

DMAleague

DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Founded in 1939, the Dallas Museum of Art League, through its members, has worked tirelessly to fulfill its mission of advancing art awareness, providing educational opportunities and raising funds for these and many more museum endeavors. This work has helped us generate millions of dollars for our Museum. It is my great honor and privilege to have been elected to serve as DMAL President this coming season.

In the past we raised funds for the Museum through large events such as 20 years of the original Art Ball, known back then as the Beaux Arts Ball, and Art in Bloom, which just celebrated 25 years of service. This is not to dwell on our storied past, but simply to remember the foundations of our League. Going

forward, we are already investigating new and streamlined ideas to fulfill our mission.

While generating ideas for League events, we also take time to enjoy what brought us to the Museum ...the arts. From September through May, we can attend various art related meetings and venues. The League has four General Meetings with renowned curators, art historians and other speakers. We take trips to local galleries, artist studios and collectors' homes. We travel to other cities and areas to see what art opportunities they offer. We have private docent-led tours of the DMA's special exhibitions and permanent collection. These are normally followed by "Happy Hours" where we make fun art and social connections.

If you love the artistry involved with flowers, join our Floral Committee. That committee was formed and endowed by Margaret and Eugene McDermott. This committee plans floral workshops in various local locations. They provide floral arrangements for certain areas of the DMA and this season will show off their talents by providing table centerpieces for our annual Membership Tea.

Be involved and receive even more benefits from your League Membership such as acquiring art history, working and making acquaintances with other League members and gaining the satisfaction of helping preserve beauty in our fast-changing world.

A special thanks to the DMAL Board of Directors and to the DMA staff for making my job so much easier. In particular my thanks go to Cynthia Calabrese, Chief Development Officer and Susan McIntyre, Senior Director of Major Gifts for their guidance and direction on all League matters. More thanks go to all of our DMA League members for their support as an integral part of the DMA League. I look forward to working with you this coming season.

Diana Gutman

Diana Gutman, DMA League President

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION



Monday, September 23, 2024
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please join us in the Hamon Atrium for an afternoon tea in celebration of a new season of activities for the Dallas Museum of Art League members.

For this season, we turn the spotlight to Claude Monet's *The Water Lily Pond (Clouds)*. One of 250 paintings of his water garden at Giverny, it is unique for several reasons. It's devoid of a horizon line, focuses primarily on water, not lilies and reflects the clouds on the pond's surface. This caused the painting to be hung upside down at auction in 1917. This serene image of the *Clouds* is temporarily housed in our DMA special exhibition of *The Impressionist Revolution: from Monet to Matisse*. Let's blend in with the painting by wearing one of Monet's many shades of blue, or green or even white for this afternoon of artistic fun, light bites and conversation.

Our League Floral Committee has created beautiful centerpieces in Monet's colors for this lively afternoon. Yes, they are for sale. If you have any questions, please contact us via email at league@dma.org.

Co-Chaired by Lisa Meyer and Linda Spina

Image: The Water Lily Pond (Clouds), 1903. Claude Monet. Oil on canvas. Dallas Museum of Art, The Eugene and Margaret McDermott Art Fund, Inc., bequest of Mrs. Eugene McDermott in honor of Nancy Hamon, 2019.67.13.McD.

SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING, ART LECTURE & LUNCHEON



Sue Canterbury, the Pauline Gill Sullivan Curator of American Art who with Dr. Agustín Arteaga co-curated “*Frida: Beyond the Myth*”, will share her insights, thoughts and knowledge of the exciting new DMA Frida Exhibition. Despite being one of the most documented artistic legends of the 20th century, Frida Kahlo still remains an elusive and mysterious myth. This amazing Exhibition peels back the layers of her determination to survive lifelong injuries and pain through her art.

You won't want to miss this extraordinary program that begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. in the Horchow Auditorium.

Mexican Buffet Luncheon

In honor of the fabulous Frida Kahlo Exhibition currently at the Museum, League VPs of Hospitality Traci Griswold and Cindy Williams present the delicious foods of Frida's homeland. It will all take place at the Museum but will be catered by our own G Texas Catering Company. Get ready for a savory Mexican buffet and taco bar. There is, of course, a yummy dessert as well. We urge you to add to the atmosphere by wearing the colorful attire that Frida wore! The cost is \$50 per person.

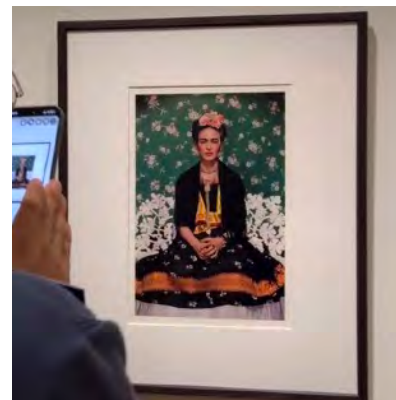


MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

“Frida: Beyond the Myth/Más allá del mito”



Having opened to SRO audiences in mid-August, this absolutely incredible DMA exhibition brings together prints, drawings and paintings by the celebrated artist along with photographs taken by Kahlo's family throughout her life. Co-curated by Dr. Agustín Arteaga, the DMA's Eugene McDermott Director and Sue Canterbury, the Pauline Gill Sullivan Curator of American Art, this exhibition, which is only on view



through November 17, explores the life of one of the most revered and genius artists of the 20th century.

FAYE BRIGGS MERIT AWARD

2023-2024 Recipient Ilene Greene



Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Ilene later moved to Dallas where she met and married her husband, Edward Costa Greene. They had a history of supporting various philanthropic endeavors. “Eddy” was a developer who used his skills to be one of the founders of the Shalom Temple in North Dallas. Ilene still supports the temple and was honored by the “Sisterhood” just a few years ago for her contributions. In addition, The Greene Family Camp for Jewish children was created and maintained by them many years ago for youngsters to enjoy in the summers. Located near Waco, Texas, it was the first local camp of its kind in North Texas. Ilene continues their financial support.

When “Eddy” passed away, Ilene’s friend told her she needed to support something new. Sixteen years ago, Ilene joined the DMA docent program. In her first year of service with the program, Marilyn Willems, the head docent at the time, recommended she join the League. Ilene joined. Then she heard that it would be beneficial for her to join the Circle. Ilene joined the Circle. She has maintained and enjoyed these volunteer and financial memberships since 2008.

As a docent she has donated hours to impart appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of the arts to students. When she was just beginning her docent career, she benefited from it so much she volunteered for every open tour in addition to her regular school tour. As a member of the DMA League, Ilene Greene is the best “behind the scenes” adviser you could hope for. Need the answer to how a venue for the group works, what League event is the most popular or the name of an art collector willing to host a group to see their works, call Ilene. If she doesn’t know, she will get you the name of someone who does.

Ilene has four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren that she loves spending time with. She also collects dogs – specifically Afghans – and has taken pleasure in owning and showing them in competitions. In addition to all her DMA memberships, Ilene has supported KERA and DSO. On September 26 Ilene will be 92 years old and she continues to be active in all her DMA organizations. Be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday when you see her.

MEMBERSHIP

Remember that your DMA League membership and your DMA membership are separate but need to be renewed at the same time. The League is an a la carte addition and will not automatically renew with your Museum membership. You must check the League box!

We also urge you to tell your friends about the League. We have an especially exciting year coming up. This is most definitely a special time to be involved with the League and the Dallas Museum of Art.

If you have any questions or the names of any member prospects, please contact our VP Membership Nancy Cates (ncates@noval.net).

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IN MEMORIUM



Our dear friend, League member and DMA docent, Mary Jo Milbank passed away at the end of July. As a teacher, she touched the lives of many. She served as a docent at the Museum for nearly ten years. She was also part of the League's leadership team having most recently held the position of President-Elect. Our deepest condolences to Mary Jo's husband, Rob, and their family.



Mary Jo Milbank Memorial Service
September 27, 10:00 A.M.
Church of the Incarnation
3966 McKinney Ave, Dallas

HISTORY OF ART IN BLOOM

By Carol Resnick

The following piece was crafted by the League's own Carol Resnick. As the League's annual fundraiser, AIB has had many wonderful twists and turns. The Museum and DMA leadership are once again editing what format Art in Bloom will have in 2025. In the meantime, enjoy the history of this notable event attended by thousands over the years.



Before Art in Bloom, there was the Beaux Arts Ball organized by the DMA League. It was “the” social event of the year, and the proceeds were contributed to the Museum. Once the Museum staff took over hosting it, the League looked for another event to raise money for the Museum. Also at this time, Mrs. Margaret McDermott, a beloved supporter of the Dallas Museum of Art, came to the League with the idea of placing fresh flowers in our beautiful Museum. Mrs. McDermott challenged us with seed money to purchase flowers for these arrangements and then have the League continue to fund those flowers. Out of that challenge came Art in Bloom. Initially it was a floral workshop that evolved into a seated luncheon with internationally known speakers and at times a fashion show. It all began in the year 1999 and is on pause after celebrating 25 spectacular years.

Funds from Art in Bloom have provided critical support for the education and culture-focused mission of the Dallas Museum of Art as well as the DMA Floral Endowment Fund. In the past, the League, through the Beaux Arts Ball and Art in Bloom have funded everything from family programs, to underwriting special exhibitions, to purchasing works of art, and to endowing an employee's salary.

Following Mrs. McDermott's passing in 2018, we continue her legacy and love of flowers with the DMA Floral Committee. As we look forward to the future, we know that with continued strong leadership the League will flourish with new ideas and new endeavors to keep our membership relevant to the DMA.



DOCENT SPOTLIGHT

By Wendy Robinson

The DMA Docents are as excited as students about the start of a new school year! We are “back in school” ourselves, as even in years without a new docent class, we have Monday training in Horchow. We get to see our docent friends, have coffee or brown bag lunches together and continue the learning we love. We welcome our newest docents who “graduated” last spring and will join us in greeting learners of all ages, looking at and talking with them about art. “*Frida: Beyond The Myth*” is sure to be popular, but I also encourage you to go visit the Robert Delaunay Eiffel Tower (European Art - James H. and Lillian Clark Galleries of 20th-Century Art, Level 2) and remember the fabulous Paris Olympics 2024.



October Special Event

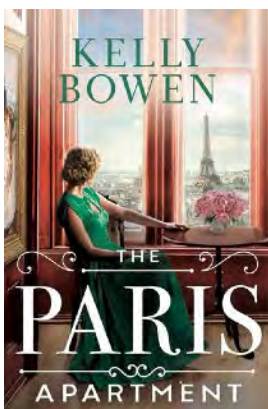
League members are invited to a special Auction Preview at the **David Dike Fine Art Gallery**, 4887 Alpha Road, Farmers Branch, from **2:00 to 4:00 on Tuesday, October 15**.

The October 26 Auction features a number of works from the famous “Dallas Nine” artists including several pieces from DMA Directors of the 1930s. David Dike will do a short presentation and be available to answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

BOOK NOOK

The Paris Apartment

By Kelly Bowen



2017, London: When Aurelia Leclaire inherits an opulent Paris apartment, she is shocked to discover her grandmother’s hidden secrets—including a treasure trove of famous art and couture gowns. One obscure painting leads her to Gabriel Seymour, a respected art restorer with his own mysterious past. Together they attempt to uncover the truths concealed within the apartment’s walls.

Paris, 1942: The Germans may occupy the City of Lights, but glamorous Estelle Allard flourishes in a world separate from the hardships of war. Yet when the Nazis come for her friends, Estelle doesn’t hesitate to help those she holds dear, no matter the cost.

Set seventy-five years apart, both Estelle and Lia must summon hidden courage as they navigate the dangers of a changing world, altering history—and their family’s futures—forever.

PETAL POWER

By Janet Hoffman

Our DMA League has many exceptional women who have selflessly given their support and leadership since its conception. These ladies dance around us, produce willingly, and dedicate their everything to create profitable, educational and entertaining events for our organization. The Floral Committee had the distinct opportunity to salute one of these ladies at a May luncheon at the Park Cities' Club. Our honored guest was Carol Resnick, a name we all know. She served on the League Board in most every job, including president; was honorary chair for Art in Bloom, underwriting chair, and was co-chair in 2023. She became a docent over 20 years ago, and at one point was head docent. But our May lunch had the exclusive purpose of recognizing Carol's contribution to the Floral Committee where she started as a floral arranger, then team captain and finally chairperson for the entire DMA Floral Committee. Carol created a spirit within the committee by starting workshops and social events to enhance knowledge and a sense of synergy within the group. Of greater importance, Carol was instrumental in advising the Museum to start an endowment for the floral fund, something that has permitted the committee to provide floral arrangements until this day. Our FLORAL COMMITTEE is beyond grateful for all Carol accomplished and will deeply miss her.

Additionally, the Floral Committee enjoyed a hot summer Happy Hour in the beautiful and cool home of Cindy Williams in July. Everyone brought appetizers and liquid refreshments, and we had the chance to gather thoughts about the new season of flowers and fun.

Celebrating Carol Resnick



Floral Ladies Summer Soirée



END-OF-YEAR MEMORIES

From lunch at Dakota's following a wonderful program on Demystifying the Auction Process to an Arts District Day Trip with lunch at Mercat to a Museum Tower visit to a VIP tour of "The Impressionist Revolution" and finally an absolutely fabulous trip to wonderful Santa Fe, New Mexico...League members had quite the year!

April 24th General Meeting, Art Lecture and Lunch at Dakota's



"The Impressionist Revolution" Tour



Overnight Trip to Santa Fe



Spring Day Trip and Lunch



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to be more involved in the League and the Dallas Museum of Art, then think about participating in the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Choose from helping at a variety of special events to working on mailings to making phone calls to fellow members. You won't just be helping but you will also make new friends while learning more about the Museum. For details and more information, contact League Volunteer Chairs, Pat Altschuler (alt7811@sbcglobal.net) or Alisa Sell (Alisamsell@me.com).

2024-2025 CALENDAR

September 23	Membership Tea Celebration
September 30	General Meeting/Art Lecture
October 15	Auction Preview- David Dike
October 31	Floral Committee Demonstration
November 4	General Meeting/Art Lecture
December 5	Meadows Museum Pop-Up Tour
February 3	General Meeting/Art Lecture
April 28	General Meeting/Art Lecture

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