# DMA league



### PRESIDENT'S GREETING

What sensational speakers we have been enjoying for League general meetings! Exceptional programs have provided amazing insights into art, followed by lunches and the opportunity to reunite with friends and to meet new ones.

We had a great turnout for our own Van Gogh Special Event planned by Joanie Smith and

Jane Sibley. Docent tours led by Marilyn Willems, Denise Ford and Susan Bondy added insightful information for members.

Our day trip to the Kimbell Museum coordinated by Tara Freeman was sensational. Several members enjoyed lunch before our docent led tours.

Art in Bloom, our signature fundraiser, will be held March 7, 2022. It will feature Paula Crevoshay's unique botanical creations of jewelry. Chair Sila Grogan and Co-Chair Pat McDonough are planning this special event.

A fabulous Florida trip is scheduled for May 2-6, 2022. Please look for more details in this newsletter.

There are more events to follow, so be sure we have your correct email address. Many thanks to all committee members for their hard work. Wishing you and those dearest to you happiness throughout the holiday season. May all your dreams come true!

Warmly

Jan Clay

Jan Clay, DMAL President

#### INSIDE....



Wrap up your Holiday shopping at the Museum store.



Make plans to attend Art in Bloom now.



Sunny Florida Awaits May 2-6, 2022.

### JANUARY 10 LEAGUE/DOCENT JOINT MEETING

#### Naudline Pierre: What Could Be Has Not Yet Appeared

Hilde Nelson, Curatorial Assistant for DMA Contemporary Art, explores Pierre's vivid canvases of bold colors and floating ethereal figures that speak of transcendence and intimacy. Connecting with these other worldly winged figures is a recurring earthly figure whom the artist describes as her alter ego, an image that allows the artist to explore beyond everyday reality. We look forward to hearing Dr. Nelson share her insights and interpretation of Pierre's powerful narrative paintings. Hospitality VPs Valerie Casillas and Susan Bondy are taking us just outside the Arts District to The Henry (2301 Akard Street) for a buffet luncheon. Since it will likely be cool, members can drive there.



# VAN GOGH DMAL SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Van Gogh and the Olive Groves is the first exhibition dedicated to this important series. This groundbreaking show unveils new discoveries about the artist's techniques, materials and palette, and presents new insights into this beloved artist.























# OCTOBER MEETING WITH DR. NICOLE MYERS

Dr. Nicole Myers, the Barbara Thomas Lemmon Senior Curator of European Art at the DMA, gave us a fascinating behind-the-scenes look into her incredible curated exhibition, *Van Gogh and the Olive Groves*. League members continued the discussion at the delicious SOLD OUT lunch that followed at Sloane's Corner in the Arts District.























### NOVEMBER MEETING WITH NIC NICOSIA

Nic Nicosia gave us insight into his staged photographs, films, drawings and sculpture which play against the nature of traditional photography by creating believable, but fabricated narratives. The Arts District luncheon following was at the Hall Arts Hotel. It was SOLD OUT with 50 members and guests in attendance. The venue was perfect with many pieces of contemporary international art inside and outside the hotel.





























# ART IN BLOOM MARCH 7, 2022







Sila Grogan, Chair Pat McDonough, Co-Chair Peggy Sewell, Honorary Chair





Art in Bloom 2022 will feature the Art of the Jewel by internationally acclaimed designer **Paula Crevoshay** whose botanical collection of one-of-a-kind pieces of art is part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian. Paula has donated the exquisite earrings shown above to the event. Sila Grogan and Pat McDonough are once again extending an invitation to all League members to the fabulous festivities which benefit the Dallas Museum of Art's education and exhibition programs, as well as the League's Floral Endowment Fund.



# DAY TRIP TO THE KIMBELL

On November 11, our DMA League members met at the Kimbell Museum for a delicious lunch at the Kimbell Restaurant followed by a docent-led tour of the spectacular Turner's Modern World exhibit. The hour long tour was informative, and the Turner paintings were truly amazing. Another part of the day was visiting with friends, meeting new friends and shopping in the Kimbell Museum stores. We look forward to more outings this spring!















#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Dallas Museum of Art complies with all current CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines regarding masks, social distancing and limitations on the number of people permitted to indoor, on-site events.

Effective Friday, October 29, 2021, face coverings are no longer required indoors for fully vaccinated visitors and staff; however, face coverings are recommended to maximize protection from the Delta variant per CDC guidelines. We are not currently offering tours. We look forward to phasing tours back in soon. We invite you to explore our digital resources at virtual.DMA.org, including virtual tours, behind-the-scenes videos, the Uncrated blog, online access to the complete collection, and additional resources for more context on the art on view. For the most current information about what to expect during your visit, please visit DMA.org.

#### **DOCENT NEWS**

#### by Holly Nichols

The docents have just completed extensive training on all the exciting new exhibitions. The DMA Member Walk and Talk Tours will soon be in full swing. **Docent Tip:** An interesting stop for the kids is the exhibit in the Conservation Gallery featuring the fantastical Senufo Helmut Mask created in conjunction with UT Southwestern Medical Center. If you are interested in learning more about the DMA Docent Program, please contact our League Docent Liaison Holly Nichols at hein20@yahoo.com.

# FLORIDA FANTASY: SARASOTA AND NAPLES

# SAVE THE DATE MAY 2-6, 2022

This art-filled look at Florida's Gulf Coast will visit private homes and studios, the Imagine Museum in St. Petersburg with it's world-class art glass collection and explore the newly opened Sarasota Art Museum with modern and contemporary art collection and salute sunset over Sarasota Bay while enjoying a private evening cruise. Pack your comfy walking shoes and explore the Corkscrew Swamp Preserve, Edison's laboratory and walk on the famous Naples Pier. Committee Chairs Fonda Arbetter, Jill Goldberg and Emily Maduro have lots of surprises for you including museums, five star meals and of course time to shop!









#### PETAL POWER

#### by Carol Resnick



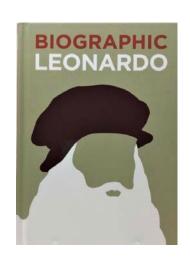
Our volunteers are unfortunately unable to create any floral arrangements for the Museum until the spring of 2022. So here are two photos of holiday designs from the past. Each reflects the personality of the person who did it while enhancing the area where it was placed. As of December, we are delighted to report that we have five new members. Petal Power welcomes Patricia Keene, Linda Linderman, Marian Hines, Janet Sue Rush and Pat Altschuler. Each of the team captains is thrilled to have these additions to the DMAL Floral Committee. Happy Holidays to all!



#### **BOOK NOOK**

# **LEONARDO** by Andrew Kirk

Many people know that Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519) was an Italian polymath, one of the great creative minds of the Italian Renaissance and the painter of the *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*. What, perhaps, they don't know is that his original notebook Codex Leicester, was sold to Bill Gates for \$30 million; that as an ambidextrous, paranoid dyslexic, Leonardo could draw forwards with one hand while writing backwards with the other; and that he invented an armored car, a flying ship and contact lenses. This book presents an ingenious guide to his life and work, with an array of irresistible facts and figures converted into infographics to reveal the master behind the masterpieces.



# SOCIAL MEDIA

Please contact Regina Bruce, our Social Media Chair, to share news that would be of interest to our League members, including asking her any questions you have regarding the Facebook page. You can connect with her directly at <a href="mailto:rgnbruce172@icloud.com">rgnbruce172@icloud.com</a> or 214-415-4915.

# REMEMBER THE MUSEUM STORE FOR ALL YOUR GIFT-GIVING NEEDS

Experience the art of shopping at the DMA Museum Store. They have unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list. Browse their extensive collection of art-related titles, discover the latest offerings and ideas in contemporary design, and check out the collectible treasures. They have a wide variety of children's items, gifts, jewelry, textiles, and prints. Stop by on your next visit or start shopping now at shop.dma.org.



















# **ARTS LIAISON**

BLACK EXTERIOR WITH THE WATCH" BY GERALD MURPHY

WHICH IS THIS YEAR'S THEME

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by Carole Ann Brown

#### DECK THE HALL.....

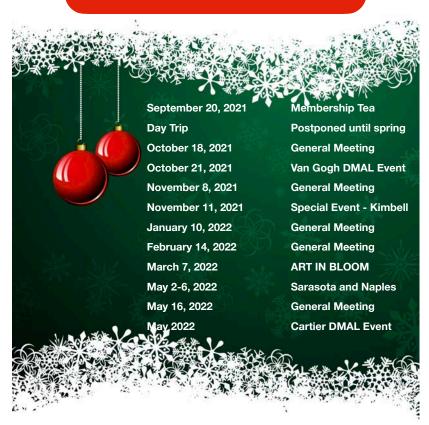
The Meyerson Symphony Center Concert Hall will come alive beginning December 3 with an array of performances sure to keep you in the holiday spirit. Get your tickets early for one of the nine Christmas Pops concerts featuring the Dallas Symphony Chorus and guest artists. Slated for December 14, The Big Brassy Christmas and Organ Extravaganza will be a great opportunity to hear the DSO brass and percussion sections and the magnificent Lay Family Concert Organ. If you love movies, Hollywood Holidays (December 17,18 and 19) will bring the magic of the silver screen to life through music performed by our DSO. Presented only one night (December 22), you may celebrate Yuletide with the Dallas Winds featuring whimsical settings of Emmy-award winning composer Julie Giroux.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our numbers continue to increase! We now have over 420 League members. Along with a variety of volunteer opportunities, League members are able to learn more about the arts from notable experts. If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact <u>DMALMembership@gmail.com</u>.



# 2021-2022 CALENDAR



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