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Rahr-West Art Museum

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11:00 - 4:00

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Exhibition and Event Schedule

November 21 through January 6 *Christmas in the Mansion*

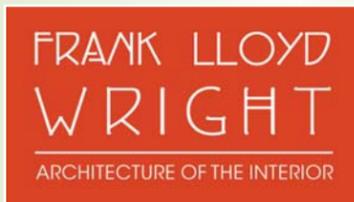
December 8 through January 20 *Ladies of the Lake Quilters: Still Quilting*
Opening Reception with Quilt Expert Chris Kinka Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1pm

March 3 through March 30 *Youth Art Series: Manitowoc Public School District*

April 7 through April 28 *Youth Art Series: Olympian*

May 5 through May 26 *Youth Art Series: St. Francis*

June 9 through August 4



Rahr-West Art Museum Governing Board

Meg Bollinger • Simone Dorcas • Jill Hennessey • Amy Jagemann • Lori Kirby • Jim Konitzer
Christine Kornely • Jeanne Miller • Jason Ring • Dolly Stokes • Thomas Van Horn • Amy Fricke-Weigel • Tricia Zimmerman



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Sputnikfest 2012 was wacky, tacky and out of this world. This year there was also an International flavor, with the BBC entering two of our competitions. The success of this event is a credit in no small part to the support we received from our volunteers and sponsors.

We would like to give a special thank you to the following sponsors:

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| Amy's Apparel | Konitzer's Fine Line Painting |
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| Cher-Make Sausage | Mythic Non-Toxic Paint |
| Color By Us | Orion Energy Systems |
| Fox's Piggly Wiggly | Our Acute Angle |
| Fricke Printing Services | Riverwood-Maritime Credit Union |
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| Kiwanis Club of Manitowoc | Talk To The Paw |

We also received additional support from:

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| St. Francis of Assisi Parish | Mayor Nickels |
| Manitowoc Lions | Manitowoc Police & Fire |
| Friends of the Rahr-West | Departments |
| Art Museum | DPW and Parks & Recreation |
| Hallman Lindsay | |

And we cannot forget our volunteers. These volunteers are a vital part of an event of this magnitude, and our community is truly blessed to have so many citizens willing to help out.

Finally we thank the artists and members of the community who participated in this wacky tacky event. Whether you entered one of the many contests or purchased Sputnikfest merchandise or an alien for the alien drop, or maybe you just came to enjoy the art, music and refreshments.

Please know your support helps the Rahr-West Art Museum provide art education opportunities to the community, and we are grateful to each and every one of you. Sputnikfest celebrates an event so unique that no other community can claim it. This festival is supported, celebrated and attended by our community.



First Place Pet



Cosmic Costume Winners



I Come In Peace



Building Rockets

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The board would like to thank Greg for a great job as our director. He has just completed his first year and we appreciate all the effort that he has put forth. As we move forward, the board has decided to have a strategic planning session in February. The last time this process was done was in 2004. This plan will help Greg, the staff, and the board of directors create a vision for the next five to ten years. We will be using a facilitator from LTC who will be conducting this session.

I would like to thank our members for a wonderful turnout for our Table Setting Reception. We had close to 150 people attend the opening reception. The exhibit this year had many different art forms of table settings that created a wonderful exhibit. Thank you to the Friends Committee for helping organize the reception and a special thank you to everyone who participated.

The new membership was unveiled at the membership meeting on October 4th. Everyone will be receiving their membership packets at the end of November. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Greg. He will be happy to assist you.

Finally, this year our Christmas in the Mansion will be held exclusively in the house. This was an annual tradition that the Rahr-West did years ago and we are bringing it back. Once again, this is a members only reception that you will truly enjoy. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.

There is always a place for you at Rahr-West...Remember the Rahr-West is "THE ART EXPERIENCE"!

Amy Fricke-Weigel
President of the Rahr-West Art Board

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas from the Rahr-West Art Board of Directors!



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Mother Daughter Tea

On July 15, 2012 the Rahr-West Art Museum held their first Mother Daughter Tea, and it was a resounding success! Forty-three mothers and daughters attended, and everything was perfect...the art was spectacular...the tables and flowers were beautiful.

Tea sandwiches and desserts were provided by Cravings and Jen's Java, with Acute Angle generously donating Tea Forte'. There were raffle items, an art activity, and music provided by pianist Zachary Holzer.

This was not a small undertaking. A huge thank you to our committee members Jane Spindler, Tricia Zimmerman, Kathy Pohlmann, Mary Reis, Bernie Zimmer, Winnie Drape, Kathy Halla, Jeanie Miller, Patricia Morse, Sandy Van Horn, D.J. Lucas and Ruth Ann Volcheff for a job well done. Without exception, every guest said she loved it and had a fabulous time.



CLASSES

Adult Ceramics ~ Every Tuesday from 11:30 – 1:30
\$35 members / \$70 non-members

Join the club! Learn how to roll a slab of clay, use pottery tools, learn techniques and become the designer as you build a beautiful ceramic piece. Each month we start a new session.

Ornamental Afternoon ~ Saturday, December 1st 1-3 pm
Hand Paint a Ceramic Christmas Ornament
\$15

Create a one of a kind ornament for your tree! Handpaint a 4" round ceramic ball ornament using underglazes just in time for Christmas tree decorating. They are also perfect for hanging in your kitchen, porch or even the garden once the tree is down. Capture your child's artwork or handprint, create a winter/summer scene, write a special saying, create a wedding gift, all possibilities. No rules, just join us for creative fun! The ornaments are clear glazed and kiln fired.

Wacky Weekend Workshop
2nd Saturday of the each month 1-3 pm
FREE

December 8 Christmas Craft
January 12 Pointalism Snowscenes

Preschool Palette
Sponsored by Fricke Printing Services Inc.
3rd Wednesday OR Thursday of each month 9-10 AM
\$1 per preschooler
December 19 & 20 Unique Christmas Ornaments
January 16 OR 17 Watercolor Resist Snowmen



Participatory Art Project

First of all, THANK YOU to all of those who have been bringing in their plastic caps and covers. We have accumulated an amazing amount of colors and shapes to work with.

Now we need to begin the process. We would like to hold this event in early July of 2013, so we need to start the preparations soon.

Here is where you come in. We are looking for volunteers (teens-seniors) to assist us in this venture in the following capacities:

- o Sorting and some cleaning of the plastic caps and covers.
- o Drawing the mural onto the panels
- o Base painting the mural

Once the mural panels are complete, we will have a public event and invite the community to come and attach the plastic pieces to the mural.

We realize that everyone has a busy schedule, but we also know that we have some very talented individuals in our membership that would truly be an asset to this project

If you would be interested in participating in this group, please contact the Rahr at 920-686-3090.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A spectacular summer has come to an end. The Rahr-West was as busy as ever, with exhibits, classes and special events. 'Women From Subjects to Creators' allowed us an opportunity to see our collection a little differently, and with the County Artists and Members' exhibit drew many from outside the area to see this region's finest art. Our Mother Daughter Tea was a great hit, as was the Door County Gallery Tour. Visits from the Manitowoc Marine Band and the Open Air Classic Car club made the Rahr-West a wonderful place to visit inside and out. And of course there was Sputnikfest – as big and crazy and wonderful as ever!

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who staffed the front desk, led tours, assisted our classes and helped us to host our special events. You have been so important for us over the past year and we love having you involved in the museum. If you are interested in volunteering at the Rahr-West, we would be happy to have you.

Looking forward to 2013, we have some great new surprises – big exhibits, great new art, fun new events. But don't forget that we still have much, much more in 2012. Christmas in the Mansion, Still Quilting, plus a variety of classes for the whole family.

Be sure to check our webpage, www.rahrwestartmuseum.org for all the details and our schedule. We are closing in on a record year, and with your help we can break our attendance record! Stop by today to see your museum!



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'In the Victorian Tradition'
by Ruth Nash from the
inaugural "Tablesettings"



the Art of table setting

'TV with You' (1978)



'Disco' (1980)



When Mrs. Ruth West first devised the first 'Art of Tablesetting' exhibit in 1974, there is no way she could have imagined the success or the creative spirit the annual event would bear. Truth be told, the original 'Art of Tablesetting' was not called 'Art of Tablesetting.' The exhibit title read "STILL LIFE And Creative Table Settings." That first year featured 22 tables, including four created by Mrs. West.

Of course the exhibit grew, becoming larger and more creative with each passing year. Ruth West, contrary to popular belief, was not content to keep settings refined to only the most elegant china and polished silver. Examples including her 1978 'TV with You,' set on two TV Trays and facing a mock television complete with Walter Cronkite delivering the news, remind us that she appreciated diverse interpretations of table setting.

2012's "Tablesettings" brought artists from all over Eastern Wisconsin, Milwaukee to Brown County, creating a vast kaleidoscope of tables. Visitors got a chance to examine graceful contemporary settings, comforting country farm tables, and outrageously creative takes on 'The Art of Tablesetting.' In the end, it was agreed that 2012 was a great success.

Interested in creating a tablesetting in October 2013? The Rahr-West is still accepting applications. Due to space restrictions, we conduct a blind draw in early 2013 to fairly choose the participants. Stop by the Rahr-West to apply.