Welcome New Members!
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Suzette Oller
Mary Von Zellen

Renewals:
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Kathleen Dust
Lisa Fisher
Joelyn Frisch
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Kathleen & Richard Katz
Jerry Meyer
Gretchen Moore
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Linda T. Peterson
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Diane Ragains-Slawin
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Lester Smith
Patricia Vary
Estelle Von Zellen
Lynne Waldeland
Susan Walker

Thank you for your support!

Grants Awarded to NIU Art Museum

We have added to our list of grants received - support for a catalog for the upcoming Museum Studies exhibition *Coming of Age: The WPA/FAP Graphic Section and the American Print* will come from Veolia Transportation, operators of the Huskie Busline, and its parent organization, Veolia Environmental Services. Support for the New Deal era projects has also come from 3M Foundation, the DeKalb County Community Foundation, *John and Nancy Castle*, Panera Bread, the University Honors Program, the Visiting Artists and Scholars Program of the NIU School of Art, and the Illinois Humanities Council. The exhibitions and programs of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; Friends of the NIU Art Museum; and the Arts Fund 21.

Lenders to the New Deal exhibitions include: The Illinois State Museum, Northwestern University Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Trustees of the Saint Charles Public Library, Rare Books and Special Collections of the University Libraries at NIU, several private individuals, and the commercial galleries of Corbett vs. Dempsey, and Frederick Baker, Inc. New Deal Exhibitions will be open regular hours through May 28.

Recent Donation - see page 4

David Driesbach and William Johnson, "Boa Appetit / After Luncheon Stroll" (Print and Poem) 16 x 14.5 each.
Membership Fun! (Get-On-The-Bus Trips)

RT 66/ST LOUIS GOTOBON

Our Route 66/St. Louis Get-On-The-Bus Weekender was a blast! Despite a little rain a fun time was had by all. There were even surprise guests along Route 66. Photograph by Mike Gassmann, The Big Tomato, Collinsville, IL.

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE TOURS
Friday June 25, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m
*Note Date Change

We will enjoy a Walking Tour highlighting Chicago as the birth of the skyscraper and a delightful River Cruise through the center of this vibrant city full of architectural wonders. There will be ample time for lunch in between and sidewalk cafes should be in full swing by then! Tickets will run @ $50.00 for transportation and two tours and the registration/payment deadline is Monday June 7th. Partial Tour Registration is available if you’d like to explore on your own.

WPA MURALS with Heather Becker
FRIDAY May 14, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Note Date Change

Visit Lane Technical High School - home of 68 museum quality WPA and earlier murals, the newly restored WPA landscaped garden and after lunch Chicago Conservation Center CEO Heather Becker will take us to some of her favorite other WPA mural conservation projects.

Heather Becker is an artist, author and entrepreneur. She studied painting and art history at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and conservation at the International School of Art in Italy.

A current board member of the New Deal Preservation Society, her book *Art for the People: The Rediscovery and Preservation of Progressive and WPA-Era Murals in the Chicago Public Schools, 1904 - 1943* was published in 2002. Charges will be @ 35.00 for members. Contact us for details. Register early - you don’t want to miss this BUS! Registration/prepayment deadline Friday April 30.
Museum Happenings

Our Pop Culture Exhibition Opening Reception was crawling with big name artists. At left a Motley Crew hams it up for the camera: Martin Mazorra of Cannonball Press, C.J. Pyle of Midwestern BLAB! 2, Mike Houston of Cannonball Press, Don Colley (MWB!2), Pete Olson and Mike Barnes, NIU School of Art. BLAB! editor (and Midwestern BLAB!2 curator) Monte Beauchamp, along with BLAB! artists Teresa James and Tom Huck were also in attendance but managed to evade cameras.

Lynne Thomas, Director, Rare Books and Special Collections, NIU Libraries, shares insights into the history of the hero in comics with the Friends of the NIU Libraries.

We had a huge turnout at the Opening Reception for the Cannonball “unveiling” of Root Hog, Or Die! A link to a video of the workshop and performance can be found on our website.

In order to showcase the talent of our students we asked two of our advanced undergraduate Museum Assistants to conduct public talks in our galleries. At left, John B. Benson, Art History Major, conducts a gallery talk about Midwestern BLAB! 2. At right, Robert Sabala, English Major, discusses trends in the comic book world over the past ten years.
**Recent Acquisition: 20/20 Visions;** a folio of prints and “pomes” (poems) by David Driesbach and William Johnson (from page 1).

A substantial stride toward strengthening our holdings of prints by emeritus professor David Driesbach was accomplished recently when the NIU Art Museum was given a boxed portfolio. Completed in 1980 and issued in an edition of 50 copies, 20/20 Visions features 20 colorful prints by Driesbach paired with 20 pomes by NIU Professor of English William Johnson.

To create the folio, David Driesbach made 10 etchings, of whatever subject matter he wanted. Johnson did the same, writing 10 pomes. The two then exchanged, and Driesbach made 10 more etchings to illustrate these pomes, while Johnson wrote 10 new pomes to correspond with the etchings. The resulting collection of 20 of each leaves it to the viewer to try to determine which came first – the print or the pome.

What to do with a site-specific sculpture at the end of an exhibition? On Saturday, March 6th, the woodcut-encrusted bull (pig? Chicken?) carcass that was the centerpiece of the Cannonball Press ROOT HOG, OR DIE! show was sent off to greener pastures somewhere on the astral plane. Many of the students who helped create the sculpture back in January were on hand for a funeral procession of sorts (complete with home-made percussion instruments) followed by a ceremonial burning at the firepit by the lagoon. Hotdogs and S’mores were imbibed. The ritual provided a fitting end to a grand collaboration with the School of Art.

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**Our apologies** to anyone whose name we may have missed. Please call us to notify us of this oversight and we will correct our records.

**Is it time to renew?**

We don’t send members renewal reminders. Please take a look at the date following your name on the mailing label to see when your membership is scheduled to expire.

Please e-mail Diana if you would like to be added to our members listserve: darnitzen@niu.edu. Thank you!
By becoming a member of the Friends of NIU Art Museum you help increase community support for the arts and receive special privileges and benefits. As a Friend of the NIU Art Museum you contribute to both the continuance and growth of a valuable cultural resource in northern Illinois. Your membership provides essential support for exhibitions, educational programs, artists’ lectures, exhibition-related publications and conservation of the permanent collection.

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If you are already a member please share this form with a friend. Thank you.

SPONSOR Membership $100
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- Larry Gregory, Conkles Hollow, Ohio
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- Renie Adams, Point of View
- Michael Barnes, Sideshow
- David Driesbach, Opening Night
- Name engraved on Membership Plaque in Museum

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Thank you for your support of the NIU Art Museum. Your membership materials will arrive in the mail.
Museum Assistant **Chan Mei Yu** will have her Senior Show *Everything is Connected* at Pleasant Street Gallery, 1650 Pleasant Street, DeKalb, from April 11 - April 15. Reception Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Museum Assistant **Evan D’Orazio** will present his Senior Show *Exitrusions* at Pleasant Street Gallery, May 3rd-9th, Reception Wednesday, May 5th from 6:00 -10:00 pm. For more information please visit www.evandorazio.com.

Assistant Director **Pete Olson** will be leading two of his now-famous **birdwalks** on Sundays in early May. On May 2nd at Afton Forest Preserve (could be muddy...), south of DeKalb, and May 9th (Mother’s Day) at Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh, which is north of DeKalb. Both start at 8am and are free and open to all.

The DeKalb Area Women’s Center showcases our **Community Windows Projects I, II and III** with: **Community Windows: Another Look**, an exhibition running from April 2 through April 30th, Fridays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., they will host a **Preservation Celebration**. During this free open house, families and adults will become acquainted with county-wide cultural centers and organizations. Questions? Call Anna Marie Coveny at the DeKalb Area Women’s Center, 815-758-1351

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