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ART DECO
EXHIBITION SUITE
April 7—May 20, 2016
Between the Wars:
Contrasts, Parallels, Shifts and
Patterns
An exploration of the stylistic motivations,
technical innovations, and social
transitions during the period, 1920 to early
1940s, as expressed through advertising
posters, illustrations, and women’s fashion.
Featuring vintage selections from The
Chicago Center for The Print, the Koehnline
Museum of Art, and The Barbara Cole Peters
Fashion Collection.

Beyond Gatsby:
Common Luxury in American Art Deco
Jazz, flappers, The Great Gatsby - many
people equate Art Deco with the glamour and glitz of the Roaring
20s. Objects from the period between WWI and WWII demonstrate
how Art Deco styling permeated every aspect of life, from
household objects to magazine ads, from furniture and jewelry to
Chicago’s 1933 World Fair. Curated by graduate students in the NIU
Certificate in Museum Studies.

“The Chicagoan”:
a Periodical of the Era
Commentary on samplings from an urbane
lifestyle magazine that proclaimed
- and reinforced - Chicago’s cultural
import, 1926-1935.

Deco and Art Moderne Architecture in Illinois
A focus on local landmarks curated by graduate
students in the NIU Certificate in Museum Studies.

Top to Bottom:
Leonetto Cappiello, Cognac Monnet, Poster, 1927, 79 x 51; courtesy Chicago Center for The Print,
Two slice Toastmaster Model 1B3. Walters-Genter Corporation, Minneapolis, MN, c. 1932, Heavy chrome,
9 x 6 x 7; courtesy Elgin History Museum.
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Collaboration with Artist Leads to Further Opportunities and Gift

Earlier this fall Chicago artist Barbara Hashimoto, who exhibited her work The Junk Mail Project in the Embarrassment of Riches exhibition, worked with NIU School of Art and Design students on a collaborative project titled Inclusion. The students from professor Christine LoFaso’s Recycled/Re-seen class were given a set of parameters by Hashimoto and were asked to alter her work to create something new from her found materials. The project culminated with the students choosing to pulp some of the shredded junk mail to create hundreds of hand-made envelopes out of the recycled paper. Those envelopes were shown in the Art Museum exhibition as an installation alongside Hashimoto’s other work during the final weeks of the show.

Impressed with the work of the NIU students, Hashimoto suggested that the envelope component be included in a solo exhibition of her work next year in Berlin! Hashimoto met with students in December at her studio to discuss the project and how it might evolve for the new installation at the arts festival 48 Studen Neukoelln Das Kunstfestival. Hashimoto continues

Members and Friends welcomed John Siblik during a Private Event

NIU Art Museum Members and special guests of the School of Art and Design welcomed the School’s new director John Siblik to NIU during a private event in January hosted by the Art Museum. Actually, attendees welcomed back Siblik who is an alum of NIU with an undergraduate BFA degree from the School of Art. Before taking the position, Siblik served as Interim Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa where he taught art history and studio foundations courses. His environmental art practice involves site specific installations, most recently, in the I & M Canal working collaboratively with the Illinois State Museum’s Lockport Gallery.

Siblik sees himself in his role of director as a teacher, first and foremost, rather than an administrator—encouraging students to have confidence in what they do and faith in their own ideas to become successful students and artists. At the event, Siblik conveyed this philosophy during a short talk on his installation and collaborative community-based art practice which relies heavily on volunteers and community interaction.

While installing a public piece in Iowa with help from volunteers a woman assisting that day asked Siblik to encourage her son to continue his art studies. Apparently, at the time her son was an art student questioning whether or not to finish his degree. The woman’s persistence compelled Siblik to use her cell phone to make a call urging her son to stick it out and have confidence in the path he had chosen. A year and a half later as Director, Siblik ran into the woman again while attending the
Continued from Collaboration and Opportunities... to consult with the students via email on the execution of the collaboration which will include mailing a few hundred recycled envelopes to Berlin. Right now the students are working on establishing a Kickstarter campaign to raise money for the postage. The Opposite of Full, will be on display at the Gallery ONO in Berlin from June through September, 2016.

Additionally, Hashimoto offered to donate one of her own woven junk mail collages to the NIU Art Museum’s ever-growing permanent collection. It is an honor for us to receive this gift and to see the exciting ways NIU students are pursuing creativity and artistry on a global level. Students include Mallory Desalvo, Lauren Iacoponi, Jennifer Kaye, Binfu Qin, Elyse Sawka, Tania Silver, Christina Warzecha, Faith Witrock, with Professor Christine LoFaso. You can view the students’ blog about the project at http://recycledreseen.blogspot.com.

Continued from Siblik Welcome... opening of the BFA show at NIU. As they greeted each other he was surprised to learn that the woman’s son was an art student at NIU with work in the exhibition. As she thanked him for encouraging her son, Siblik remembered that when he made the call he had not yet been a part of the search process at NIU and had no idea he would later help celebrate this family’s accomplishments with them as the new Director of the School of Art. Siblik’s commitment and passion to arts education and student career success is clearly evident.

“It was a pleasure to host this reception welcoming John back to the NIU campus,” remarked Museum Director Jo Burke who looks forward to working alongside Siblik as a colleague in the College of Visual and Performing Arts as both organizations continue to bring new, exciting visual arts and cultural experiences to campus for students and the community.
4. Programs and Events

RECEPTION
Thursday, April 7
Altgeld Hall Art Receptions
Join us for a special evening celebration sponsored by the Office of the President. View selected NIU student artwork on display in the President’s office gallery and the Art Deco Exhibition Suite at the NIU Art Museum. Listen to the live swinging sounds of the Jazz in Progress Combo.
First and Third Floors, Altgeld Hall, 5 - 7p.m.

LECTURES
Thursday, April 7
“Art Deco and Women’s Fashion” remarks given by Barbara Cole Peters
Altgeld Hall 125 (or museum hallway), 6:15 - 6:30p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD FLOORS, ALTGELD HALL

Wednesday, April 20
“International Influence: Art Deco, Illinois, and the 1933 Century of Progress Exhibition.” lecture by Rebecca Houze, Professor, Art History, NIU School of Art and Design
Altgeld Hall 315, 5 - 5:50p.m.

Monday, April 25
“Jazz and Experimentation in the Concert Music of Art Deco America” lecture by Brian J. Hart, Professor, Music History, NIU School of Music
Altgeld 315, 6 - 7:30p.m.

OPEN LATE
Saturday, May 7
Open Late for ARTIGRAS!
The Annual DeKalb and NIU Celebration of the Arts
12 - 6p.m., extended hours

GALLERY TALKS
Thursday, May 12
“Artistic Highlights in the Deco Suite of Exhibitions”
Informal Gallery Talk led by Jo Burke, Director
NIU Art Museum Gallery, 12:10 - 12:50p.m.

Tuesday, May 17
“The Chicagoan: Style and Sophistication in the Heartland” Gallery Talk led by Stuart Henn, Coordinator
NIU Art Museum Gallery, 12:10 - 12:50p.m.

FILM SCREENINGS
Monday, April 18
Top Hat Film Screening and Discussion
NIU Professors Scott Balcerzak and Tim Ryan lead a conversation about the 1935 RKO picture starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The musical screwball comedy features music by Irving Berlin including American classic standards “Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails” and “Cheek to Cheek.” It remains the best-known collaboration of Astaire and Rogers. $7 Adults, $5 Members/Students
Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. Second Street, DeKalb, (101 minutes; no rating, pre-code) Doors open at 6:30, screening 7 – 9:30p.m.

Tuesday, April 19
Blonde Venus Film Screening and Discussion
NIU Professors Scott Balcerzak, Paula Frasz, and Tim Ryan examine the 1932 Paramount Pictures film directed by Josef von Sternberg starring Marlene Dietrich. The complicated love story between an American chemist and German cabaret singer who woos a millionaire to save her ill husband features three Dietrich musical numbers, “You Little So-and-So,” “I Couldn’t be Annoyed,” and “Hot Voodoo.” $7 Adults, $5 Members/Students
Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. Second Street, DeKalb, (93 minutes; no rating, pre-code) Doors open at 6:30, screening 7 – 9:30p.m.

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Get-on-the-Bus Excursions

Get-on-the-Bus Over Nighter
Thurs, June 2 - Mon, June 6  
Deco, Detroit and Dynamism  
Join us on this four-night trip to Detroit’s Art Deco destinations highlighting this stylized and optimistic movement in the architecture of a fascinating Midwest city. Visit architectural destinations, museums, public art sites, and more. Experience guided tours, story slams, and the city’s exciting revival.  
See insert for full details and pricing.

Early Bird Discount Registration and Payment due April 8.  
Final registration deadline April 28.  
Limited Space!  
Reserve your seat today by calling Jo Burke at 815-753-1936.

Wednesday, April 27  
Art Deco in Chicago  
Take a guided walking tour of Chicago’s downtown 1920s’ and 30s’ Art Deco skyscrapers celebrating the luxury, exuberance, and glamour of the period between the Wars. A Chicago Architectural Foundation docent will describe the popular modern style, lavish materials, and geometric machine age forms that embodied the optimism of the Roaring Twenties on a two hour walking tour of the Loop. Browse the CAF Store for architecture related gifts and enjoy lunch in the lobby of the Chicago Board of Trade at the storied Ceres Café, a well-known secret of traders and Loop workers, but also popular with travelers. Extensive walking required during 2 hour tour; wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.  
Limit 15 people. Reserve your seat early!  
Registration Payment due April 8.  
Departure: 10:00a.m. Expected Return: 5:30p.m.  
Price: NIU Art Museum Members $45; Non-Member Adult $60; Non-Member Student/Senior $55. Ticket price includes transportation expenses and CAF Tour. Meals and incidentals not included.

Pre-registration and payment required for all Get-on-the-Bus excursions. To sign-up, please contact the NIU Art Museum by phoning 815-753-1936. Payment may be made with cash, check made out to NIU, or major credit card over the phone.
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President’s Gallery

The NIU Art Museum wishes to thank the Office of the President and Doug Baker and Dana Stover for their partnership in hosting the upcoming receptions celebrating the museum’s exhibitions and NIU student artwork on view in the President’s office gallery.

NIU School of Art and Design graduate students, Corey Stout and Kelsea Nichols, serve as Curators for the Presidential galleries and are responsible for selecting and hanging student artwork for display in the President’s office and home.

Student artists now on display in the office include Illustration and Graphic Design students: Sarah Brazeau, Haley Gottardo, Karl Gustafson, Kimberly Kuba, Katie Lavery, Kayla Schlipf, Joe Tallman, and Griffin Thorne.

Thanks to this winter’s School of Art and Design Faculty guest lecturers: Mike Barnes, Cindy Helley-Heinz, Rebecca Houze, Barbara Jaffee, Christine LoFaso, Catherine Raymond, John Siblik, Ben Stone, and Bart Woodstrup. Special thanks to Frank Trankina, Mike Rea, and Nina Rizzo for opening their art studios for our private tour.

Thank you, dedicated Volunteers: Gary Burchett for technical assistance and installation support. Terri Smialek for administrative aid in bus excursion research.

ART DECO EXHIBITION SUITE Lenders include: The Barbara Cole Peters Fashion Collection; Bartlett History Museum; Blackwell Museum of Educational History at NIU; Chicago Center for The Print; Elgin History Museum; Geneva History Museum; the Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines; the Midway Village Museum in Rockford; The Peglow Collection; Regional History Center and University Archives at NIU; St. Charles History Museum; and The White Rock Collection in Elgin, Illinois; Jude Adams, Robert Banke, Mary-Glynn & John Henry Boies, Phillip & Gayalla Burchett, Jo Burke, Jessica J. Gondek, Diane Jacobson, Dr. William and Vicki Kea, Janean Koebbe and Peter Olson, Elizabeth Marston, Dave McMahon, Carl & Elizabeth Safanda, Diane Slowik, Maureen Sharp, & Peter van Ael.

Additional Assistance for the ART DECO Suite provided by: Peter van Ael, Coordinator for the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies; Ellen Andersen, Director of Special Events, Office of the President; Robert Banke, Office of Creative Services; Susan Carter, Office of the Dean, College of Visual & Performing Arts; Juan Molina-Hernandez, photography; Sophia Varcados, Office of Creative Services; the Ellwood House Museum, DeKalb; and the Pick Anthropology Museum at NIU.

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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 continuation 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.

FRIENDS Membership  Individual $25 / Dual $45 / Student $10 / Senior $15 / Dual Senior $25

Choice of:
- NIU Art Museum Travel Mug
- Friends of the NIU Art Museum Ceramic Mug
- NIU Art Museum Academic Calendar
- NIU Art Museum Tee Shirt*
  *(additional fee of $5 for Student and Senior members)

- Priority registration and discounted fees on museum activities
- Printed mailing of exhibition announcements
- E-mail announcements/listserv
- Special members-only previews, receptions, bus trips and special events
- 20% discount on NIU Art Museum catalogues
- Subscription to Museum Notes newsletter

We have added several new options to the Friends’ Collector Print Series (which can be viewed online) and also added a new upper level of membership.

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

SPONSOR Membership $100
All of the Friends privileges plus choice of one of the following prints from the Friends’ Collector Print Series:
- Sidney Chafetz, Public Servant
- William Daley, Untitled (sketches for ceramics)
- Larry Gregory, Conkles Hollow, Ohio
- Eugene Larkin, 27 Feathers
- Peter Olson, Hummingbird Nebula
- Charlotte Rollman, Hopkins Park, DeKalb
- John Pittman Weber, Distant Soweto
- Complimentary exhibition catalogues
- Recognition in Museum Notes

PATRON Membership $250
All of the above Friends & Sponsor privileges with choice of one of the following prints from the Friends’ Collector Print Series:
- Renie Adams, Point of View
- Michael Barnes, Sideshow
- David Driesbach, Opening Night
- Carl Hyano, Sushi Trinitron
- Ben Mahmoud, Night Garden
- Name engraved on Membership Plaque in Museum

BENEFACTOR Membership $500
All of the above Friends, Sponsor, and Patron privileges with choice of one of the following prints from the Friends’ Collector Print Series:
- Susanne Doremus, Sea Fall
- Jay Ryan, The Squadron on Patrol
- Private tour (options available)

Return This Portion to the NIU Art Museum, Altgeld 116, 1425 W. Lincoln Highway, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115

YES! I want to ____Join   ____Renew my Membership of the NIU Art Museum at the level circled:

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Dual Senior  $25  (2 seniors, one mailing address)  Sponsor  $100  Patron  $250  Benefactor  $500

*Students and Seniors please enclose copy of current I.D.

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Expiration date_________________________ Signature_________________________

I am interested in volunteering: Baking/Receptions Housing artists/scholars overnight Gallery Attendant/Information Desk

Advisory Panels - Area of Interest: Events Fundraiser Education/Outreach Exhibitions Collections

Get-On-The-Bus Trips Other_________________________
Barbara Cole Peters, Returns as Guest Curator

The NIU Art Museum is pleased to welcome back previous NIU First Lady, Barbara Cole Peters, as a guest co-curator of Between the Wars: Contrasts, Parallels, Shifts and Patterns. Peters generously loaned several dresses from her personal fashion collection to the exhibition. Peters previously guest curated the NIU Art Museum exhibitions Autumn Leaves: a Century of Fall Fashion in 2010; and Some Enchanted Evening: 100 Years of Evening Gowns in 2007; and Little Black Dress also in 2007 at the former Nehring Gallery in DeKalb. Please be sure to join Mrs. Peters and Dr. John Peters for her remarks on “Art Deco and Women's Fashion” on Thursday, April 7, at 6:15 p.m.■

NIU’s Museum Studies Certificate Partnership

This semester staff has worked closely alongside Museum Studies Certificate graduate students and faculty to present Beyond Gatsby: Common Luxury in American Art Deco and Deco and Art Moderne Architecture. The galleries provide a laboratory for students to study, practice, and gain curatorial skills, conduct research, and interpret cultural objects as part of their course work. The certificate is designed to prepare students for careers in museums, archives, and other institutions that work with artistic, cultural, and historical materials.

Students included: Carmin Berchilly, Rebeka Jacobson, Rae Slowik, Markie Striegel, and Keith Ulrich with instructor Peter van Ael. The Certificate is jointly administered by the College of Education, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts.■

The exhibitions and programs of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency; the Friends of the NIU Art Museum; and the Dean’s Circle of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, NIU Foundation.