

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FRIENDS OF ART

The Friends of Art was incorporated in 1921 as a non-profit organization associated with the Hackley Art Gallery, now known as the Muskegon Museum of Art. It was an outgrowth of a weekly morning art class conducted at the gallery prior to 1917. Funds earned from membership dues are used to purchase gifts of art for the Muskegon Museum of Art's permanent collection, as well as books and ancillary materials to enhance the programs and services offered by the Museum.

The FOA also sponsors a monetary award for the annual Michigan wide Regional Exhibition. The *ArtSmarts!* lecture series is part of this continuing support of art education and the Muskegon Museum of Art.

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of Art*

The Friends of Art is a nonprofit organization founded to promote the study and appreciation of the visual arts and to support the Muskegon Museum of Art.

Membership in the Friends of Art is exclusively open to members of the Muskegon Museum of Art.



The Muskegon Museum of Art
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THE FRIENDS OF ART
PRESENTS

ARTSMARTS! LECTURE SERIES FALL 2016

THE ART OF FIVE GREAT RELIGIONS

Fred Stella - October 4
Greg Athnos - October 11
Aslam Modak - October 18
Susanne Sklar Remes - October 25
Shuji Valdene Mintzmyer - November 1

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THE ART OF FIVE GREAT RELIGIONS

Fred Stella

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Hindu Art: Iconography Not Idolatry

Greg Athnos

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Christianity, The Age of Faith: Symbolic Voices in Painting, Music and Architecture

Aslam Modak

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Islamic Art and Culture, Celebrating the Divine

Susanne Sklar Remes

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

How Jewish Abstract and Contemporary Painters Tell the Story

Rev. Shuji Valdene Mintzmyer

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Buddhist: The Simplicity of Zen

Lectures will take place in the Muskegon Museum of Art auditorium at 7:00pm with doors opening at 6:30pm.

Susanne Sklar

Remes was educated at Tyler Art School, Temple, Penn State and Michigan State Universities. She has taught art classes at Meijer Gardens and the Grandville Arts Academy. Currently she contributes backstage at the Jewish Theatre. Susanne is a member of Ahavas Synagogue and is involved with the Interfaith Dialogue Association in Grand Rapids, MI.

Rev. Mintzmyer is an ordained Soto Zen Buddhist Priest in the Katagiri Lineage and part of the Clergy team at the Grand Rapids Buddhist Temple. She holds a BA in Fine Art and Economics and a Masters in Business from the University of Nebraska. She is active in the Interfaith Dialogue Association in GR and a Master Tailor and sole proprietor of Zen Monk Wear.

Fred Stella is President of the Interfaith Dialogue Association, an affiliate of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at GVSU. He also serves as Pracharak (Outreach Minister) for the West Michigan Hindu Temple and is a member of the National Leadership Council of the Hindu American Foundation in Washington, DC.

Greg Athnos served as Associate Professor of Music at North Park University in Chicago for 32 years where he conducted over 1,000 concerts in the United States and abroad. A published author of poetry, articles and two award winning books he is in demand as a lecturer on the arts and culture.

Aslam Modak was born in India and raised in Indonesia and India. He facilitates classes at the University of Phoenix and at Grand Valley State University. Aslam serves on the Board of the West Michigan Islamic Center and the Interfaith Dialogue Association. He is a Sufi student and a speaker on Islam and/or Sufism.



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ArtSmarts! Lecture Series "The Art of Five Religions"

Tuesdays - 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm
October 4, 11, 18, 25 & November 1, 2016

Return this form with a check made out to *Friends of Art* and send to:

Friends Of Art/ArtSmarts! Lecture Series.
C/O Muskegon Museum of Art,
296 West Webster Avenue
Muskegon, Michigan 49440

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Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Complete Lecture Series

\$50 per person
(I am NOT a member of Friends of Art)

\$45 per person
(I am a member of Friends of Art)

We must receive checks by October 1, 2016.

Have a friend take your place if you cannot attend.

Walk-ins to individual speakers will be \$12.00 per person at the door

