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On the Cover
You've probably seen Kathy Boettcher's art without realizing it. Working under her professional brand, Kaffers Illustration, Boettcher transforms functional ceramic bowls and mugs into dynamic works of art.

“I've always been drawing,” Boettcher says. “I live for pattern and end up using the silk-screened animals in a way of layering and patterning.” The result leads to eye-catching displays that offer a refreshing departure from traditional ceramic style while still retaining a broad appeal.

Although Boettcher frequently works on commissions and conventional figures, her continued experimentation can surprise people who might not expect to see owls with antlers on ceramic kitchenware.

“I try to let people in with my art and give them small snippets of how I see things around me,” she says. “I think that's part of the beauty of art. Everyone brings their own thoughts and experiences to what they view. I love the interaction.”

Since winning UW-Stevens Point's Senior Juried Exhibition in 2013, Boettcher's portfolio and level of involvement in the Appleton community have continued to grow. “I've been getting more involved with Bazaar After Dark and this was my first year at Art at the Park,” Boettcher says. “I've also enjoyed getting involved with Art on the Town and The Fire's Chalk on the Town.”

Boettcher's continued involvement in the community represents the explosion of art events in the Fox Cities in recent years. Her functional art is dazzling and encourages viewers to keep reimagining daily life, one antlered owl at a time.

Boettcher is the artist-in-residence at Riverwalk Art Center in Fond du Lac for the month of September. Her work is also on display in Kaukauna's Galatea Art Gallery. You can find Boettcher's work at Menasha's Wild Apple Gallery, Blue Moon Emporium in Appleton, or on her Facebook page, Kaffers Illustration.

—By Dan Meyer
The Grand Oshkosh is rolling out a season unlike any other. This hub of entertainment has unveiled a new name (formerly The Grand Opera House), new brand and new theater experience, including new venues and an action-packed line-up of shows including The Four Phantoms in Concert, Mandy Harvey and Jeff Daniels and The Ben Daniels Band.

**The New Grand**

This summer, the board of directors of the Oshkosh Opera House Foundation approved a small name change they believe will reap large gains. “Our decision to drop ‘Opera House’ from our name is based on our desire to attract a broader audience and our intent to expand beyond the walls of our historic home,” said Frank Tower, board chair.

“We value our history and intend to build on it.”

The new name and new colorful brand will help to energize the organization’s future outside its performance center, via its new partnership with the Oshkosh Arena and other (as yet to be announced) local venues. It also sets the tone for new happenings within the four walls.

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From side-stitching comedy to must-see dramas to moving music, The Grand’s upcoming line-up features entertainment for everyone, including:

- **Wisconsin’s only appearance of The Four Phantoms in Concert**, starring Broadway veterans – Ciaran Sheehan, Marcus Lovett, Brent Barrett and Franc D’Ambrosio – who have each performed in the iconic title role on Broadway. The evening will feature songs from classic Broadway musicals.
- **The Olate Dogs** will unleash a performance to remember. This high-energy family show features unbelievable tricks from Olate’s troupe of rescue dogs.
- **Mandy Harvey** hasn’t heard music in 10 years, but that only motivated this inspiring singer and songwriter to dream bigger and become this season’s America’s Got Talent® phenom and Simon Cowell’s golden buzzer.
- **The Grand Girl’s Weekend (guys welcome!)** includes three nights of unparalleled shows, including the hilarious Ladies of Laughter®, unforgettable Disenchanted the Musical, and a capella group Six Appeal Vocal Band.
- Once again, The Grand Oshkosh features performances of its resident arts partners as part of the roster of shows. Performances by the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, the Oshkosh Community Players, and Hysterical Productions will be available to patrons as part of the performance season.

“We’re so excited to be launching a season filled with both bold, new entertainment and unmatched returning acts,” said Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand Oshkosh. “We’ve worked hard to find the greatest performances to match The Grand’s new brand and style.”

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7 GREAT PERFORMANCES

**DIAVOLO 25th Anniversary Tour: L.O.S.T.**
October 20
DIAVOLO brings a full evening experience in two parts, L.O.S.T. features DIAVOLO’s newest works—“Cubicle” and “Passengers”—and boldly tackles the essence of what divides, unites and inspires us to rise. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

**The Little Mermaid**
October 31–November 5
In a magical kingdom under the sea lives Ariel, the little mermaid who longs to be part of the fascinating world on dry land. Based on the Disney animated film, this beloved family classic is now on stage with all the songs you love. 31–3, 7:30pm. 4, 2 & 7:30pm. 5, 1 & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

**Roustabout: The Great Circus Train Wreck**
November 9–11 & 16–18
Historical fact and fiction combine to resurrect the stories of five unknown circus performers who met their fate when an American military train plowed through a circus train outside of Chicago in 1918. 7pm, except 18, 1pm. Barhanen Theatre at UW-Fox Valley, Menasha. 832-2646.

**Makaroff Youth Ballet presents The Nutcracker**
December 16–17
Local dancers tell the classic holiday tale of Clara’s adventures with the Prince and his army of toy soldiers, the Mouse Queen and the Sugar Plum Fairy, accompanied with live music by the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Appleton Boychoir. 16, 7:30pm–17, 1pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

**MUST-SEE MUSIC**

**Russian Masters**
October 7
Professor Wern-Lee Gu from Lawrence University joins the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra for the opening night of the 2017–18 season. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

**HOME: where is your heart?**
October 21
Join newVoices as they present inspirational music to bring understanding to the hidden homeless. Members of community storytelling group, Storycatchers, will connect the issue through storytelling and personal experiences. Presented in partnership with the Housing Coalition of the Fox Cities. 7:30pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-9700.

**Lawrence University Jazz Series: Lizz Wright**
November 3
Wright worked with legendary jazz producer Tommy LiPuma on her debut album, Salt, which topped contemporary jazz charts, mixing standards with new material and styles ranging from gospel to soul to jazz to blues with ease. 7:30pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-9700.

**Take Me to the River: Memphis Soul and Rhythm & Blues Revue**
November 8
Following the award winning 2014 documentary film of the same name, Take Me to the River is a live concert journey through the soul of American music, celebrating the inter-generational and inter-racial musical influence of Memphis. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

**Six Appeal Vocal Band**
November 16
An unbelievable a capella performance. The group blends talent, charm and comical personalities, taking the a cappella show to a whole new level. 7:30pm. The Grand Oshkosh. 424-2350.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**
December 2
The Appleton Boychoir trebles along with Copper Street Brass to celebrate the advent and birth of Jesus. 1 & 4pm. Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 955-2224.
ARTS EVENTS

Paper Night Out for Adults
September 14 & October 19
Enjoy snacks and beverages as you make three sheets of handmade paper in our riverfront Paper Lab and have plenty of time for conversation. Reservations are required. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 6-8pm. 380-7491.

Fall Craft Fair
October 1
Handmade art and crafts, produce and bakery. Everything is handmade, homemade or homegrown. Homemade sweet rolls, breakfast sandwiches, coffee for breakfast and homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. Free admission. Rain or shine. 9am-3pm. Greenville Lions Park. 757-5661.

Reading by Will Schwab
October 12
Reading by Will Schwab, author of The End of Your Life Book Club and Books for Living. This event enhances spiritual and religious life. 6:30pm. Warch Campus Center Cinema, Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6749.

Hidden Studios Art Tour
October 6-8
Nestled throughout the countryside of Central Wisconsin, visit 10 “hidden studios” along the Ice Age Trail featuring 26 artists for a unique opportunity to ask questions, view the creative process and purchase original art directly from nationally recognized artists. 6-7, 10am-5pm, 8, 11am-4pm. Various locations. hiddenstudiosarttour.com.

Dinner Program: Nuts and Bolts of Neon
November 9
Join collector and artisan Jed Schleisner for an electrifying look at the art and science behind the iconic signs featured in the exhibit “Neon: Darkness Electrified.” See plasma demonstrations and hear stories of how he restores and collects vintage signs. Registration required. Dinner, 5pm. Program, 6pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

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.
Behind the Scenes: Wonderland exhibit

Kirsty Mitchell’s “Wonderland,” an exhibit of large scale fine art photography, arrived at Oshkosh’s Paine Art Center and Gardens in need of flawless framing. The stakes were high for the first U.S. showing by the England-based photographer.

Fortunately for Mitchell and the Paine, Appleton is home to John and Sarah Ranes, owners of The Frame Workshop and winners of more than 100 framing awards. “This wasn’t a job for just any framing shop,” Sarah says. “We’ve been working directly with the Paine for the past 10 years and they brought (“Wonderland”) to us because of our reputation.”

The Frame Workshop, which will celebrate 39 years in business this month, was one of the only frame shops in the Midwest capable of handling such an enormous undertaking. “It was good that the framing was done at one shop due to the sheer logistics of procuring all of the materials and getting them in one place,” John says. “The project used over 600 feet of moulding materials. Some of the moulding came from one of the largest distributors in New York because there weren’t any businesses in the Midwest that were capable of production on that scale.”

The staggering size of the pieces meant that any movement and cleaning of the framed work required 3 or 4 people, but The Frame Workshop team was able to finish the entire project in just three days. “We were absolutely honored to work on (the exhibition),” Sarah says. “When you’re framing them, you’re so close to the work that when you finally see it up on the wall in its entirety, it looks completely different.”

“Wonderland” will be on display until October 15. The Paine will host a Q&A with Mitchell on September 18 and a luncheon event on September 19. For more information, visit www.thepaine.org.

— DM
FOODIE FUN

Three tastebud-friendly events to pencil in now

Seafood Fest
September 8–9
Two evenings of music, food and fun. Lobster and salmon dinners served from 4–9pm. Fox Valley Food Truck Rally with various vendors as well, 8, 4–10:30pm, 9, 4–10:30pm. Jefferson Park, Menasha. seafoodfest.us.

Taste of the Valley
October 5
Enjoy a variety of delicious food samples from local restaurants while supporting the Boys’ & Girls’ Brigade’s Youth Outreach Program. Purchase tickets in advance or at the door. 5:30–8:00pm. Riverwalk Hotel, Neenah. 725-3983.

Downtown Appleton
Craft Beer Walk
October 14
Embrace on a tasting tour of Wisconsin brewed beers, sampling two beers at each location. Brewery reps will educate participants about the styles & attributes of their beers. Register at your favorite downtown bar. 2:30–6pm. Downtown Appleton. 954-9112.

— ACW

The Sundog Letters

In a project dubbed The Sundog Letters, an anonymous Appleton-based artist is inviting residents to exchange handwritten letters for original art. The artist hopes “to explore the meaning of connection and distance” through the creative exchange.

The content of the letter is completely determined by the sender and may range from serious issues to lighthearted observations.

“I want it to be comforting and therapeutic for the participant – just the act of writing down how one is feeling is beneficial,” says the anonymous organizer. “I am hoping for candid honesty, evocative artistic expression, some surprising material and ultimately a collection that illustrates our connectedness even as strangers.”

Each letter received will be given a reply in the form of art. Replies could be a drawing, painting, ceramic work, piece of jewelry, poem, story or sculpture. The letters received may be used as part of a larger public collection, but will be kept private by request.

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New Fest Alert:
Homeland Experience

Homeland Experience, a free, two-day music and visual arts festival, is the newest addition to Cory Chisel’s festival series. The festival will take place in Green Bay on September 15 and 16 and will center on music and visual art pairings of dozens of national artists.

Chisel, a Fox Valley raised singer-songwriter and Mile of Music co-founder, says it’s going to take more than one successful festival to put Northeast Wisconsin on the map. In other words, don’t expect Homeland Experience to be Mile of Music made over.

“We knew walking into Green Bay that we needed to make [the festival] as unique as the city,” Chisel says. “There’s an authenticity in the downtown that really fits this. There’s also a vibrant visual arts scene, so it was a logical place to go.”

Performances will take place in about 12 locations throughout the Broadway, Olde Main and Downtown Districts of Green Bay, with the likelihood of some last-minute outdoor spots being added.

Jeff Mirkes, executive director of Downtown Green Bay Inc. and Olde Main, worked with event organizers on venue selections and promotions for the event.

“There’s recognition in our community that [downtown] is the place where cool things are happening for all ages. Part of it is the central location and good access to parking, and also the compatibility with nearby restaurants,” he says.

Chisel describes the festival as a “living gallery” where performances occur on rotation rather than a strictly-timed schedule. Attendees will float between experiences, perhaps lingering at some longer than others, and may have to wait to enter a venue as space becomes available.

“The bands are being paired with visual artists to create this living thing around the music being made,” Chisel says. “We are so scheduled in our everyday lives. Here, we are asking people to put that ‘programmed’ part of their brain away and come with a sense of discovery and exploration.”

The festival’s concept was inspired by the nomadic lives of many artists who feel untethered to any geographical location. Chisel says the goal of the festival is to cultivate a creative homeland for artists while creating unique experiences for attendees. Musicians might perform material that is vastly different from their usual sets and visual artists may dabble in mediums outside their typical repertoire.

Chisel says this kind of experimentation will give attendees an experience they won’t find anywhere else.

“There’s danger in it, there’s risk, and I live for that because that’s real art making,” he says. “I’m trying to free the artists to let them do what they want. I’m trusting them to take you on a beautiful ride.”

Visit homelandexperience.com for more information.

— ACW

MUSIC MASHUP

Three not to miss shows

Mile of Music Rocks The Plaza
September 23
This free concert series brings some of the top bands from previous Mile of Music festivals back to the heart of Appleton. All ages. 6–10pm. Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 750-5020.

14th Annual Fox Cities Choral Music Festival
October 17
This annual festival features local students from Appleton North, Hortonville and Winneconne high schools with a finale by guest director Sandra Snow, professor of Choral Conducting and Music Education at Michigan State University. 7pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

European Tour
November 18
Lawrence University graduate Katherine Harth joins the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra for Wagner’s Tristan und Isolde. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

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Quarter Century Celebration

Free admission days, birthday-themed programs and new and improved exhibits aren’t typical party favors. Appleton’s Building For Kids Children’s Museum, however, will sprinkle these events throughout its 25-year anniversary, to be kicked off with its “Birthday Celebration” on Saturday, November 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The museum is a not-for-profit organization that aims to empower children, engage parents and energize communities. As Executive Director of the Building For Kids Jarrad Bittner says, its “Birthday Party” will showcase and celebrate who we are, what we do for our community and recognize individuals, families and businesses that have helped us become the organization that we are today.”

Today, the Building For Kids welcomes almost 110,000 visitors each year. It has sprouted hands-on exhibits and unparalleled educational programs since its founding as only a portion of its current second floor in 1992. Beyond its 10-foot human heart, “Castle Adventure,” and the da Vinci Studio, the museum works to mold child development and shape the surrounding community.

“Every day at The Building for Kids, children reach developmental milestones, special memories are made and stronger bonds are formed within families,” Bittner says. “We always want to make sure that all children and families, regardless of background or socioeconomic status, have access to our programs.”

This year’s additional free admission days will join Access Memberships, free days and community collaborations in opening the Building for Kids’ doors to families in need. The museum extends its economic focus to starting Northeast Wisconsin’s STEM fields off young: their scientific initiative will include STEM Free Day on Sunday, November 12 - one last birthday gift to the Appleton area.

Further info regarding the Building for Kids’ 25th Birthday Celebration can be found at buildingforkids.org.

— LZ
Newly-Minted Neenah Arts Council

The city of Neenah is showing its love for the arts through the creation of a Neenah Arts Council. The 11-member council, led by Alderwoman Tami Erickson, is dedicated to “promoting and enhancing the arts for all.”

As Erickson explains it, “We were looking at promoting the arts for economic development, tourism and for our community.”

The group includes members who are affiliated with the Neenah Public Library, the Parks and Recreation Department, the YMCA and the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass. “We have a very good group of people who are interested in promoting art,” Erickson says.

The council meets monthly to work on promoting an artistic presence in the Neenah community. “We are here to promote what we already have, our public art, the art opportunities that are already there,” Erickson says.

Although the group is currently in its early stages and focusing on its mission and goals, Erickson hopes that the council will “evolve as time goes on.”

The council will primarily reach out to the community through social media. Erickson notes that the group is “interested in getting input from the community.” Monthly meetings are open to the public. Dates and times are available at www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Although the council is just getting started, Erickson says, “We are excited about what opportunities lie in front of us.”

— KM
Get Lit
Hearthstone’s 135th Anniversary Celebration

Appleton’s Hearthstone Historical House Museum, the world’s first house powered by hydroelectricity, will turn 135 years old on September 30. To celebrate, the museum will host a special anniversary event on September 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. that will also commemorate 30 years of museum operations.

The home’s rich history goes well beyond the inclusion of hydroelectricity, according to Hearthstone Historical House Museum President Cheryl Kaczmarek.

“[The house] was the first to be powered by hydroelectricity and the first to have lights powered by a Thomas Edison centralized system,” she says. “Hearthstone is the only house in the world to retain its original Thomas Edison light fixtures, cleats, wiring and switches.”

The celebration will take place on the grounds of the mansion, featuring musical entertainment by Northshore Barbershop Quartet and the Appleton Boychoir, food vendors, and historical reenactments of the night the lights went on in 1882. Mayor Tim Hannah will officially declare Appleton as Hydroelectric City and September 30 as Hydroelectric Day.

In addition to the events taking place on the grounds, the Vulcan Street Station will be open for tours and the trolley will make trips between the station and Hearthstone. The celebration is free and open to the public. For museum tour information, call 730-8204.

— DM

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When Natalie Halvorsen scheduled a meeting with a friend and creative collaborator in early June, she suggested they meet at the coffee shop four blocks from her home in Green Bay’s Olde Main Street arts district. Halvorsen, an artist and art educator, had hung a display of her monoprints and paintings there less than a week earlier, so it made a fitting backdrop for scheming up new projects.

“As we were leaving, I noticed one of the pieces was missing,” Halvorsen says. “I asked the baristas if they knew what happened to my artwork. They got really quiet and looked at each other, and I knew something was wrong.”

The show was scheduled to be on display through July, however, an employee informed Halvorsen that several customers had complained about one particular piece, a depiction of the Blessed Virgin. According to Halvorsen, the piece was taken off the wall and stored in a locked closet for six days without her being notified.

“That’s what hurt the most, that it was locked away,” she says. “I was made to feel like I [did] something really blasphemous.”

“T he irony, according to Halvorsen, is that she encourages her own students to avoid self-censoring out of fear, shame or guilt. When she followed her own advice, it led to the very feelings she wanted her students to challenge.

“T he offending piece of Halvorsen’s work, titled “Wunderkammer Mary,” was a concept drawing that depicts a Madonna as a centaur, a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body of a horse. From the waist up, the figure is a classic Madonna in a traditional Christian iconography style – minus the unicorn horn jutting from her forehead. From the waist down, the Virgin Mary has the body and legs of a horse.

Halvorsen describes the piece as pop surrealism, an art style characterized by the use of cultural icons to make a social statement.

“My intention was to depict the Virgin Mary in a wondrous, fantastical way which reminds me of Walt Disney’s ‘Fantasia,’” she says. “Ever since I was a little girl I’ve been enamored with it, so for me I was having an innocent moment rendering this character.”

Some coffee shop patrons didn’t see it that way. This may not be surprising in a city where 65 percent of residents identify as Catholic,
according to a 2010 Association of Religious Data Archives report. Critics viewed the piece as mocking of Catholicism and disrespectful to one of the religion’s most revered figures. The coffee shop owner declined to comment for this story.

While the definition of what constitutes offensive art is individual to each person, it can also reflect the majority consensus of a community. In his book “Not Here, Not Now, Not That! Protest over Art and Culture in America,” Dean of the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University Steven Tepper writes that protests to art “represent the democratic outcome of citizens negotiating the consequences of social change within their communities.”

If this is true, the Fox Cities is undergoing a revolution. It’s not a fact that can be accurately quantified by multiplying the number of creative job opportunities by how many arts venues exist in the region and dividing it by the number of art schools. Rather, it can be seen and felt in the kind of work local artists create and the reactions it gets from the community. Perhaps the implications of such art and critical responses indicate that the work is bolder in the first place or that the community is grappling with its ideals and determining its place in the broader art world.

Either way, the questions raised and the conversations started in these situations seem necessary for a fledgling art community. Beth Zinsli, director and curator of Wriston Art Center Galleries at Lawrence University in Appleton, views all reactions to art, both enthusiastic and critical, as a sign of growth.

“If people chose to put blinders on and not respond to art, that wouldn’t be good,” Zinsli says. “The fact that people want to say something about art means it’s doing its job.”

Art that generates the most critical responses generally depicts either religious, political or sexual content. This is true today as well as from a historical perspective. For example, “The Last Judgment,” a fresco at the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City by Italian Renaissance painter Michelangelo, caused controversy with its depictions of unclothed human souls at the second coming of Christ. Pablo Picasso’s “Guernica,” which depicts violence that ensued during the Spanish Civil War, has a long history of inciting political debate over warfare and activism.

As a society evolves, so does its definition of offensive material. Content and themes that were commonplace may now be outdated according to contemporary values. Sometimes the opposite is true. What was once scandalous may be acceptable, and even celebrated, by today’s standards. Zinsli says keeping history in the rearview mirror helps puts things into perspective today.

“What we now hold up as the canon of art history was in a lot of cases the things that were initially rejected from academic salons,” she says.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

In recent years, the Fox Cities have been introduced to pop up art shows – temporary exhibitions that often occur in nontraditional venues such as empty storefronts and retail spaces. Pop up shows can last a month, a week or one night.

These short-run exhibitions contribute to a rich and diverse art scene by allowing emerging or local artists to share their work with audiences who might not have the chance to see it otherwise. The brevity of pop up galleries also ensures that energy and attendance remain high rather than petering out over the course of a long exhibition run. Pop ups can also present challenges. Unlike an established gallery space, the expectations can be unclear for viewers in venues that don’t typically display art.

Hortonville-based art curator Kate Mothes has been organizing pop up galleries since 2015 through Young Space, her
blog and nomadic art platform focusing on early career contemporary artists. She’s utilized empty storefronts, vacant suites in office buildings and art co-ops.

If a show’s venue is also an operating business, its primary function can dictate what viewers expect to see and influence the way art is interpreted. The case of Halvorsen’s “Wunderkammer Mary” is a perfect example, Mothes says.

“If you’re walking into a coffee shop or restaurant, you’re not necessarily expecting to see religious or political artwork,” she says. “But if that same piece had been in The Trout Museum of Art as part of a show, it wouldn’t have gotten quite the same reaction.”

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Professors Allison Gates and Daniel Meinhardt learned the value of setting expectations within a venue while exhibiting their collaborative mixed-media art piece titled “Gender Reveal Party.” The piece integrates original medical illustrations by Meinhardt, associate professor of human biology, with baby clothing dyed by Gates, chair and associate professor of art and women and gender studies.

The piece is comprised of five baby onesies hung on a clothesline. One is solid pink, one is solid blue and three in the middle are tie-dyed in combinations of the two colors. Applied to the snap-down flap of each onesie is an illustration of a distinct stage of the Prader scale, a rating system for the measurement of the degree of virilization of human genitalia. The piece was intended to challenge society’s binary view on biological sex.

The work displayed uncontested at dedicated art venues such as The ARTgarage in Green Bay and as part of Lawrence University’s Rabbit pop-up gallery in Appleton. But when it showed at 100Arts in Madison, an art gallery within a lobby of a coworking space, it received some negative attention.

“Basically, people bringing their clients in weren’t prepared to answer questions about it,” Meinhardt says.

As a result, 100Arts hosted a facilitator-led discussion for all parties to voice their viewpoints. Meinhardt estimates about 100 people attended.

“It turned out really positive,” Meinhardt says. “At the end, the people who had objected to the piece seemed to say that if we had simply [had this discussion] in the first place and they would have had some information and understood it, they wouldn’t have had a problem.”

Ultimately the piece was removed, but only shortly before what would have been the scheduled conclusion of the exhibition. Gates and expect everyone to be able to appreciate it in the same way,” Zinsli says. “There is a little foregrounding knowledge that needs to be there, whether that work is done by the curator, the artist or institution, it needs to be there.”

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(920) 955-2224  appletonboychoir.com
The Appleton Boychoir provides a life-changing musical experience for boys that builds self-esteem, leadership and collaboration skills, and enriches the community. Do you know a boy that loves to sing? Join Us!

Appleton Downtown, Inc.
116 N. Appleton St., Appleton
(920) 954-9112  appletondowntown.org
Downtown Appleton hosts arts events throughout the year at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, art museums, galleries and stores. Plus, live music is hosted at coffee shops, restaurants and bars!

Appleton Historical Society, Inc.
128 N. Durkee St., Appleton
(920) 540-3699  appletonhistory.org
Our mission is to preserve and share Appleton’s history. We have just opened our new museum and research center. Please visit us. Open Th & F, 11am–6pm; Sa, 9am–4pm; Su, 12–4pm.

Attic Theatre
(920) 734-7887  attitchatreinc.com
Foxoffice and performance location: Barlow Planetarium. Visit the gift shop, watch live demonstrations of regional, national and international visual art. The museum presents special events, educational programs and classes, jazz performances and more.

Aylward Gallery - UW Fox Communication Arts Center
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha
(920) 832-2824  uwfox.uwc.edu/cac
Located on scenic Lake Winnebago, the museum collection features stunning contemporary glass, antique paperweights, Germanic drinking vessels and more. Temporary exhibits rotate throughout the year. Free admission for everyone, always.

Barlow Planetarium
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha
(920) 832-2848  barlowplanetarium.com
The Barlow Planetarium, Wisconsin’s first major planetarium, dedicated to sharing the wonders of the universe offers a full schedule of star shows, monthly astronomy nights and seasonal laser programming.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
165 N. Park Ave., Neenah
(920) 751-4658  bmmglass.com
Located on scenic Lake Winnebago, the museum collection features stunning contemporary glass, antique paperweights, Germanic drinking vessels and more. Temporary exhibits rotate throughout the year. Free admission for everyone, always.

Capitol Civic Centre
913 S. 8th St., Downtown Manitowoc
(920) 683-2184  mcccshows.org
The Capitol Civic Centre, home of performing arts on the lakeshore coast, presents the star-filled Balleigh Industrial Marquee Series and features 16 stellar Arts Partners’ performances. Experience it live at the Capitol Civic Centre!

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
400 W. College Ave., Appleton
foxcitiespac.com
The mission of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center is to serve as a gathering place for the community to engage in educational opportunities and enhance understanding and enjoyment of life through the arts.

Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines International
Rehearsals every Tues., 7–9:30pm. For information call (920) 740-6551  foxvalleychorus.org

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

Fox Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus
Rehearsals every Tu, Thu, 7pm.
First English Church
N2541 N. Ballard Rd., Appleton
Contact Robert Starner: (920) 757-5153

Green Bay Botanical Garden
2600 Larsen Rd., Green Bay
(920) 490-9457  gbggb.org
In all seasons, Green Bay Botanical Garden offers you a breathtaking escape filled with adventures for everyone in your family.

Heathstone Historic House
625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton
(920) 730-8204  heathstonehouse.org
Heathstone Historic House is an innovative cultural oasis and a lively community gathering place in downtown Sheboygan. Visitors can enjoy fascinating exhibitions, performing arts and art making in a drop-in studio. Family friendly with FREE admission.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center
608 New York Ave., Sheboygan
(920) 458-6144, info@jmjak.org  jmjak.org
The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is an innovative cultural oasis and a lively community gathering place in downtown Sheboygan. Visitors can enjoy fascinating exhibitions, performing arts and art making in a drop-in studio. Family friendly with FREE admission.

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

Lawrence University
711 E. Boldt Way, Appleton
(920) 832-6749  lawrence.edu
Lawrence University hosts events September through June including classical, jazz and world music concerts, theater/Opera/dance productions, art exhibits, ensemble performances and more. Don't miss Kaleidoscope, an all-conservatory music extravaganza, October 14 at the PAC.

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

Military Veterans Museum and Education Center
4300 Poberezny Rd., Oshkosh
(920) 426-6815  mvwmassic.org
The mission of the Military Veterans Museum & Education Center is to honor our nation's military history through education and preservation. Displayed vehicles include Brutos, a replica Vietnam Guntruck and a Russian T-34 tank. Open Fr, Sa & Su, 10am–5pm. Free Admission!

National Railroad Museum
2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay
(920) 437-7623  nationalrailroadmuseum.org
Explore our railroad heritage! Sit in the cab of the world's largest steam locomotive, walk through Gen. Eisenhower's WWII command train, explore the lives of the Pullman porters, ride in a historic train and more!

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 exhibits 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

newVoices – Northeast Wisconsin's Vocal Artists
111 W. College Ave., Appleton
(920) 832-9700  newvoiceschoir.org
NewVoices sings music that uplifts and inspires residents of Northeast Wisconsin. We are a mixed-voice adult choir comprised of 80 volunteer singers who audition, rehearse, and perform like professionals. We perform 4–5 concerts annually, for complete season details and tickets please visit our website.

Oneida Nation Museum
W892 County Road EE, De Pere
(920) 869-2768  oneidanation-nsn.gov/museum
The Oneida Nation Museum showcases basketry, beadwork, contemporary art, music and a children’s hands-on area. Visit the gift shop, nature trails, picnic area and more.

Paper Discovery Center
425 W. Water St., Appleton
(920) 380-7491  paperdiscoverycenter.org
Our mission is to inspire all generations ... from 4 to 94! Discover fascinating facts about paper, the history and importance to the Fox River Valley. All visitors may create their own sheet of paper as a souvenir.

Peninsula Players
4351 Peninsula Players Rd., Fish Creek
(920) 869-3287  peninsulaplayers.com
Email: tickets@peninsulaplayers.com
Door County’s premiere professional live theater presents Broadway-quality performances. The renowned artistic company coupled with the picturesque shoreline setting provide a truly unforgettable theatrical experience.

Plymouth Art Center
520 E. Mill St., Plymouth
(920) 892-8409  plymouthart.org
Visit us for fine art exhibitions showcasing W1 Artists. Original artwork for sale in the gallery & gift shop. We also offer art classes, theatrical and musical performances, a Jazz Crawl, plein air events, art tours, bus trips, lectures, festivals and more.

Rahr-West Art Museum
610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc
(920) 686-3090  rahrwestart.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
133 Depot St., Seymour
(920) 833-9835  seymourhistory.org

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
826 N. 8th St., Sheboygan
(920) 208-3245  weillcenter.com
Experience live shows in this historic theater. 2017–18 season (Sept. through May) on sale now. Special ticket package for three shows. Web site details entire season. Tribute bands, vocal groups, and more will inspire, amaze and excite.

The Grand Oshkosh
100 High Ave., Oshkosh
(920) 424-2350  thegrandoshkosh.org
Built in 1883 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Grand presents more than 100 public performances each season, featuring both nationally touring and regional artists.

The Trout Museum of Art
Fox Cities Building for the Arts
111 W. College Ave., Appleton
(920) 733-0519  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.

Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts
51 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac
(920) 921-5410  thelmaarts.org

Tigw’s Beverage Sun Drop University Museum
920 S. Franklin St., Shawano
(715) 526-5031  twigsbeverage.net
A unique and fun-filled attraction awaits! Learn the history of Sun Drop, watch movies on the history of Tigw’s, watch live production, and most importantly, sample our sodas!

University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, UW Fox Theatre, Aylward Gallery
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha
(920) 832-2646  uwfoxtheatre.com
Enjoy an evening of theatre or a concert in a comfortable, intimate space. Stroll through the Aylward Gallery showcasing work from regional artists. The CAC is open for community and private events.

Valley Academy for the Arts, Inc.
139 N. Lake St., Neenah
(920) 279-1578  valleyacademyarts.org

Wega Arts
The Gerold Opera House
136 E. Main St., Weyauwega
(920) 867-4888  wegaarts.org
Wega Arts is dedicated to bringing the Arts to Waupaca County and the surrounding area in its historic venue, the Gerold Opera House in Weyauwega. Celebrating Theater, Film & the Arts!

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

**Appleton Historical Society Museum**  (920) 540-3699

**AHS Collection**
Thru 2017. View the history of Appleton shown through maps and aerial photographs, items manufactured in Appleton, and a room featuring beer and soda pop in Appleton.

**Appleton Public Library**  (920) 832-6173

Mel Kolstad

Michael Wartgow

**Allen Priebe Gallery, UW-Oshkosh**  (920) 424-2235

**UW Colleges Faculty Art Exhibition**
Sep 12–Oct 4. Recent work created by faculty and instructional academic staff from the 13 campuses located across the state of Wisconsin.

**BFA Studio Senior Exhibitions**
Dec 5–14. UW Oshkosh BFA seniors will exhibit their work of ceramics, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

**ARTgarage, Green Bay**  (920) 448-6800

**Hamilton Wood Type Museum**
September. A number of artists and artwork will be on display representing the capabilities and history of the Hamilton Wood Type Museum.

**Northeast Wisconsin Watercolor Society**
October. An exhibit of over 40 watercolor artists’ traditional to contemporary works.

Shanna Koltz: Shattered December. Photography show.

**Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah**  (920) 751-4658

**Searching for Excellence**
Sep 8–Feb 11. Sixty stunning pieces of glass art assembled from private collections. Works include those by Dale Chihuly, Harvey Littleton, William Morris, Lino Tagliapietra, Paul Joseph Steinkardt and more.

**Contemporary Glass**
Ongoing. The Studio Glass Movement began in the United States in 1962 and created a new artistic path for glass. Those who pioneered this direction, Harvey Littleton and Dominic Labino, are represented in the collection, along with work by many others.

**Art Glass**
Ongoing. The 19th and early 20th centuries were experimental, prolific and highly competitive times in glassmaking. Home goods were created to suit the rapidly changing interests of the rising Victorian middle class and their penchant for color and pattern, or brilliantly cut crystal.

**The Building for Kids Children’s Museum, Appleton**  (920) 734-3226

**The Amazing Heart**
Ongoing. Check out a 10-foot human heart. Climb in and slide down ventricles and arteries.

**da Vinci Studio**
Ongoing. Let your imagination run wild! There is always something to create at da Vinci.

**Discovery Tree**
Ongoing. This tree was created by artist Bennett Abrams and has five tree forts, nets to climb through, and lots of friends hanging around!

**Gulfstream Aircraft**
Ongoing. See what it would be like to be a pilot, or in the control tower.

**Move It**
Ongoing. Physics, engineering and air pressure come together in what would likely be Newton’s favorite exhibit.

**Renewable Energy House**
Ongoing. Plant a garden, learn about wind energy and how much energy your house uses.

**Bush Art Center, St. Norbert College, De Pere**  (920) 403-3072

**Art Faculty Triennial Exhibition**
Thru Sep 22.

**Johanna Winters:**
What the Pleasures Told Us
Oct 2–Nov 3.

**Graphic Design History and Rock & Roll:**
Art 350-Computer Graphics Posters
Oct 2–Nov 3.

**Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition**
Nov 13–Dec 8.

**April Beiswinger:** “I like this place, and I willingly could waste my time in it.”
Nov 13–Dec 8.

**Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay**  (920) 743-5958

**Telegraphs of the Past**
Thru Oct 24. The history and development of the Engine Order Telegraph.

**Merry-Time Festival of Trees**
Nov 11–Dec 12. Celebrate the holidays with dozens of beautifully decorated Christmas trees scattered throughout the Museum’s galleries. Every tree will go home with a lucky winner in our Merry-Time Festival of Trees raffle!

**Shipwrecks**
Ongoing. Information and artifacts from shipwrecks including the Edmund Fitzgerald, the Louisiana, and Fleetwing.

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

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

**Gail F. Steinhilber Art Gallery, UW-Oshkosh**  (920) 424-2281

**20th Century Artwork Collection**
Ongoing. Including original works by George Segal, Ernst Trova, Victor Vasarely, Robert Indiana, LeRoy Neiman & Denny Dent.

**Hardy Gallery, Ephraim**  (920) 854-5535

**Making Marks: Making Meaning**
Sep 1–Oct 15. Devoted to the process of drawing; works that display a series of transitions from process to product, extending beyond the artist and into areas of illustration, design, architecture, science and engineering professionals, all who make use of drawing professionally.

**Heartstone Historic House Museum, Appleton**  (920) 730-8204

**Hands-On Hydro Adventure Center**
Ongoing. Learn about electricity while trying these fun hands-on activities. Try using one of Edison’s light switches, or try to generate enough electricity to make our electric trolley model work.

**History Museum at the Castle, Appleton**  (920) 735-9370

**AKA Houdini**
Ongoing. AKA Houdini lets you experience some of Harry Houdini’s tricks of the trade through hands-on activities. It is great fun for the whole family! See why the world renowned magician called Appleton his hometown.

**Asylum: Out of the Shadows**
Ongoing. This exhibit 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. An exhibit about local Black history from the 1720s to the present.

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

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
(920) 458-6144
The Making of a Dream: Loy Bowlin and the Beautiful Holy Jewel Home
Thru 2017. A favorite with visitors when it was last exhibited in 2007, the newly preserved and re-assembled Beautiful Holy Jewel Home will stand inside an Arts Center gallery.

An Encounter with Presence: Emery Blagdon
Thru 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.

Things Are What We Encounter: Dr. Charles Smith
Thru 2017. Dr. Charles Smith’s art environment, the African American Heritage Museum and Black Veterans Archives, traces a national narrative of violence and racism from the Middle Passage to the present day.

It’s Gotta Be In Ya: Fred Smith
Thru 2017. Comprising 237 embellished concrete and mixed-media sculptures built by Fred Smith (1886–1976), the Wisconsin Concrete Park is a vista of life-size and larger tableaux.

Our Trans Family

Patrick Hammie
Sep 29 – Nov 19. An Associate Professor in the School of Art and Design at the University of Illinois Chicago-Urbana, Patrick’s work in painting and drawing focuses on portraits and the figure.

Lawton Gallery, UW-Green Bay
(920)465-2916
Please Check a Box:
Sex, Gender, Identity and Privacy
Sep 7 – Oct 5. Sex is seen by many societies as fundamental to an individual’s identity. As our social views progress, and we understand better the biological and social complexity of variation in sex and the related concept of gender, we must ask ourselves, does it have to be? Should it be?

Retrospectacle: Work by Carol Emmons
Oct 12 – Nov 2. A retrospective of installation, sculpture, drawings, and prints by former UW-Green Bay faculty member Carol Emmons.

45th Annual Juried Student Exhibition
Nov 16 – Dec 14. This show features the terrific work of UW Green Bay students from around campus which are accepted into the exhibition by an outside juror.

Menasha Public Library
(920) 967-3690
Rosa Jimenez, paper collage and paintings
Sep 1 – Oct 31. A celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month exhibiting the new creations of Rosa Jimenez. Her work, full of color and geometric forms, is inspired by her native Mexico.

The Great War: A Commemoration
November. Explore and walk through the images, memorabilia and special photographs that are part of the US participation during World War I. They items are part of a very detailed collection owned and curated by Tom Sutter, a Fox Valley history enthusiast.

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay
(920) 746-0707
42nd Juried Annual Competition
Sep 9 – Oct 31. A five county competitive exhibition of paintings, drawings, graphics, and photography.

Beyond Words: The Art of Regional Children’s Book Illustration

National Railroad Museum, Green Bay
(920) 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. Houses in a Pullman sleeping car restored to its 1930s appearance.

The Jay W. Christopher Transportation China Collection: Travel and the Era of Fine Dining by Air, Land and Sea
Thru Feb 10. This exhibit features hundreds of pieces of china from Jay Christopher’s collection, including silver, service plates, prominent patterns and china used on railroads, steamships and airlines.

Festival of Trees
Nov 16 – Dec 31. Beautifully decorated trees displayed among historic locomotives are sure to delight!

Neenah Historical Society
(920) 729-0244
Native American Display
Ongoing. Located in lobby & south hallway of Neenah City Hall, viewable during business hours.

Making a Hometown: The Game of Life in Neenah’s Progressive Era
Thru Winter 2018. Featuring the story of industry and community building organizations and how they worked together during the Progressive Era (1890–1920) to establish the community we enjoy.
Neville Public Museum, Green Bay
(920) 448-4460

Neon: Darkness Electrified

Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Latino Identity in NE Wisconsin
Thru Apr 2018. Estamos Aquí (“We Are Here”) features the artifacts and personal stories of many Latino families in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Oneida Nation Museum, Oneida
(920) 869-2768

Oneida Nation Warriors, Honoring our Veterans
Ongoing. Learn of contributions to America by Oneida men and women in times of war and peace since the Revolutionary War.

A History of Iroquois Beadwork
Ongoing. View beautiful Iroquois and Oneida beadwork and learn of the artistic methods.

Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs
Sep 15–Jan 28. Step back in time 290 million years when bizarre-looking animals dominated life on land and sea, and find out about the greatest extinction the world has ever seen in Permian Monsters: Life before the Dinosaurs.

Discovery Room
Ongoing. Provides a distinct area devoted entirely to hands-on history, science & art activities for children as young as pre-school age.

New London Public Museum
(920) 982-8520

New London and WWI
Thru 2018. Commemorate the 100th anniversary of US involvement in the “war to end all wars.”

Carr & Dayton: The Making of NLPM
Thru Jan 2018. Celebrate the museum’s 100th birthday! Discover more about the influential men and women that started the New London Public Museum, one of only five public museums in the state.

Welcome to the Past
Thru Jan 2018. Explore life in New London from 150 years and 100 years ago in our hands-on discovery center. Try a stereoscope, figure out your name in Morse code, see how toys changed over time and find out why.

The Iroquois Confederacy
Ongoing. Learn about the Oneida homelands and their history as one of six nations known as the Iroquois Confederacy.

Oshkosh Public Museum
(920) 236-5799

The Voices of Native American Art
A broad variety of art from living Native artists who are members and descendants of different Native American Nations.

People of the Waters
Opening Sep 5, ongoing. The new state-of-the-art People of the Waters exhibition explores the region’s richness of prehistoric and early life that spans 13,000 years.

Deck the Halls
Nov 18–Dec 31. This annual exhibition showcases the historic Sawyer home decorated in its holiday splendor reminiscent of the times.

Paine Art Center & Gardens,
Oshkosh
(920) 235-6903

Wonderland: Photographs by Kirsty Mitchell
Thru Oct 15. Trained as a fashion designer and inspired by fairy tales and literature, Kirsty Mitchell created elaborate costumes and props to compose and then photograph fantastical scenes in lush landscapes.

Nutcracker in the Castle
Nov 17–Jan 8. The Nutcracker story unfolds in the Paine “castle” with the historic rooms elaborately decorated as the fantastic scenes of the beloved holiday fairy tale.

Paper Discovery Center, Appleton
(920) 380-7491

Tree to Tissue
Ongoing. Look, feel & smell to understand the process for how a tree is turned into a tissue.

Purdy-Weisenborn Paper Lab
Ongoing. All visitors get to make their own sheet of paper. A display of art shows the beauty that can be created using recycled paper & a variety of papermaking techniques.

A Child’s View of Papermaking
Ongoing. A two-story play structure that is like 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 & architecture of the Atlas Mill detailed through a photographic timeline.

Peninsula Art Gallery, Fish Creek
(920) 868-3455

Beyond Scratching the Surface
Thru Oct 14. Traditional decoration joins cutting edge processes in an exhibit that celebrates the vast palette of ceramic embellishment in use today.

Man’s Best Friend
Oct 20–Dec 30. A range of 2- and 3-dimensional media, this exhibition celebrates the selfless contribution and unconditional love these pets bring to our modern day lives.

Plymouth Arts Center
(920) 892-8409

“Wabi-Sabi” Fiber Arts Exhibit
Thru Oct 6.

Diverse Directions

22nd Holiday Membership Exhibit
Dec 1–Jan 12. Celebrating the art created by members of the Plymouth Arts Center.

Rahr-West Art Museum,
Manitowoc
(920) 868-3090

Rahr-West Members and Manitowoc County Artists
Thru Sep 17.

The Art of Preservation Waters
Edge Artists

The Art of Tablesettings
Oct 8–Nov 5. This beloved annual tradition began late in 1973 when Ruth West proposed an exhibition where non-professional designers could create innovative tables without restrictions imposed by judges and committees.

Christmas in the Mansion
Nov 22–Jan 7, 2018. A walk through the Vilas-Rahr mansion decked out in all its finery.

University of Wisconsin Faculty Art Exhibition
Dec 3 – Jan 14, 2018. Faculty members from throughout the University of Wisconsin system exhibit recent work in a variety of media.

Seymour Community Museum,
Seymour
(920) 833-6064

Military Display
Ongoing. This tribute to Seymour area veterans portrays different branches of service since the Civil War. See original uniforms worn by Seymour soldiers in all of our nation’s conflicts.

Aerial View of Seymour from 1949
Ongoing. Sponsored by Don’s Quality Market, this interactive display features many Seymour businesses, music of the era and interviews with local citizens.

Picture Yourself as “Hamburger Charlie”
Ongoing. How would you look as the originator of that culinary creation? Courtesy of the Home of the Hamburger, Inc. and created by Balance Studios, this exhibit will entertain kids of all ages.

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
(920) 733-4089

Regional Artist Gallery: Undercurrents
Thru Sep 24. The Trout Museum of Art is excited to feature a preview of many of the works that will be included in this year’s Miles of Art Celebration in Shawano County.

ORCursion:
Original Origami by Robert J. Lang
Thru Dec 31. See page 20 for more information.

UW Fox Aylward Gallery, Menasha
(920) 832-2824

Vessels

Weis Earth Science Museum,
Menasha
(920) 832-2925

Dinosaur Den
Ongoing. One of the best dinosaur nests on exhibit anywhere, a life-size skull replica of Stan, the Tyrannosaurus rex, a hugh bone of a duck-bill dinosaur that you can touch — and a complete Protocerasaurus with stones in its gizzard — just like birds.

Explore Minerals & Mines
Ongoing. Walk through a lead-mine tunnel, explore Wisconsin’s mining history, discover how Native Americans mined copper and learn how we use rocks and minerals.
Christm as in Septem ber

We’re celebrating C hristm as a tad early this year! Want a sneak peek? Stop in at AT LA S WaterFront Café on Sunday, September 24th, and see the newest vintage and collectible holiday items on display and available for purchase. Proceeds from your purchases will benefit our Power of the Purse program, so bring your gently-used purses, hats, scarves and mittens to receive a 5% discount on early sales. 425 W. Water St., Appleton. (920) 734-6871. atlaswaterfrontcafe.com.

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Fresh Fall Fashion

At Apricot Lane Boutique we have all you need in your fall wardrobe — denim, plaid, cozy sweaters, trendy booties and dresses for any occasion. We are a locally-owned, affordable boutique for ladies of all ages. Text ALBAP to 57711 for 25% OFF your purchase! Located inside the Fox River Mall (J & C Penney wing), Appleton. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @apricotlaneappleton. (920) 903-5294.

Take Your Brat Experience to a New Level!

The folks at Cedar Creek Marketplace have come up with new flavors that will expand your tastebuds. Everyone loves mac and cheese — and they have a mac and cheese brat that is deadly. Or for something a little spicier, try a chicken fajita brat with flavors that will amaze you. Enjoy at home or remember them for a catered event. 3220 E Northland Ave., Appleton. 734-8792. 1894 N Casaloma Dr., Appleton. 968-0052. cedarcreekmarketplace.com.

A Fall Must-Have!

Trail-ready vegan shoes made for comfort and traction. Meet Spirit by Jambu. It’s lightweight, flexible, and an eco-conscious shoe that leaves a light footprint on the environment. Available at Vanderloop Shoes:
127 E. Main Street, Little Chute. (920) 788-1061;
1861 N Casaloma Drive, Appleton. (920) 882-8585;
1593 Western Avenue, Green Bay. (920) 496-0505.

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Home Trend: 

Textiles

Usher in autumn with decorative fabrics and fibers

Mixed-Media Pieces
For a modern twist, choose decor that mixes textiles with other materials such as wood or metals. Tina Palmer, owner of Red Door Mercantile in Neenah, says items that combine different textures, like a canvas wall art equipped with wrought iron hooks, are becoming more popular.

Wall Hangings
Pufahl says she is seeing textiles with “lots and lots of textures, even if they’re neutral.” Woven wall hangings are very popular, adding texture with three-dimensional elements that function as a work of art.

Pillows
“Pillows make a big impact,” says Sandra Pufahl, owner of La Belle Maison in Menasha. “If you want to add some color and interest to your home, I would say add some pillows.” Pillows are an easy entry point for those new to the textile trend. They can be switched out with the seasons and offer a cost-effective way to update a room’s look.

From tablecloths and rugs to wall hangings and pillows, textiles add textural beauty and warmth to a living space that is fitting for fall. Whether you opt for functional or decorative items, there are countless ways to incorporate textiles into your home. Here are a few of our favorite ways to try the trend.
Vintage Tablecloths

Tablecloths like these by April Cornell add a vintage flair to tables of any size. “They’re just so pretty and they’re vibrant without being over the top,” says Palmer.

Neutral Colors

Textiles in neutral tones are timeless and create a calming atmosphere. To spice things up, Pufahl suggests incorporating neutrals with different textures woven in the fibers. Look for rugs and throws that are woven with multiple materials. Patterns that use a variety of neutral shades can also add visual interest.

Area Rugs

Area rugs create a focal point for your living space. “Shaggy wool weaves are showing up with a Moroccan influence, often styled after vintage carpets with light grounds enhanced by earth-toned designs,” says Leigh Rinehimer, owner of Willows Bend in Appleton. This Moroccan-inspired rug by Dash and Albert is a great example.
Watching a Green Bay Packers game at Lambeau Field is an experience every Fox Citiian should have at least once, but sometimes home is the only place you want to be. Skip the lines, stay warm and save some money by hosting your own tailgate party right at home. It goes without saying – a proper “homegate” party is all about the eats. Whip up these game day favorites from local restaurants and earn instant MVP (Most Valuable Partier) status.

**Ruben Loaded “Tot-chos”**

Serves 2

At a homegate party, not any old nachos will do. Show off your ‘Sconnie side with these sauerkraut-topped “tot-chos” created by New York Deli in Appleton.

**Tot-cho ingredients:**
- 1 lb frozen tater tots
- 4 oz Boar’s Head Top Round Pastrami, chopped
- 4 oz sauerkraut
- 2 oz 1000 island dressing

**Cheese sauce ingredients:**
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- dash of Tabasco sauce
- salt and pepper

In a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour; cook while whisking for one minute. Reduce heat to medium-low and slowly add in the half-and-half, stirring until thickened. Add in the Swiss cheese, dry mustard, Worcestershire sauce and hot pepper sauce to taste; mix with a wooden spoon until the cheese has melted. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm while preparing remaining items.

Prepare tater tots by manufacturer’s directions. Place on platter. Warm sauerkraut, sprinkle over potatoes. Top with cheese sauce, chopped pastrami and drizzle with 1000 island dressing.
Smoked Brisket Chili

Yields 2 gallons

This smoked brisket chili recipe, created by Parker John’s BBQ & Pizza in Menasha, makes enough to feed a hungry crowd. Split the recipe in half if your homegate party is more intimate or enjoy leftovers during the week.

Ingredients:

- 7 strips of bacon
- 1 1/2 whole yellow onions, diced
- 1 1/2 whole red peppers, diced
- 1/4 cup minced garlic
- 1 1/2 cans Surly Coffee Bender Brown Ale
- 4 cups tomatoes, diced
- 4 cups tomato sauce
- 4 cups black beans, drained and rinsed
- 4 cups kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 16 oz tomato juice
- 1 bottle of your favorite Bloody Mary mix
- 3 lbs chopped smoked brisket (acquire the brisket from Parker John’s or substitute your own meat)
- 1/2 cup chili powder
- 3 tablespoons cumin
- 3 oz chipotle peppers, pureed in a blender
- 1 tablespoon paprika

Cook the bacon strips, reserving the bacon grease. Dice the cooked bacon after it's cooled. Sauté the onions, red peppers and garlic in the reserved bacon grease. Once translucent in color, add the chopped bacon and the remaining ingredients. Bring all ingredients to temperature, keeping heat to medium-low. Allow chili to slow simmer for about 30 minutes until it reaches 165 degrees.

Continued
Q. I’d like to make my own classic marinara sauce using my garden tomatoes to enjoy year round. Do you have a favorite recipe and jarring or storing tips?

— Graham, Little Chute

A. I’ve made my own marinara sauce for so many years I can recite it by heart. The proportion of ingredients is completely up to you. Start with olive oil and sauté some onions and garlic. Core and chunk your tomatoes, but do not bother peeling or seeding them. Add the tomatoes and any other vegetable you want. I use carrots for sweetness, bell peppers for flavor and zucchini squash because they are plentiful. Bring the sauce to a boil and reduce to a simmer. The tomatoes will release a lot of moisture so you will need to simmer the sauce for hours, stirring occasionally. As the sauce gets thicker the acidity of the tomatoes also dissipates. At this time I add oregano, basil, thyme, fennel seeds, salt and black pepper. After tasting, balance the sauce with brown sugar. The sauce should be well balanced with no one particular ingredient dominating. The final step is to puree the sauce using a blender to pulverize any remaining skins and seeds. Then I pour the sauce into quart-size zip bags and freeze them flat on sheet pans for easy storage.

Grass-Fed Beef Burgers
Yields 4 burgers

Hector Hernandez and Brian Shaw, sous chefs at Stone Arch Brewpub in Appleton, conceived this crowd-pleasing burger recipe as the perfect game day meal. They recommend pairing the burger with a Stone Arch Scottish Ale or Stone Arch root beer.

Ingredients:
2 lbs ground grass-fed beef
one pack of bacon
1/2 lb Carr Valley cheddar cheese
4 ciabatta buns, sliced in half
one bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce
2 tomatoes
1 red onion
1 head romaine

Prep your toppings: Cook the bacon in a 350 degree oven for 12-16 minutes to desired crispiness. Shred the Carr Valley cheddar cheese and divide into 2 ounce portions. Cut tomato into 1/4 inch thick slices. Thinly slice red onion. Cut romaine tops to fit ciabatta bun.

Cook burgers: Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Patty beef into 8 ounce portions. Press each portion between two plates lined with wax paper to form your patty. Remove wax paper before grilling. Grill burgers to desired temperature (Hernandez and Shaw suggest medium-rare). Melt cheese then add bacon and BBQ on top of the patty.

Assemble the burger: Put lettuce, tomato and onion on the bottom bun. Place burger on top of the veggies and finish with the second ciabatta half.
WHERE TO DINE

**Antojitos Mexicanos**
204 E. College Ave., Appleton 380-0244
Our name translates to “Mexican cravings” and that is what you will find in our family-owned Mexican restaurant. We serve street vendor-style food as well as fine dining calileri delicacies. All meals are homemade from family recipes used in our hometown of LaCañada, Guanajuato, Mexico. Be sure to try a Margarita Flight to sample four delicious varieties! Happy Hour is M & W, all day, featuring 2 for 1 margaritas; Tu, Th & F; 3–6pm featuring $1 tacos at the bar, $3 Tecate and $4 sangrias on Tuesday; $4 mojitos and old fashions on Thursday; $1 fish tacos and $1 off any drink on Fridays! Open M–Th, 10:30am–9pm; F & Sa, 10:30am–10pm. Closed Sunday.

**The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill**
124 N. Appleton St., Appleton 731-8885
At Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill you’ll find appetizers, salads, gourmet burgers, made-from-scratch pizza and more. For Friday fish lovers there’s pan-fried walleye, haddock, perch and panko crusted shrimp served with your choice of side. Try the blackened salmon or haddock with a side of seasoned garlic broccoli or roasted root veggies for a healthy option. We source locally from The Meat Block, Quaker Bakery, Laack’s Cheese and more. Ask about our private party room with fireplace. Official Wisconsin Badgers Alumni venue! Open Tu–Sa, 11am. Happy hour daily 3–6pm; Fr, 1–6pm.

**Carmella’s: an Italian Bistro**
716 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton 882-4044
Experience authentic Italian cuisine in a European-style setting with a lively atmosphere and knowledgeable, welcoming staff. Select from pastas, entrees, appetizers, salads and sandwiches any time of day. Our divine desserts and full menu-in-house by our pastry chef. During warmer months, our secluded patio offers an al fresco dining experience unlike any other. We also offer a private dining area for small groups, and off-site catering. Winner of six 2016 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards, including Best Overall. Hours: Su, Tu–Th, 11am–9pm; F & Sa, 11am–12pm. Reservations accepted for parties of six or more. carmelliasbistro.com.

**Castilla Bistro & Tapas**
213 S. Nicolet Rd., Appleton 749-0342
Take a culinary tour of Spanish flavors right in the FOX CITIES! Castilla Bistro & Tapas features tapas—a plate of spiced grilled octopus, a pitcher of fruity sangria from the bar before digging into Castilla’s menu of traditional tapas, grilled steaks, market-fresh seafood, artisanal cheeses and cured meats. The atmosphere is warm and inviting and the staff is well-trained and knowledgeable. Round out your evening with a house-made dessert and you’ll experience a culinary trip like no other. Serving M–Sa, 10–12pm; closed Su. castillaappleton.com.

**Debé Cheesecake and Corporate Catering**
debecheesecake.com 720-5400
Home of “Eldu in the Little Red Box” – our family’s finest box lunch! Debé Cheesecake and Catering is committed to bringing you exceptional food. Made with quality ingredients. Our sauces are made fresh in our kitchen with no extra additives. Our breads and pastries are baked fresh daily. With your first bite, you will know it was worth the extra effort! Email: debecheesecake@gmail.com.

**El Patron Mexican Grill & Bar**
100 E. College Ave., Appleton 996-0122
El Patron Mexican Grill & Bar is family-owned, featuring homemade recipes with nightly specials like two for one margaritas on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It’s a little bit of Mexico in Downtown Appleton! “El Patron is the most authentic Mexican cuisine I have had since returning to Appleton from Texas.” The owners, Adela and Miguel, make me feel like I stepped off the streets of Mexico and right into their home and dinner with their family. I love this place!” — Mary M. Open M–Sa, 11am–9pm, Closed Su. Facebook: elpatronmексicangrillandbar.

**GingeRootz Asian Grille**
2920 N. Ballard Road, Appleton 738-9688
Discover how the finest ingredients come together to create a new world of flavor. Stop in for lunch or dinner in our contemporary dining area, or relax in the lounge with a drink from our full service bar. Have a special event on the horizon? From business meetings to birthdays, our private banquet room will spice up any party. We also offer off-premise catering for parties of all occasions. Our cozy patio is open for the season! Open daily 11am–9:30pm. Offering complimentary appetizers during Happy Hour 3–6pm; Su–Th; after 10pm; F & Sa. Daily Dinner Happy Hour specials 3–5pm. gingerootz.com.

**Houdini’s Escape Gastropub**
1216 S. Oneida St., Appleton 574-2616
From the beautiful brick patio with glowing fire tables, to the spotless open concept kitchen, Houdini’s offers a magical dining experience unlike anywhere in the Fox Valley. A selection of more than 160 local, craft, and microbrew beers, and a rotating wine list complement our seasonal food offerings and daily chef’s specials. Unexpected menu items aren’t the only thing mesmerizing guests — enjoy a special plated brunch menu on Sundays or sip on a craft cocktail while watching the chefs work their magic. Open M–Sa at 11am, Su at 9am. houdinisscape.com.

**Island Sushi**
N162 Eisenhower Dr., Appleton 993-2222
Island Sushi is home to the only floating sushi bar in the Fox Cities. Select unlimited plates from boats in the “sushi moat” as they float by as well as custom order your favorites from the chef. Perfect for diners who wish to try several types of sushi, our endless variety of raw and cooked rolls plus other specialty items will keep you snapping plates all day or night. Sip a craft cocktail at our adjacent bar where you can also enjoy a la carte made-to-order sushi rolls. Open M–Sa, 12pm–9pm; Private parties available on Sundays.

**Little Diner Xpress**
1939 N. Richmond St., Appleton 734-9962
Awarded FOX CITIES Magazine’s Golden Fork Award for Best Diner/Café two years running, Little Diner Xpress’ full menu can be enjoyed anytime day or night. This little gem offers a great build-your-own craft burger menu including an organic grass-fed burger option and fantastic breakfast items like the indulgent cookies and cream stuffed french toast. Organic coffee and espresso drinks, reduced GMO foods, locally-sourced ingredients and healthier options set this diner apart. It has a cozy atmosphere, allowing you to sit back and relax while enjoying your meal. Open 24 hours a day. Eat Anytime!

**Mr. Brews TapHouse**
201 S. River Heath Way, Appleton 815-3516
Nestled along the Fox River, offering spectacular water and wildlife viewing, Mr. Brews Taphouse features 48 tap craft beers and a selection of wines to accompany our gourmet burgers and fresh cut fries/chips. We also offer chicken, turkey burgers and vegetarian options, as well as salads and a kids menu. Check out our website and find us on Facebook for upcoming events. Reserve our mezzanine for your next gathering. Join us for happy hour M–F, 3–6pm. Open Su–Th, 11am–11pm; F–Sa, 11am–midnight. Connect with us on Untappd for our current beer selections! Relax on our riverside patio! mrbrewstaphouse.com.

**Muncheez Pizzeria**
600 W. College Ave., Appleton 749-1111
FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Award winner for Best Pizza and Best Non-Chain Late-Night Dining in 2014, 2015 and 2016! Delicious pizzas, subs, salads, wings and more, including the best gluten-free crust around. Pizza lounge with free movies, Wi-Fi and computer. High-quality ingredients — including hand-chopped veggies and fresh Italian sausage. Large selection of Wisconsin beers and ciders. Free Cheezy-Breadsticks with any 14- or 16-inch pizza, free delivery, and more freebies, specials, and menu at www.muncheezpizza.com. Open late 11am–Jun 365 days a year.

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528 W College Ave, Appleton 221-3346
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**Sai Ram Indian Cuisine**
253 W. Northland Ave., Appleton 733-3003
One of the finest Authentic Indian restaurant in the Midwest and winner of the 2016 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards. We offer a menu of options from Vegetarian and Vegan to chicken, Lamb, Seafood and Beef. All dishes are prepared fresh to suit your taste. We also offer variety of best Indian appetizers, famous Tandoori and Biriyani Dishes. Lunch: M–Sa, 11am–2pm. Dinner: M–Sa, 4:30–9pm. Sairamcuisine.com.

**SAP**
708 N. Casaloma Dr, Appleton 257-2194
SAP offers breakfast and lunch classics any time of the day! We use locally sourced eggs from organic-fed chickens in all of our dishes, and our pork is from a farm down the road. Stop in for a coffee or espresso drink and a from-scratch pastry or dessert from our bakery case. Our deli case is full of artisan Wisconsin cheeses and meats, organic rotisserie chicken and house-made favorites. No time to sit down? Order to go! On warmer days, we’ll open the garage doors on our four-seasons patio. Winner of the 2016 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards for Best Brunch and Best Brunch. Tu–Sa, 5pm–8pm. sapbranch.com.

**Vince Lombardi’s Steakhouse**
333 W. College Ave., Appleton 733-8000
Located inside the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Honored with the NFL’s Most Valuable Property (MVP) Award in 2009. Extraordinary steaks, superb wines and legendary service. Enjoy world-class dining set among Coach Lombardi’s personal memorabilia and classic photos. Experience a commitment to excellence in food, beverages and service that is commensurate with the standards of our namesake. The award-winning restaurant features extraordinary USDA prime cuts of beef and a wine list that Wine Spectator Magazine has named “one of the most outstanding in the world.” vincelombardisteakhouse.com.

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Our top-flight chef team led by Chef Peter Kuensi, urban cafeteria setting and penchant for local ingredients, ensure that your food is creative, fresh and ready fast. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, Zuppas Café offers chef-prepared soups, sandwiches, salads and more. Enjoy handcrafted pastries and desserts with coffee or take home a variety of fresh prepared salads and entrees from our deli. Our Green Room is perfect for your personal or business gathering. M–F, 8am–8pm; Sa, 11am–3pm; closed Su. Visit zuppas.com for daily specials.

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