground's Project Congo, whose goal is to strengthen African coffee-farming families and their finances. Last year, the Latte Art Throwdown raised over \$2,000 for Project Congo, and Timshel Café hopes to exceed that amount this year.

The Throwdown will be held on April 8 from 5–7 p.m. Coffee, beer and cocktails will be provided. For ticket information, visit the event's Facebook page.

— RR



Event artwork by Rae Blom

Let It Flow Art Exhibit

Visual art and original music will collide at Let It Flow, a limited-run art exhibit at Rock Garden Studio in Appleton's historic Edison Center. From digital art and photography to painting and sculpture, the exhibit will feature works created by local artists as well as several visiting pieces from artists in the United Kingdom, France and India.

Jean Detjen, exhibit curator and event organizer, hopes the show will highlight the similarities between musical and visual art, while allowing guests to interact with a variety of artistic expressions.

"Adding visual art to the mix seems a natural fit. It will be a creative outlet to express emotion through the arts in a way that connects people to a common source of shared humanity," she says.

The production spaces at Rock Garden Studio will be transformed into an art gallery. It is the perfect venue, Detjen says, because both music and visual art strive to make an emotional connection with viewers.

"When conversation is difficult, it can be cathartic to say things with a song, a painting, a photograph or a poem," she says. "Providing more opportunities to share these parts of us creates stronger communities."

The exhibit runs January 13 through January 20 at Rock Garden Studio in Appleton. Visit the exhibit's Facebook event page for hours, special performances and updates.

— ACW

Divine Culture Returns

Five thousand years of Chinese history and mythology will be on full display at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton on February 14 and 15. Shen Yun, a leading classical Chinese dance and music company, has enthralled international audiences for over a decade with colorful costumes, vividly animated backdrops, a unique East-meets-West orchestra, and the athleticism and expressiveness of traditional Chinese dance.

Though the Shen Yun touring company is based in New York, where the artists have freer expression than they would in China, every element of the performance comes from Chinese art and culture. The traditions on display in this two and a half-hour show span across many different ethnic groups and thousands of years, with vignettes from every period of Chinese history.

Shen Yun is meant to share Chinese myths and legends with the world, especially to non-Chinese audiences. All the performances are presented in at least two languages, and bilingual emcees provide background information on each section of the performance. Families are welcome to bring children age 4 and up. For tickets and showtimes, visit foxcitiespac.com.



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Operation Lake Fly

Artists within the Oshkosh community are creating sculptures for Operation Lake Fly, a public art project that will debut this spring. The community-based project celebrates the lowly lake fly — the winged insect that descends upon the area by the trillions, usually in May, often to the annoyance of locals.

While many Oshkosh residents find the lake fly to be irksome, assistant city planner Alexa Naudziunas says the hidden affection for the insect inspired the project.

"Lake flies are unique to Oshkosh," Naudziunas says. "Not everyone likes them, but they indicate the start of summer which everyone loves. They are uniting a community."

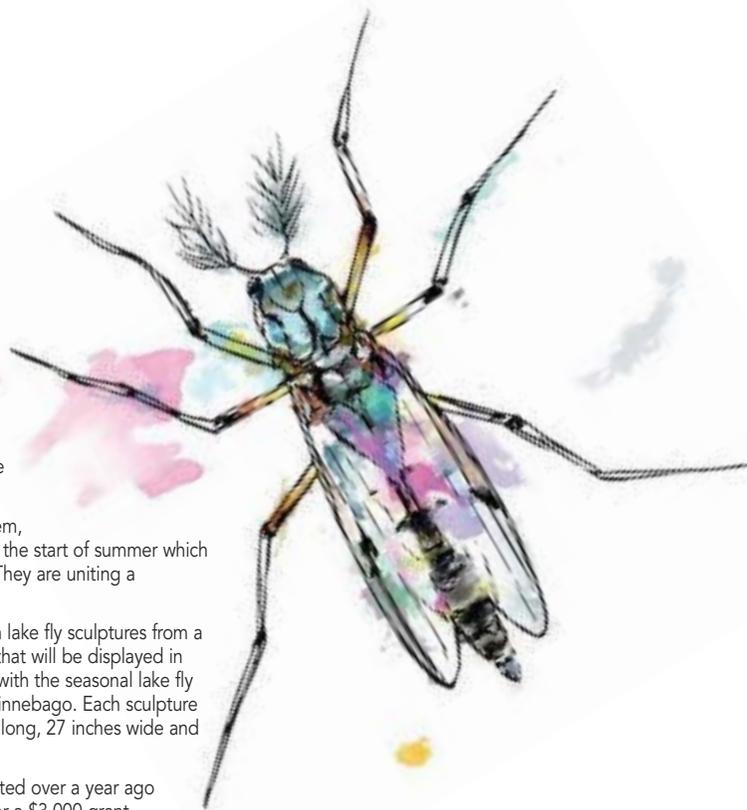
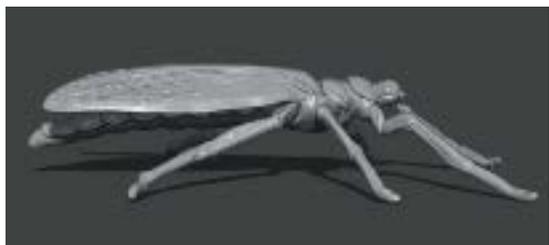
Artists will design lake fly sculptures from a common model that will be displayed in May to coincide with the seasonal lake fly hatch on Lake Winnebago. Each sculpture will be 49 inches long, 27 inches wide and 19 inches high.

"This project started over a year ago when I applied for a \$3,000 grant through the WEA trust for a community art project," Naudziunas says. "I ended up getting the grant and came up with the idea of the lake fly because of how huge they are in Oshkosh."

Some of the grant money contributed to the purchase of art supplies and construction materials for Oshkosh North and West High Schools to encourage student involvement. Artists from all over the Oshkosh area submitted their designs, which will be displayed at Oshkosh businesses and public spaces.

The project is a collaboration between Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the City of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau and Fox Valley Technical College. For more information, visit Operation Lake Fly's Facebook page.

— NW



DANCE & MOVEMENT

Be mesmerized by movement at these events.



SPECTRUM DANCE THEATER

February 10

Explore American tradition through ambitious, artistic movement. Founded in 1982, Spectrum Dance Theater is a modern dance company of the Pacific Northwest. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton.



SHAOLIN WARRIORS: THE LEGEND CONTINUES

March 9

In this theatrical production, Shaolin Warriors bring remarkable skill, stunning movement and death-defying martial-arts prowess to stages throughout the world. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton.



MARION RAMIREZ & JUNGWOONG KIM

April 12

These Philadelphia-based artists share a performance inspired by the practice of Magnetic Spaces, including movement, experimental video projections, live sounds and music. Part of the Lawrence University Performing Arts Series, free and open to the public. 8pm. Music Drama Center at Lawrence University, Appleton.

Big Arts, Little Apple

A celebration of music and visual arts in the Fox Valley will culminate in a community-wide exhibit this spring. The Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra (FVSO), in partnership with The Building for Kids Children's Museum and School Specialty in Greenville, invited Appleton Area School District 3rd and 4th grade students to create art inspired by a musical piece: Ein Heldenleben, TrV 190, Op. 40 ("A Hero's Life") by Richard Strauss. This program, called Big Arts in the Little Apple, was designed to teach students to find inspiration and to reinforce curiosity through a collaboration of art and music.

Nearly 650 pieces of student art were submitted for juried review. Of those, 50 pieces were selected and displayed at the FVSO concert on November 19. All 650 pieces will be included in the Big Arts in the Little Apple Community Celebration Exhibit which runs April 5–May 14.



"Movement" Ezra Z., Grade 4 Highlands Elementary

Oliver Zornow, community engagement manager for both FVSO and The Building for Kids, says the art will be displayed in various locations throughout the Fox Cities, from downtown retailers to local credit unions, for the public to enjoy. One final celebratory event will take place on May 19 in conjunction with Art on the Town.

Visit foxvalleysymphony.com or buildingforkids.org for exhibit updates and event information.

— ACW



Making a Hometown: The Game of Life in Neenah's Progressive Era

The Neenah Historical Society is taking a trip to the past in their May 2017 exhibit "Making a Hometown: The Game of Life in Neenah's Progressive Era." This exhibition, running throughout 2017, transports visitors to the earlier twentieth century to explore the collaborative relationship between Neenah's industry and community.

Jane Lang, executive director of the Neenah Historical Society, says the exhibit is vital in understanding the community's past. Lang says, "All contributions to establish a community, like philanthropy, organizations supporting the people, and the industries uniting people through employment, are what make Neenah's history."

The exhibit spans from the 1890s to the 1920s, but goes back earlier in order to give some background on Neenah's industrial success. "The exhibit actually goes back to the 1850s to show the backbone of the pre-Progressive Era, the flour mill," Lang says. "Engineering students from UW-Fox Valley are creating models of the flour mills to help show how the process worked."

Visitors can view artifacts and products from Neenah's earliest industries, such as Kimberly-Clark, Neenah Foundry and Bergstrom Stoveworks. Early community organizations such as the Brigade, the Emergency Society and the hospital will also feature unique artifacts. Numerous photos from Neenah's past will also illustrate the town's strides in the Progressive Era. The entire exhibit can be seen at the Hiram Smith Octagon House.



Finally, Lang mentions how important it is to understand Neenah's role in our country's history. "Our goal of this exhibit is to show our national narrative down to the hometown setting," she says. "It helps others connect to the rich history right here in Neenah."

Visit neenahhistoricalsociety.com for more information.

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Art Bank

Located in downtown Kaukauna on the Fox River, the Bank of Kaukauna is a bank first, with comfy chairs, teller stations and meeting rooms. But CEO John Brogan has turned the building into more than a place to deposit checks.

Brogan has accomplished this by assembling an art collection inside the bank, in a distinct space that combines form and function. "The feeling I wanted to give was that of a great hotel or a really nice space in a larger city," Brogan says.

Most of the pieces he chose are by artists featured in world-class collections: Robert Cottingham, Judy Pfaff, Fred Stonehouse and Robin Griebe, to name a few. Others artists are up-and-coming, whose work is just waiting to be discovered. Every piece in the bank has a story.

"Empire" by Cottingham depicts a sign on the street where Rosa Parks famously refused to move from her seat. "Search for a Cure" by Stonehouse hangs in the same room; it is, as Brogan explains, "a potent symbol of how decisions are made." Other works, such as Kathleen Clark's "Foreclosure Quilt" and Griebe's "Tempest," deal with the 2008 financial crisis and its chain reactions: "Foreclosure Quilt" is an abstract map of empty houses in Chicago, and for Brogan, "Tempest" is about maintaining a steady course in trying times.



From these and other pieces, a theme of social justice naturally emerges. As Brogan put it, "The artistic community is struggling with how race and refugees fit in, and the pieces reflect that."

He hopes to add museum-quality plaques to the pieces to allow for self-guided tours. To view the collection, the public is welcome to visit the bank during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Learn more about the Bank of Kaunkauna collection at foxcitiesmagazine.com.

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FILM FESTIVALS

Who needs Hollywood when we have these locally-grown film festivals right here in Northeast Wisconsin?

GREEN BAY FILM FESTIVAL

March 2-5

St. Norbert College Campus, De Pere
Featuring independent films from Wisconsin and all over the world, the four-day Green Bay Film Festival strives to provide a rich cultural and educational experience while promoting Green Bay as a hub for filmmaking and film appreciation. Visit gbfilmfestival.org for more information.



WILDWOOD FILM FESTIVAL

March 11

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
Appleton

The 16th Annual Wildwood Film Festival will showcase the best of Wisconsin-made films. Whether it's the producer, director, writer, actors or even the locations, all projects featured have direct ties to the state. Visit wildwoodfilmfest.com for updates.



SCONNIEWOOD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

April 23

Meyer Theatre, Green Bay

The Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis present the 3rd Annual Scconniewood Youth Film Festival highlighting the creative works from area youth age 18 and under. Student filmmakers write, produce, shoot and edit their own short films for the chance to win prizes. Visit sconniewood.com for more information.



LATIN AMERICAN AND SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL

April 26-29

Warch Campus Center at
Lawrence University, Appleton

This free festival, open to the public, will feature a lineup of award-winning films from Latin America and Spain. On Friday, there will be an audience Q&A session with Puerto Rican director Ari Maniel Cruz, director of "Before The Rooster Crows."

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116 N. Appleton St., Appleton
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Barlow Planetarium

1478 Midway Road, Menasha
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barlowplanetarium.org

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165 N. Park Ave., Neenah
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bmmglass.com

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cccshows.org

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Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra

111 W. College Ave., Ste. 550, Appleton
(920) 968-0300
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Fox Valley Symphony performs classical and pops concerts at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and other venues in the Fox Cities with local and regional musicians. FVSO supports three youth orchestra ensembles.

Grand Opera House

100 High Ave., Oshkosh
(920) 424-2350
grandoperahouse.org

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Hearthstone Historic House

625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton
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HearthstoneMuseum.org

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Jambalaya Arts, Inc.

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artfromwisconsin

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John Michael Kohler Arts Center

608 New York Ave., Sheboygan
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jmkac.org

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Lawrence Academy of Music

100 W. Water St., Appleton
(920) 832-6632
go.lawrence.edu/academy

Makaroff Youth Ballet

111 W. College Ave., Appleton
(920) 257-8288
makaroffyouthballet.org

National Railroad Museum

2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay
(920) 437-7623
nationalrrmuseum.org

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Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place, Green Bay
(920) 448-4460
nevillepublicmuseum.org

The Neville Public Museum of Brown County features a variety of new art exhibitions throughout the year, in addition to its history and science exhibits.

New London Public Museum

406 S. Pearl St., New London
(920) 982-8520
newlondonwi.org/museum

The New London Public Museum, celebrating its 100th birthday, is one of only five public museums in Wisconsin. Come explore local, natural and Native American history exhibits and special events during this exciting milestone year.

newVoices – Northeast Wisconsin's Vocal Artists

111 W. College Ave, Appleton
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NewVoices, a regional 85-voice choir, sings choral music from the masters to contemporary composers. We hold four concerts annually, collaborating regularly with other area ensembles, performing most often in the beautiful Lawrence University Memorial Chapel.

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Plymouth Arts Center

520 E. Mill St., Plymouth
(920) 892-8409
plymoutharts.org

Rahr-West Art Museum

610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc
(920) 686-3090
rahrwestartmuseum.org

The Rahr-West Art Museum enhances the Manitowoc community by offering exhibits, programs, services and events that serve people of all ages and walks of life. Museum admission is free.

Seymour Community Museum and Historical Store

Closed Jan/Feb/Mar
133 Depot St., Seymour
(920) 833-9835
seymourhistory.org

Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts

51 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac
(920) 921-5410
thelmaarts.org

The Trout Museum of Art

Fox Cities Building for the Arts
111 W. College Ave., Appleton
(920) 733-4089
troutmuseum.org

The Trout Museum of Art features exhibitions of regional, national and international visual art. The museum presents special events, educational programs and classes, jazz performances and more.

University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center

1478 Midway Road, Menasha
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uwfox.uwc.edu/cac

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Valley Academy for the Arts, Inc.

139 N. Lake St., Neenah
(920) 279-1578
valleyacademyarts.org

Weidner Center for the Performing Arts

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
(800) 895-0071
WeidnerCenter.com

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Weis Earth Science Museum

Open every day except national holidays
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha
(920) 832-2925
weismuseum.org

exhibits

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Appleton Public Library. 832-6173

Mia Russell

Jan 2–Feb 28. Drawing exhibition.

Leif Larson

Mar 1–Apr 28. Acrylics exhibition.

Elyse-Krista Mische

May 1–Jun 30. Live 3-D compositions.

ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800

Sacred Transformations

Jan 6–28. Over 60 works on skateboards will be displayed to raise awareness for Sacred Transformations which empowers clients to express themselves through tattoos.

Sentinels of the Shore

Ongoing. A complete Door County lighthouse exhibit, as well as a wide-ranging collection of model ships.

Feather & Bone Gallery inside The Draw, Appleton www.thedrawappleton.com

The Wake: Aftermath of an Election

Jan 20. In his famous “Ripple of Hope” speech Robert Kennedy cites a blessing/curse of apocryphal origin: “May you live in interesting times.” As our republic begins a new age of uncertainty, this exhibit considers the complexities and contemplates the zeitgeist of our time. Curated by The Sepulchral Collective.

Play: The Golden Age of Toys

Ongoing. Explore the history of classic and locally-made toys in this whimsical exhibit that offers children, parents, and grandparents an opportunity for intergenerational learning.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

The Road Less Traveled

Jan 1–Dec 31. See page 10 for more information.

The Making of a Dream: Loy Bowlin and the Beautiful Holy Jewel Home

Jan 29–Dec 31. The newly preserved and re-assembled Beautiful Holy Jewel Home will stand inside an Arts Center gallery.

The World in A Garden: Nek Chand

Feb 26–June 4. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center cares for the largest body of Nek Chand’s work outside of India. This exhibition endeavors to evoke the experience of Chand’s “Rock Garden of Chandigarh.”

An Encounter with Presence: Emery Blagdon

Through 2017. Visitors can view a partial recreation of the original “Healing Machine” as Emery Blagdon left it in 1986. Blagdon’s Healing Machine, made up of roughly 400 individual elements, is part of the JMKAC collection.

Lawrence University Wriston Art Center Galleries, Appleton. 832-6621.

Japanese Woodblock Prints

Jan 13–Mar 12. Pieces from the Lawrence University Collection of Japanese Woodblock Prints are featured in the Leech Gallery.

Prints from the Dr. Robert Dickens

Jan 13–Mar 12. Memorializes Dr. Robert Dickens’ 1963 Collection of Contemporary Works of Art on Paper in the Hoffmaster Gallery.

Studio Art Faculty Exhibition

Jan 13–Mar 12. Professors Tony Conrad, Rob Neilson, Benjamin Rinehart, John Shimon, and fellow Meghan Sullivan contribute their works to this faculty-only exhibition featured in the Kohler Gallery.

Selections from the Paper Fox Printmaking Collection

Mar 31–May 7. Highlighting the growing collection of contemporary prints, this Leech Gallery exhibition features prints created at Lawrence University through the Paper Fox Printmaking Workshop.

Menasha Public Library, 967-3690.

Joseph Kobinsky

Jan. Kobinsky, a Menasha resident, will bring acrylic and oil paintings with an abstract flair.

Jesse Emons

Feb. Emons, a high school student at Fox Valley Lutheran, will have on display cartoon characters, illustrations, and sketches using different media and techniques.

Cori Bartz

Mar. Whimsical paintings and illustrations will be showcased at the Art Wall.

What Freedom Means to Us

Apr. Students from the Appleton School District share their take on the Statue of Liberty as an expression of freedom, diversity and thankfulness in America.

Pat McGinnis

May. McGinnis’ talent with metal is expressed in landscapes and figures. He brings them to the Art Wall as a new format and media to discover.

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 746-0707.

The Garden: An Artist’s Interpretation

Mar 4–Apr 17. Bold color, flora, and the landscape as they inspire Wisconsin artists of many media. Reception Mar 4, 3pm.

43rd Annual Salon of Door County

Apr 22–May 30. Outstanding student works from five Door County high schools. Reception is April 24 at 7pm.

National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. 437-7625.

Pullman Porters: From Service to Civil Rights

Ongoing. The life story of the porter, from working for the Pullman Company to efforts to unionize. Housed in a restored Pullman sleeping car.

The Jay W. Christopher Transportation China Collection: Travel and the Era of Fine Dining by Air, Land and Sea

Feb 10. Features hundreds of pieces, including silver, service plates, prominent patterns and china used on railroads, steamships and airlines.

Neenah Historical Society. 729-0244.

Native American Display

Ongoing. Viewable during normal City Hall hours. Located in lobby & south hallway of Neenah City Hall.

Making a Hometown: The Game of Life in Neenah’s Progressive Era

May. See page 13 for more information.

Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

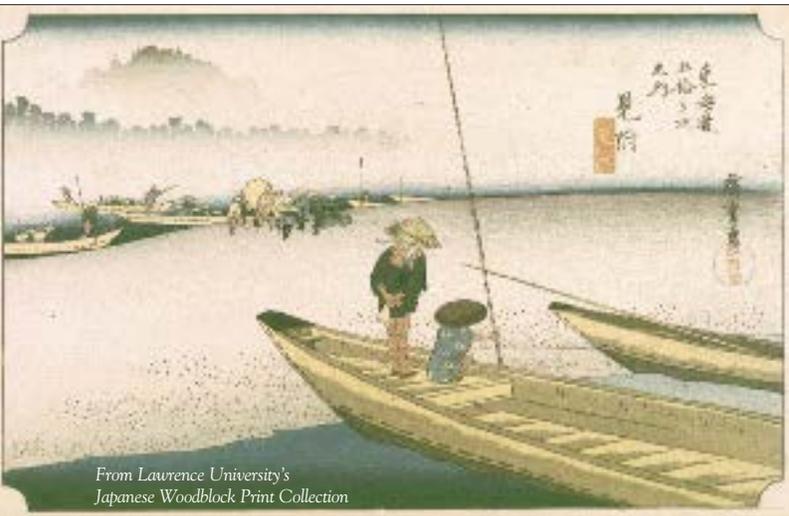
Life and Death at Fort Howard

Thru Apr 9. Through the display of authentic artifacts, rare maps and hands-on interactives, visitors will learn how the military trails that linked these forts together ultimately paved the way to the Wisconsin we see today.



Green Bay Art Colony Inspirations from the Neville

Jan 21–Apr 2. The 2017 exhibition of the Green Bay Art Colony will draw inspiration from the museum’s artifacts and exhibition displays.



From Lawrence University’s
Japanese Woodblock Print Collection

Art in Circles

Feb 3–25. Artists who work using a circular form ask us to view the world differently – as an infinite rather than linear universe.

NWTC Artisan Center

Mar 3–30. On display will be several finished projects from such organizations as Green Bay Chamber of Commerce, East High School and several others.

Spring Art Festival

Apr 3–27. Annual exhibit sponsored by Green Bay Arts Unlimited.

Art Colony

May 4–30. Annual exhibit that consists of work from photography and painting to sculpture, fiber and wearables.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658

Bending Brilliance: Neon and Plasma Sculpture

Thru Feb 19. Explore light as a medium. Featured artists provide wonder and whimsy in a mélange of styles, using neon lights, shadow and illumination as tools.

Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958

Sea Dogs

Ongoing. Explores the bond between dogs and humans in a wide spectrum of nautical environments.

Friend of a Friend:

The 1 degree of Appleton

Apr 21. This show puts 20 Appleton artists and art lovers in control, by inviting them to choose a non-local friend to exhibit a current work of art never seen in this area before, resulting in the ultimate community-curated show.

Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery, UW-Oshkosh. 424-2281.

20th Century Artwork Collection

Ongoing. Includes original works by George Segal, Ernst Trova, Victor Vasarely, Robert Indiana, LeRoy Neiman and Denny Dent.

History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.

Asylum: Out of the Shadows

Ongoing. Explores mental and behavioral health told through the history of the Outagamie County Asylum for the Insane.

A Stone of Hope:

Black Experiences in the Fox Cities

Ongoing. Local Black history from the 1700s to the present.

(In)visible: Homelessness in Appleton

Ongoing. Featuring 150 photographs taken by people who are homeless or living on the edge of homelessness, it sheds light on the history and present conditions of the struggle for stable housing in Appleton.

Alice in Dairyland:

Wisconsin's Agricultural Ambassador

Jan-Jul. Explores the iconic role Alice has played in Wisconsin agriculture over the past 70 years.

72nd Art Annual

Apr 8-Jun 4. A juried exhibition of current works by artists living in Northeastern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Latino Identity in NE Wisconsin

May 6-Apr 2018. *Estamos Aquí* ("We Are Here") features artifacts and personal stories of Latino families in Northeastern Wisconsin. This collaborative exhibit was developed with museum staff and the Hispanic Community Resource Center (Casa Alba).

New London Public Museum. 982-8520

Local History

Ongoing. Explore things "Made in New London." Manufacturers past and present add to the history of our town.

Life Between the Rivers

Ongoing. The history of New London and its people. Discover more about life between the Wolf and Embarrass rivers.

Carr & Dayton: The Making of NLPM

Feb. Discover more about the influential men and women that started the New London Public Museum, one of only five in the state.

We Were There!

May. See page 10 for more info.

Oneida Nation Museum, Oneida. 869-2768.

A History of Iroquois Beadwork

Ongoing. View beautiful Iroquois and Oneida beadwork, lace, basketry and other artwork, and learn of the artistic methods and history of the tribes.

Pow-Wow/Smoke Dance Exhibitions

Ongoing. The Oneida Nation Dancers will demonstrate the different styles of pow-wow dances which include men and women's traditional, men and women's fancy, men's grass and women's jingle dress.

Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799.

The World of Jan Brett

Feb 4-May 14. Step into the stories of the admired children's author/illustrator with her original artwork.

Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

Paintings by Craig Blietz

Feb 11-May 28. From his studio in Door County, Craig Blietz focuses on animals and rural imagery to create masterful paintings that celebrate the dignity and quiet beauty of agrarian life.

Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 380-7491.

Purdy-Weissenborn Paper Lab

Ongoing. Visitors make their own sheet of paper. A display of art shows the beauty that can be created using recycled paper and a variety of papermaking techniques.

A Child's View of Papermaking

Ongoing. A two-story exhibit with a paper machine for kids and adults to play on and learn from.

The 19th Century Atlas Mill Mona & Doug Dugal Exhibit

Ongoing. The history and architecture of the Atlas Mill, detailed through a photographic timeline.

Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409.

Color Pop

Jan 27-Mar 17. Abstract, acrylic, oil, encaustic work by Claudette Lee-Roseland. Jewelry by Jeanette Payne.

Kindred Spirits

Mar 24-May 5. Tapestry by Sheila Held, ceramics by Lori Gramling and acrylic paintings by Pat Hidson.

Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc. 686-3090

Poetry in Color:

The Works of Bert Zylstra

Jan 15-Feb 12. Includes work completed while Zylstra lived in the Manitowoc area, as well as early work and work accomplished after Zylstra's return to Holland in 1989.



Silent Service: Artwork from the Naval History and Heritage Command

May 21-Sep 17. Naval submarine artwork created by the Navy's Artist In Residence.

Seymour Community Museum, Seymour. 833-6064.

Aerial View of Seymour from 1949

Ongoing. Sponsored by Don's Quality Market, this interactive display features Seymour businesses, music of the era and interviews with local citizens.

Robert Kuehne Exhibit

Ongoing. The growth of Seymour during the early years is linked to agriculture and shipping livestock from Kuehne's. This creative video game tests your knowledge of local history in a fun, fascinating manner.

Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Members' Biennial Exhibition

Thru Feb 18. A juried exhibition featuring the works by members of The Trout Museum.

Littlest Members' Biennial Exhibition

Thru Feb 18. Featuring works by The Trout Museum members' children. Located in the John & Susan Toussaint Student Artist Gallery, 5th floor.

UW Fox Aylward Gallery, Menasha. 832-2824.

Demiurge

Jan 23-Mar 10. Rob Neilson, steel sculptures. Reception and gallery talk February 17.

The Poetics of Annihilation

Mar 22-May 12. Jessica Fenlon, video and music. Opening Reception March 22 at 5pm.

2017 Spring Student Exhibit

May 17-Jun 7. Ceramics, painting, and drawing. Opening Reception May 17.

Weis Earth Science Museum, Menasha. 832-2925.

The Minerals of Minecraft

Thru Mar. Focuses on the real minerals that are used to build the imaginary worlds in the wildly popular computer game Minecraft.

Rob Neilson
"Demiurge"
An exhibit of sculpture

January 23 - March 10
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January 27 at 5:00pm

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Red Dinosaur, 2011
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Original Art at Home

By Amelia Compton Wolff



*Tips for buying
and displaying your
first (or fortieth)
piece of art*



The art world can feel like an inside joke – one that everyone gets except you. But this couldn't be further from the truth. When it comes to art, you determine the punchline.

“As I look around my home, the art is more than embellishing my space. It reminds me of artists I have known, places I have visited and memories,” says Karen Hertz-Sumnicht, owner of Avenue Art & Company in Appleton. “Art for the collector is personal.”

In other words, you can't go wrong when selecting art to adorn your space. This is great news for those who may hesitate to buy original art for their homes, whether they doubt their ability to make the “right” purchase or know what to do once it's home.

“Buying art should be a fun experience,” says John Arzberger, gallery manager at The Hang Up Gallery in Neenah. “For some, when they see something they like, they just know. For others, it can be more of an elaborate process. Beginning that process is the first step.”

Read on for suggestions from local art experts on how to take the leap into buying, displaying and, of course, enjoying original art in your home.





Start small.

Handmade objects such as ceramics, pottery and textiles provide an easy entry point to art, Hertz-Sumnicht says. “There is definitely a gateway with the whole craft movement over the last five to six years.” These types of pieces tend to be more affordable as well, which is appealing to new collectors finding their way. “If you can’t afford a \$1,000 painting, you probably can afford a \$25 ceramics piece,” she says. “Find something you love and start with that.”



Shop around.

“If you already have a motif in your home and are looking to purchase an original piece, I recommend visiting galleries in your area to get ideas,” Arzberger says. “Most artists will create commissioned paintings for clients, so even if

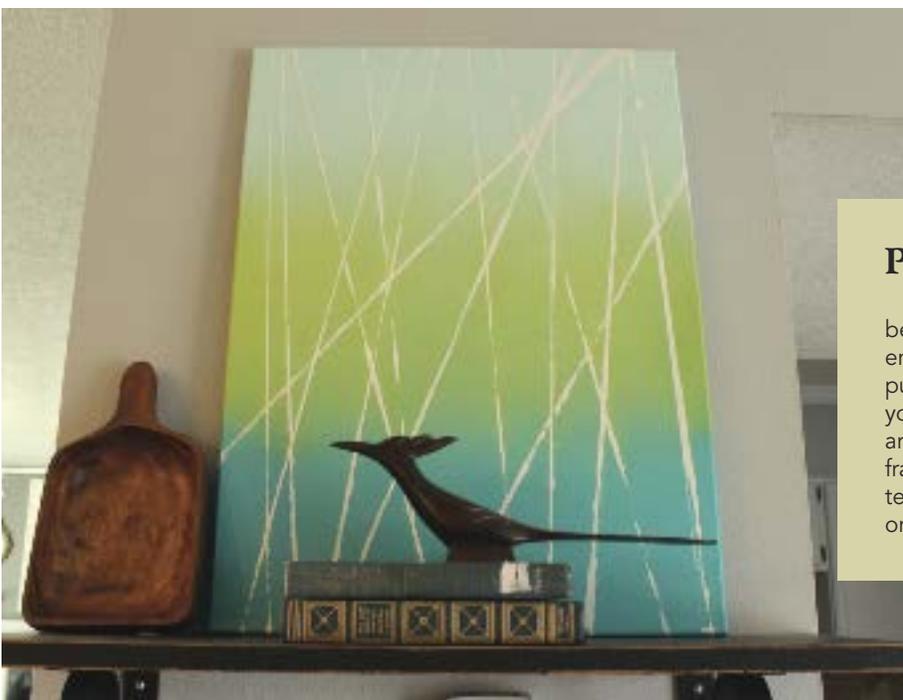


you can’t find a painting in the gallery, you may find an artist who fits your style, color palette or subject matter.” Kim Pigeon-Metzner, artist resource director at The ARTgarage in Green Bay, recommends checking out The Jabberwock and James May Gallery, both in Algoma; The Draw in Appleton and The ARTgarage in Green Bay.

Incorporate surprises.

Art is in the eye of the beholder, so don’t be afraid to experiment with nontraditional art forms and play with texture. “The best art collections are eclectic,” says Mary Jo Weidert, owner of Wild Apple Glass Studio & Gallery in Menasha. “You may be partial to one style, but get some sculpture, some framed pieces and some 3D art. Neon art can really give your collection a ‘wow’ factor. The days of buying art to match your sofa are gone. You need to open yourself up more than that.”

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Trend Watch: *The Gallery Wall*

The gallery wall, a grouping of artwork in various shapes and sizes, is one of the hottest trends in displaying home art collections. “I’m seeing gallery walls with art on canvas mixed with metal and rustic wood boards. It’s all about texture,” says Katie Jane Ferrito, interior designer with Midwest Design Homes in Kaukauna. “Woven tapestries with Southwestern influences are in the mix as well.”

To create a gallery wall that looks cohesive rather than chaotic, Weidert recommends laying out a plan first. “You should start by buying a roll of brown paper and cut out art sizes and tape them to the wall to create the gallery vision,” she says.

Start in the center of the wall and build outward for a salon-style look. Keep things cohesive by choosing a unifying theme or color palette. “I like to offset a gallery wall with a sculpture in the corner,” Weidert adds.

The beauty of a gallery wall is it can grow as your collection grows. “You can build up the wall, even adding lanterns and accent shelves into the mix,” Ferrito says. “You can tweak it to whatever size you need it be.”

PRO TIP

Art doesn’t have to break your budget. “The best art buys are going to be from young, emerging artists,” Weidert says. Consider purchasing works from artists just starting out if you are on a strict budget. Arzberger says most artists also produce art prints of their work at a fraction of the cost of the original. “With modern techniques, you can make any print look like an original with just a few framing tricks,” he says.

Consider scale and height.

"People undersize their art a lot," says Ferrito. "It's hard to get a grasp of scale when you're standing in the store. You end up picking out a painting, get it home and see it's three inches too short for your space." Ferrito suggests using painter's tape to block out shapes on your wall, measuring the shapes for size and matching them as closely as possible to the pieces you purchase. Ferrito also says to hang art at eye level. The standard eye-level is for a person with a height between 5'6" and 5'8", but at home it needs to work for you.

Build around key pieces (or just what you love).

If it's in your budget, investing in one statement piece may end up being economical in the long run, but consider your goal, Arzberger says. "If designing an entire home with similar artwork, start with a main show piece or focal point, and choose other artworks that complement it," he says. "If you are not concerned about designing the walls all at once, choose a piece that you enjoy. The rest will fall into place eventually."

Tell a story.

Whether it's the story of the artist or your own narrative, art reveals something about its owner. "Most of the work I buy is personal, either from an artist I've met or trips I've gone on. It becomes a piece of me rather than something I hang on the wall," Pigeon-Metzner says. She says choosing art that inspires or moves you emotionally ensures you will never tire of it. "Art is an extension of who I am," she says. "It's an extension of my beliefs, memories and connections to other people."



Define your art style

Not sure where to start? Arzberger says prospective art buyers should first answer these questions:

What are you passionate about?

Hobbies and personal interests can be a great starting point when looking for artwork in themes and styles that speak to you.

What makes you happy?

"I encourage people to sit down and write out what is it they respond to – figurative, landscape, abstract pieces, or a medium like oil, watercolor or ceramics," Hertz-Sumnicht adds.

Is the artwork just for you or a broader audience?

Envision where in your home the art will be displayed and who will view it most.

What do you value more: cohesion or variety?

Are you more concerned with creating a unified look throughout your home, or would you rather display multiple styles of artwork?



PRO TIP

Some wall colors lend themselves best for displaying artwork. "White is the easiest palette to decorate with, but I've been seeing more grays lately," says Ferrito, who recommends lighter grays to create a warm atmosphere.

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Budget Bite\$

By Amelia Compton Wolff

A new year brings a slew of resolutions, and fiscal responsibility often tops the list. For those looking to bulk up their savings accounts without sacrificing a dining out addiction, we have the answer. We've compiled some of the best eats in the Fox Valley for under \$10, so you can eat like a king even when you can't spend like one.

BARGAIN BOWLS

The convenience and affordability of nutrient-packed bowls makes them easy to love (and devour) on the regular.

Maple Chai Smoothie Bowl

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Nectar, Green Bay

The Maple Chai Smoothie Bowl at Nectar in Green Bay is the perfect start, middle or end to your day. The smoothie base consists of blended chai spice, banana, cinnamon and maple syrup. All that organic, non-GMO goodness is topped with blueberries, oats, chia seeds, more banana, hemp hearts and pumpkin seeds for a satisfying crunch.



Kung Pao Vegan Bowl

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Brewed Awakenings, Appleton

Affordable, fresh and full of flavor – what's not to love? The Kung Pao Vegan Bowl at Brewed Awakenings starts with white rice layered with green and red pepper, celery, peanuts and seasoned garbanzo beans, topped with house-made kung pao sauce for a flavor explosion.



Pangoa Bowl

\$7.79

Freshii, Darboy

If you need something light after a season of holiday binging, try the Pangoa Bowl at Freshii. The bowl is made with brown rice, avocado, aged cheddar, cherry

tomatoes, black beans, corn and cilantro, and is topped with a fiery BBQ sauce. Add a lean, hunger-fighting protein like chicken for an additional \$1.99

FOODIE'S PICK

“The Big Parker at Parker John's BBQ & Pizza in Menasha – first thing I ordered when they opened and it rocks – two 1/3 pound black Angus patties with cheddar and Swiss cheese plus bacon on a Telera roll, with a choice of one side (\$9.99).”

— Ed Engelman, admin of Fox Valley Restaurant Reviews Facebook group



BUDGET CLASSICS

Broasted Chicken

At Mary's Family Restaurant, with two locations in Appleton, you can score a two-piece white meat meal with mashed potatoes, gravy, a roll and two sides for \$8.49. Or go big with one of Mary's award-winning broasted half chickens for \$9.99.



Pizza

We are suckers for a perfectly charred, wood-fired pizza, and at Broken Tree Pizza in Neenah, several of the pies (perfect for one to two people) ring up for just \$10. Try the classic Margherita, The Fire with Baklouti green chili oil, bacon and fresh jalapeño or The Roasted Goat with white sauce, goat cheese, roasted red peppers and black olives.

Chile Relleno

The \$9 "unfried" chile relleno at Osorio's Latin Fusion in Appleton is a fresh take on a traditional favorite. Each large poblano pepper is stuffed with Osorio's signature veggie blend, topped with cheese and a so-good-you'll-want-

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— Ben Gorges, founder/blogger
at foxvalleyfoodie.com



it-in-a-shot-glass tequila cream sauce.

Ramen

The pork ramen at City Cafe in Appleton is the stuff dreams are made of, if your dreams happen to include BBQ pork, bok choy, mushrooms, green onions and egg in a flavorful pork broth seasoned to perfection with Southeast Asian spices and herbs. The best part? This dream only costs \$6.95 a bowl.



Chicken Pot Pie

Comfort food in the dead of winter is priceless. Tasty Treats & Eats in Appleton serves up a classic chicken pot pie (chicken and veggies in a pastry crust) served with a cup of soup or side salad for \$9.95.



Eggrolls

The specialty at Eggrolls Inc. in Appleton is their baked-not-fried Hmong eggrolls, which have the heft of a burrito but the heart of an eggroll. A single pork, chicken, beef, shrimp or veggie eggroll is

\$3.50 or choose a two eggroll combo, with ginger rice and a drink, for just \$7.95 – same goes for the cabbage rolls and fresh spring rolls.

Hot Dog

Encased meat aficionados will adore the dogs at Hot Dog Charlie's in Oshkosh. Try the Wisconsin dog, Bacon Sauce dog or Chili Sauce dog for \$3.75 each. Upgrade to a combo which includes fries or old-school tater tots and a soda for a grand total (with tax) of \$7.61.

FOODIE'S PICK

“I love the curry noodle (\$7.75) from Mai's Deli in Appleton. Just the right spice, loads of saucy red curry with chicken and shrimp. Also a really big portion! I literally dream about it. And the family there is really, really nice.”

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ASK CHEF JEFF

Have a culinary question for Chef Jeff? Go to foxcitiesmagazine.com and click Community Chat.

Q. I'm trying to reduce food waste in my kitchen. Do you have any recommendations on how to do so?

—Kim, Appleton

A. My wife and I just had this discussion recently. While it might sound obvious, the key to reducing food waste is to monitor over-purchasing and over-producing on the front end and to maximize consumption on the back end. When purchasing meats, fruits and vegetables, there will be some obvious waste as part of cleaning and trimming. (If anyone has a use for the rind of a

melon or a pineapple other than composting, please let me know!)

Efficient utilization of everything that is edible takes vigilance and some menu planning.

One suggestion might be to blanch and freeze any extra items for future use. For example, if you bought a whole stalk of celery and only needed half, cut up the rest and blanch and freeze it for future use. Planned leftovers is another great way to maximize your utilization of product. I cook BBQ a lot more in the summer than I do in the winter, and those frozen ribs sure come in handy some weeks. Soups, stews and casseroles are another great way to convert leftover food items into something better and maximize product usage along the way. Reducing waste is critically important in the restaurant business, and many of the same methods used in food service can be employed in our kitchens as well.

► To read more from Chef Jeff and get his recipes, go to foxcitiesmagazine.com and click on columns.

Chef Jeff Igel is Program Director of Culinary Outreach at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. "Chef Jeff" has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.



BETWEEN BREAD & BEYOND

From burgers to banh mi, these sandwich interpretations will keep both your stomach and wallet full.

Bulgogi Beef Banh Mi

\$5.95

Chung's Sandwich Bar, Appleton

Don't think fresh can be affordable? Try the bulgogi beef banh mi at Chung's. It's topped with pickled daikon and carrots that add a delectable tang, as well as fresh cilantro, cucumber and jalapeno. Add fries and a drink for just \$2 more.

The Small Gyro

\$6.50

Josef's Gyros & Kabobs, Appleton

Mediterranean street food is the definitive cheap lunch and Josef's does it up right with their "small" gyro (which isn't that small). A 1/3 pound of meat is packed in a pita with lettuce, tomato, onion and cilantro with tzatziki sauce on the side.

Cheeseburger

\$4.05

Mihm's Charcoal Grill, Menasha

The burgers at this cash-only Menasha institution are as economical as they are decadent – slathered in butter and never skimpy on the toppings. Go for a classic cheeseburger, but the ground steak sandwich (\$4.15) is a great choice too. Or just go ahead and order both. Your wallet can handle it.

FOODIE'S PICK

“When I'm able to leave work early enough on Wednesdays I like to go to Sidetracked in Neenah when they have 40 cent wings. A few wings and a High Life after a long day of work is very satisfying. I went to middle school with owner Krista Parks and it's great to see another successful, young business owner in Neenah.”

—Jonathan Horan, chef/owner of Town Council Kitchen and Bar



House Calzone

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Pagoni's Pizza, Neenah & Kaukauna

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Crab Goon Burger

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Home Burger Bar, Appleton

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Avocado Power Toast

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