The Mansfield Art Center proudly presents the 2023 Exhibition Season. Marvel at the spectacular artwork and installations to discover the artists’ passion, vision, and social commentary each bring to their work. The message is the making, and the medium provides the keys for the journey, unlocking a personal narrative that will unleash the power of the imagination. -Executive Director, George Whitten

1 Nick Stull Amber in the Park (detail view) exhibiting artist Mar 19 - Apr 16
PASSAGES
Jan 22 - Feb 26, 2023

Four powerful female artists examine the delicate landscape of life's procession with reflection, creation, humor, pathos, and irony. Passages is about transition; the movement through life and death, the dance of experiences that connect us all, and the individual perceptions that set us apart.

Our atrium space will feature an expansive fabric installation; the swan-song of prolific artist Sue Cavanaugh. Created as an elevating singular focus during her final months, Let's Dance is a celebration of life and the friendship that unites the artists.  

Featuring Artists |

Sue Cavanaugh  
Deborah Griffing  
Barbara Vogel  
Eileen Woods

2 Sue Cavanaugh | Let's Dance  
3 Eileen Woods, Deborah Griffing, Barbara Vogel
Dynamic and refined mural artists Nick Stull & Steve Ehret bring a synergistic show to The Mansfield Art Center. Inspired by the natural world, these large scale panels of fluidly biomorphic images and portraits utilize oil, acrylic, ink, and spray paint in new and exciting ways that show the artists' unique styles.

Both Ohio artists are acclaimed for their vibrant and uplifting designs, and have been featured in places like: Otherworld, The Canton Museum of Art, The Blockfort Gallery, The Sarah Gormley Gallery, and gracing buildings and public art spaces throughout the state.

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4 Nick Stull *Collective Consciousness* 2022, mural at The Peninsula Columbus

5 Steve Ehret, 2022
LEIGH BROOKLYN
Battle Scars, The New Protagonist
Mar 19 - Apr 16, 2023

Brooklyn's portraits speak to connected humanity, social justice, and empowerment, through concentrated narratives that are highly relevant in today's world. With a background in scientific illustration, she owns a keen understanding of structure and form that defines her work.

Tackling subjects as they happen, Brooklyn chronicles current events with a focus on representing strong women through capacious oil paintings, drawings, and sculptures. Brooklyn was selected from the CAN Triennial 2022 at The Bonfoey, and has recently had a solo exhibition at The Kaiser Gallery.

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6 Leigh Brooklyn Pieta (Mother with Child) 2022, Oil on Linen 72”x48”
7 Leigh Brooklyn Tricolor Love Bomb Grenade, Hand-Painted Grenade 3.5”x2.5”x2.5”
78th ANNUAL MAY SHOW
May 7 - Jun 18, 2023

The May Show features innovative work in all mediums, representing a broad range of exciting and diverse talent. Awards and Recognition from our guest juror Adam Brouillette of Blockfort Gallery will be presented on opening day during the Artist's Reception. The May Show is a highlight of the year, giving us a fresh look at current works from across the region, and has become a premiere show for the state. Both artists and visitors consider it a motivating and beloved exhibition.

Call To Artists |
Digital Submissions | Apr 1 - 10
In Person Receiving | Apr 21 - 22 | 11-4pm
Jurying | Adam Brouillette | Apr 23
Notification | Apr 26 - 27
Artwork Pick Up | Jun 20 - 25 | 12-4pm

May Show Prospectus with submission details will be available on our website

8 Image of visitors at our 77th Annual May Show 2022
9 Tony Sansalone, Best in Show 2021, Charcoal on Paper
The Mansfield Art Center will host The Ohio Watercolor Society’s Annual Juried competition for 2023. The OWS exhibition showcases the talent, diversity and energy of artists working in water soluble mediums: watercolor, acrylic, casein, gouache and egg tempera.

The mission of OWS is to advance the stature of watercolor as a major painting medium, to assist in the education of Ohio residents in the area of aqueous painting, and to foster a greater appreciation and interest of both the individual artist and the general public.

10 Frederick C. Graff The Amish Way, Award of Distinction OWS 2022
11 Thomas Schroeder Shut In, Gold Buckeye Leaf Award 2021
OPEN
Jul 9 - Aug 13, 2023

Conveying feelings and ideas by use of distinctive style and rhythm, through words, images, and sounds; Open will be an interactive Poetry experience. Featured artists have found creative expression, connecting language and visual mediums. In collaboration with The Wick Poetry Center, visitors will contribute to a community poem through Traveling Stanzas, and create a public installation of Word Art, displayed in the Spotlight Gallery.

Featuring Artists |

Olga Ziemska
Karoline Schleh
Jo Westfall

Wick Poetry Center | Traveling Stanzas Poetry Makerspace

12 Olga Ziemska Matrix 01
13 Karoline Schleh & Bradley Sabin collaboration
The Mansfield Art Center presents a collection of mixed-media sculptures by American post-war & Contemporary Sculptor, Gary Spinosa.

"Every sculpture suggests archaic forms and universal perceptions residing within each of us. They lead us into a visionary world where everyday materials have been transformed into magical artworks and where each sculpture becomes a symbol for emotions far deeper than we normally feel, a healing belief structure into which we have yet to be initiated, and a profound understanding that is just eluding us." -The Sculpture Center

14 Gary Spinosa Divine Instinct
15 Gary Spinosa *Photo Credit Jeff Willis
Specializing in art to wear, Nina Vivian Huryn has styled entertainers and musicians throughout her career. Elton John's kimono was covered in flying skeletons, their wings made of crushed matchbooks. Her work includes large fabric and mixed media quilts, sculptural fiberglass funeral "encasements", very large multi panel leather and trash assemblages, and small one-piece leather/trash "collages" on wood. Stories revolve around life, death, and afterlife in a decaying industrial landscape providing the common thread that ties her mix of artistic mediums together.  

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16 Nina Vivian Huryn, wearing her design  
17 Brian May of Queen, wearing Huryn Skeleton Jacket, 1978 | Image courtesy of ninahuryn.prod.cgalvin.com  
18 Nina Vivian Huryn Blow Out 2009, Leather, tooled, painted, dyed on wood, found objects
CROWFEST
Oct 14 - Oct 29, 2023
Join us as we celebrate the heralded migration of thousands of crows to The MAC forest. Our 2nd Annual CrowFest will feature a wide variety of crow-inspired artwork in every medium. An Opening Festival with Artist Reception will be held on Sat, Oct 14, 2023; food trucks, craft beer, and fall festivities, as well as an Art Awards presentation. Best In Crow will be selected by our guest juror (TBA), as well as categories by medium.

CAW To Artists |
Digital Submissions | Sept 3 - 16
In Person Receiving | Sept 22 & 23
Jurying | Oct-10
MAC Masquerade Party | Fri, Oct 13
Artist Reception & Opening | Sat, Oct 14
Artwork Pick-Up | Nov 2 - 4

CrowFest Prospectus with submission details will be available on our website

19 Evelia Sowash Ah, Who’s There? Acrylic on canvas 3’x5’ | CrowFest 2022
20 CoLee, American Crow | Ohio Bird Sanctuary Resident & Contributing Artist
HOLIDAY FAIR
Nov 18 - Dec 24, 2023

The 54th Annual Holiday Fair showcases the work of local artists & makers, as well as a wonderful variety of sourced gift items from small businesses around the globe. Holiday Fair provides a thoughtful shopping experience that directly supports the artists as well as the Art Center, and helps art thrive in our community.

Call To Artists & Makers |
Submissions | Oct 23 - 28
Receiving | Nov 4 - 5
After Show Pick-Up | Jan 1 - 6

Holiday Fair Prospectus with submission details will be available on our website

Holiday Fair Preview Party | Nov 17 | RSVP

Soupe Au Fair | Dec 5 - 8 & Dec 12 - 15

21 Image of hand blown glass ornaments | Holiday Fair 2022
22 The Mansfield Art Center
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Spotlight Gallery 2023

Jan 29 - Feb 26 | David Groff
Apr 2 - Apr 30 | Mindy Duncan
May 14 - Jun 11 | Whit Martin
Jul 9 - Aug 13 | Traveling Stanzas
Aug 27 - Sept 24 | Plein Air Society