Knoxville Museum of Art Annual Report
2017-2018

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Mission/History

The Knoxville Museum of Art celebrates the art and artists of East Tennessee, presents new art and new ideas, educates and serves a diverse community, enhances Knoxville’s quality of life, and operates ethically, responsibly, and transparently as a public trust.

The KMA’s predecessor, the Dulin Gallery of Art, opened in 1961. By the middle 1980s the gallery had outgrown its quarters in the 1915 Dulin House, a landmark design of John Russell Pope. An ambitious community effort raised $11 million for a state-of-the-art facility overlooking the site of the 1982 World’s Fair in downtown Knoxville. In March 1990, the Knoxville Museum of Art opened in its current 53,200 square-foot facility designed by renowned American architect Edward Larrabee Barnes. The exterior of the four-story steel and concrete building, named in honor of Jim Clayton, the largest single contributor to its construction, is sheathed in locally quarried pink Tennessee marble.

In the decades since the museum opened, its collection and programming have evolved to become increasingly focused on the rich culture, old and new, of the Southern Appalachians: to “celebrate the art and artists of East Tennessee.” Higher Ground: A Century of the Visual Arts in East Tennessee, a permanent exhibition of works from the mid-nineteenth to the late-twentieth century, spotlights the compelling and heretofore largely unknown visual arts legacy of Knoxville and the region. To this has recently been added a permanent exhibition of modern and contemporary art: Currents: Recent Art from East Tennessee and Beyond supports the museum’s parallel aim to “introduce new art and new ideas.” It features a selection of objects from the KMA’s growing collection by emerging and established artists and represents a chronological and geographic expansion of Higher Ground that allows viewers to consider the achievements of area artists within a global context. Facets of Modern and Contemporary Glass showcase the KMA’s growing holdings of 20th- and 21st-century glass. The museum supplements and complements its core permanent installations with a lively schedule of temporary exhibitions that explore aspects of regional culture and its relation to national and international artistic developments.

Museum tours, workshops, artist residencies, outreach programs, lectures, concerts, classroom programs, and family activities form the core of the museum’s educational programming. The KMA reaches over 60,000 annually through museum visits, special events, concerts and other programs. In addition, thousands attend special events and community celebrations held in the museum’s beautiful public spaces.
In spring 2014 the museum unveiled a permanent, monumental glass installation by acclaimed Knoxville artist Richard Jolley, a powerful affirmation of the KMA’s commitment to the art and artists of our region. *Cycle of Life: Within the Power of Dreams and the Wonder of Infinity*, the generous gift of Ann and Steve Bailey, is the largest figural glass installation in the world. In preparation for the epochal milestone in the KMA’s history, the museum underwent a comprehensive, top-to-bottom restoration and renovation at a cost of nearly $6 million. The museum’s beautiful pink Tennessee marble cladding has been cleaned and restored. The entry plaza and third floor terrace were demolished, waterproofed, rebuilt, and elegantly repaved with pink and gray Vermont granite. Visitors can now enjoy beautiful new restrooms and pristine new terrazzo floors on the second and third levels; a renovated and functional catering kitchen can better support museum events and outside rentals. The new North Garden has been handsomely articulated with new retaining walls, terraces, and ramps, and planted with native trees, shrubs, and ground cover. These vital repairs and upgrades, made possible by success of the 25th Anniversary Campaign, will ensure the preservation and enjoyment of Edward Larrabee Barnes’ modernist masterpiece as it moves into its second quarter-century. The campaign also supported endowment enhancement and the establishment of a dedicated art acquisition fund.

The museum’s approximately $1.8 million annual operating budget comes from individual and corporate donors, museum memberships, rental income, local, state, and federal government grants, endowments, and annual fundraising events organized by the KMA Guild. More than 200 volunteers donate in excess of 7,000 volunteer hours each year. The KMA has operated solidly in the black for more than a decade, and is committed to the highest ethical and professional standards. The KMA was accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 1996 and reaccredited in 2005 and 2015, a distinction shared by fewer than 10% of American museums.
From the Executive Director

The 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) was an exceptional one at the KMA by any measure. The milestone that looms largest is the acquisition in the winter of 2018 of a stellar group of a dozen or so major paintings and works on paper by Knoxville native Beauford Delaney, one of the largest and most significant art purchases in the museum’s history. We had just weeks to raise approximately three-quarters of a million dollars, and the museum’s stakeholders and the larger community came through in a most amazing and generous way. More than a hundred people helped us with this big purchase, with gifts ranging from the six-figures to a hundred dollars. That means that whenever we show these works, the label will carry a credit line seemingly long as a phone book (if anyone remembers what that is), but we are proud to demonstrate the breadth of support for this transformational purchase. The largest gift came from the Aslan Foundation through the Rachel Patterson Young Art Acquisition Reserve. You might remember that the Aslan Foundation in 2013 made a transformational gift to the museum as part of the 25th Anniversary Campaign. Part of that commitment was for art acquisitions, and we had enough put aside from this source to give us a good starting point for fundraising. We also received major gifts from Ann and Steve Bailey in honor of Rachel Patterson Young, from Natalie and Jim Haslam in honor of Lindsay Young (who created the Aslan Foundation), the KMA Collectors Circle (which pledged two years’ worth of dues), Molly and Bob Joy, the Knoxville Chapter of the Links, Inc., Dan McGehee, Marty Begalla, Nancy and Charlie Wagner, June and Rob Heller, Sandy and Tom Burdick, the KMA Guild, Debbie and Ron Watkins, Emerson Process Management, John Thomas, Richard Jansen, John Cotham, Monica Crane, Susan and Kent Farris, Lane Hays, Sylvia and Jan Peters, Patricia & Alan Rutenberg, Barbara & Steve Apking, Pam & Jeff Peters, Ebbie & Ronald Sandberg, Bedford Waters, Barbara & Bernie Bernstein, Mardel Fehrenbach, Karen & Reinhold Mann, Penny Lynch & Kimbro McGuire, David Butler & Ted Smith, Home Federal Bank, Knoxville Airport Authority, Richard Matlock, Avice & Gary Reid, Jonida & Theotis Robinson, Mimi & Milton Turner, Kitsy & Lou Hartley, Diane Humphreys-Barlow & Jack Barlow, Debbie & Jimmy Jones, Merikay Waldvogel & Jerry Ledbetter, Meredith & Mark Overholt, Chris Powell, Alexandra Rosen & Donald Cooney, Sandy & Frank Steer, Donna & Terry Wertz, Jackie Wilson, Pat & Geoff Wolpert, Marie & Bob Alcorn, Susan & Jeff Arbital, Ursula Bailey, Janda & Adolphus Brown, Linda & John Haynes, Alane Hickman & Jan Houston-Hickman, Sandy & John Lucas, Venice Peek, Dorothy & Caesar Stair, Brenda & Larry Thompson, Twuanna & Derick Ward, Gwen & Sam McKenzie, Wokie Massaquoi-Wicks & Stephen Wicks, Erven & Elnora Williams, Brenda Anderson, Evelyn Davidson, Gloria Deathridge, Kathy & Jack Gotcher, Denise DuBose & Francis Lloyd, Falen & Clark Gillespie, DeLena Feliciano, Anna Fraser & Douglas Goode, and Georgia & William Pace.
Because of this purchase, the KMA now boasts more works by Beauford than any public collection in the world. Think about that. These works will be incorporated on a rotating basis into *Higher Ground*, the museum’s permanent exhibition dedicated to the art and artists of East Tennessee, and many will be featured in an exhibition being organized for the winter of 2020 about Beauford’s relationship with his long-time friend, the iconic writer, thinker, and social activist James Baldwin. The KMA’s efforts are part of a growing community-wide effort to celebrate the life and achievements of the Delaney brothers, operating under the umbrella of what we’re calling Gathering Light: The Delaney Project, and we are proud the KMA has assumed a lead role in this vital community initiative.

Another milestone in an eventful year was the wonderful and unexpected bequest of the late William Shell, a longtime professor in the UT School of Architecture, who left his entire estate to the museum, including his spectacular glass house in Lakemoor Hills. A task force chaired by immediate past board chair Richard Jansen has recommended that the house be sold with protective covenants overseen by Knox Heritage to ensure its ongoing preservation. Once the sale is complete, the task force will develop a policy on the use the proceeds that s the donor’s legacy and furthers the KMA’s core mission.

The world’s largest figural glass installation, Richard Jolley’s *Cycle of Life*, was celebrated in spring 2018 with the long-awaited publication of a splendid color-illustrated book generously underwritten by Natalie & Jim Haslam, Ann and Steve Bailey, and Pilot/Flying J. The book is a masterpiece, worthy of the epic art installation that is its subject, and, I hope, a source of great pride for all of us. It builds on the work of past Clayton Award honorees Nancy and Stephen Land and Jupiter Entertainment, who produced and donated a feature-length film on *Cycle of Life*, and created additional video content illuminating this masterwork’s meaning and materials viewable on site at permanent iPad stations.

More and more of the museum’s visitors, a total of nearly 74,000 in the 2018 fiscal year, are coming from outside the area as the KMA joins the roster of natural, cultural, and culinary attractions that are making Knoxville a destination city. I’m proud that the museum has taken its place as one of those attractions. Every KMA member, every volunteer, every donor who supports the work of the KMA should be proud too. The museum continues to have significant impact in our community and cultivate future audiences by reaching thousands of young people through museum visits and classroom programs.
The museum offers high-quality after-school art instruction by certified art teachers in eleven Knoxville schools as part of the Great Schools Partnership/Community Schools Program, which brings enrichment and learning opportunities to students and their families in economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods. We’re proud of this and all the museum’s extensive outreach efforts in the region, which reached over 6,500 young people in fiscal 2018. Once again this year we welcomed hundreds of student-artists and their parents for the opening of the East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition, which has been generously supported for over a decade by presenting sponsor and new downtown neighbor Regal Cinemas.

Hundreds of KMA volunteers support the museum’s work by serving in a variety of capacities, greeting visitors, helping with Alive After Five, working in the office, staffing events, conducting tours, and much, much more. The KMA Guild, chaired in fiscal 2018 by Sandy Blevins-Steeer, continues to marshal the skill and energy of scores of volunteers to raise vital operating funds. The Guild’s 2017 Holiday Homes Tour, which has grown into a beloved seasonal activity, brought in more than ever before to support museum operations. In April the popular Artists on Location plein air painting event and art sale once again brought together hundreds of artists and buyers to benefit the KMA. A new museum auxiliary group, Art House, is enjoying great success in engaging younger stakeholders. The annual food and wine event L’Amour du Vin has grown into the largest single source of operating revenue for the KMA. We are grateful to event chairs Randy and Melissa Burleson, who remained on the job from last year, and the volunteers, event sponsors (starting with presenting sponsor Lexus of Knoxville and indispensable partner Blackberry Farm), and auction lot donors for making net proceeds of the 2019 event the highest ever. We’ve been fortunate over the past fifteen years of L’Amour du Vin to cultivate productive relationships with an increasing number of California vintners. In 2019 we were the recipient of the extraordinary generosity of Darioush Winery and its proprietors Shahpar and Darioush Khaledi. The featured vintner provides dozens of cases of exquisite wine, often ones that are not available for general sale. It is gratifying and humbling that so many people give so much and work so hard to benefit the museum.

The KMA family was sad to lose in November 2017 our good friend Ginny Rogers, and we miss her. The Rogers Foundation continues to fund exhibitions and programs that Ginny loved—most recently, the show of Southern Impressionism from the Johnson Collection in the spring and summer of 2018. We are grateful to the Rogers Foundation for its ongoing support.
Although we think of ourselves as a young organization, the fact that we’ve now have an officially archive suggests that we’ve been around for a long time: just short of thirty years as the Knoxville Museum of Art in the Clayton Building, almost sixty if we start with to the establishment of the Dulin Gallery. Our institutional history now spans multiple generations. On July 1, 2018, when Caesar Stair IV succeeds Allison Lederer as board chair, he not only continues a long family tradition of leadership and service—his father, Caesar III, was the KMA’s founding board chair in the late eighties—but will be the first-ever second-generation board chair. It’s been gratifying to see involvement with and support of the museum continue for a second and, in some cases, third generation; that sort of long-term commitment is critical to the ongoing success of any organization. It is a mark of stability and maturity, and points to a bright future for our community and for the KMA.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as executive director of the KMA.

David Butler
### KMA CRITICAL INDICATORS (DASHBOARD) (6/30/2018 update)

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*individual visitors (adults and children), group tours, education programs, concerts, openings, and rentals

**shop, facility rentals, donation box, interest, AAS, tuition, misc. income

***facility wholly or partially closed 9/13-3/14
KMA's Education programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

The KMA's education programs are generated by and support the museum’s exhibitions, both permanent and temporary, helping to fulfill the KMA's mission to “educate and serve diverse audiences.” A range of educational programs that can include brief artists' residencies, gallery talks, and volunteer docent training by exhibiting artists, museum staff, or guest lecturers accompanies exhibitions. Docent-led school tours; Family Fun Day activities; video content available on YouTube; guided and unguided museum visits, and outreach programs to schools.

**K-12 Programs**

In FY2018 9,930 students from 28 counties participated in on- and off-site museum programs, including 402 children who participated in the KMA Summer Art Academy, 81 of those children paid no tuition thanks to scholarships provided by museum donors. The Education Gallery showcased student work from Dogwood Elementary, Brickey-McCloud Elementary, Clayton-Bradley Academy, Episcopal School of Knoxville, Maynard Elementary, Fairview, and Norris Elementary Schools. Professional contract teachers Nancy Campbell and Annamaria Gundlach presented Meet the Master to 944 students and teachers. ART2GO Travel Cases were checked out by 19 teachers and used with 700 students in classrooms and homes. On-site art experiences led by trained volunteer docents reached 2,173 children and 1554 adults. The Rogers Transportation Grant provided funding for buses for classroom trips to the KMA from Cocke, and Knox counties. Family Fun Days on July 8, 2017 and February 24, 2018, attracted a total of 1,514 children and parents with art activities, music, gallery tours, food, and fun.
The Creative Corner, is a colorful space off the main entrance lobby for children and adults, enhances hands-on learning and creativity.

The Community Schools Program, an innovative public partnership, makes use of school buildings after hours to provide services, training, and resources to families in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. With the support of the Arts & Heritage Fund, SunTrust Bank, and the Tennessee Arts Commission, the KMA has introduced an art-making, art appreciation, and cultural diversity component taught by professional-art educators Colleen Thornbrugh, Hannah Fuller and LeAnn Cooper, reaching a total of 3,567 students and parents at Dogwood Elementary, Green Magnet Academy, Lonsdale Elementary, Maynard Elementary, New Hopewell Elementary, Norwood Elementary, Pond Gap Elementary, Sarah Moore Green Magnet Academy, South Knox Elementary, and West View Elementary.

Public Programs

The KMA continues its popular series of Friday-evening live music, Alive After Five, presented in four seasonal series, featuring quality local and regional R&B, jazz, blues, and swing bands. In fiscal 2018, Alive After Five was presented 32 times with a total attendance of 7,093.

Dine & Discover offers insight into current KMA exhibitions, the museum’s collection, and the art world in general by visiting curators, artists, historians, and KMA staff. In fiscal 2018, there were six Dine & Discover events with a total attendance of 290.

Cocktails & Conversation combines socializing and learning, with lectures and gallery talks in a casual setting. In fiscal 2018, there were four Cocktails & Conversation events with a total attendance of 156.
Docents at the KMA are unpaid professional members of the museum staff who are interested in the visual arts and enjoy sharing that knowledge with others. They act as interpreters who facilitate interaction with original works of art for K-12 grade students, family groups, adults, and special-needs audiences, including special tours for early-stage dementia patients. On the Second Sunday of the month, KMA offers gallery drop-in tours, were docents give free guided tours of Higher Ground, Currents, and temporary exhibitions in English and Spanish. Docents and KMA staff offer off-site PowerPoint presentations about the KMA in English, Spanish, and French. This year the corps of active docents is 18. Every second Sunday of each month, the KMA hosts free Second Sunday drop-in art activities for families. A local artist is on-site to lead hands-on art activities between 1 and 4pm. In fiscal 2018, there were 12 Second Sunday Activity Days with a total attendance of 1,105.

The KMA Volunteer Program engages over 200 volunteers throughout the year serving in every department of the museum. Volunteers donate more than 7,000 hours of their time annually by assisting in various programs and operations of the museum such as Alive After Five, Docents, Family Fun Days, front desk, Summer Art Academy, administration, development, education, and marketing. These volunteers help the KMA to operate efficiently and on budget. The Volunteer Advisory Council is made-up of eight long-term volunteers, and the Visitor Services Manager, representing each area of volunteer service.
Higher Ground: A Century of the Visual Arts in East Tennessee

*Ongoing*

This permanent installation, housed in one of the two large top-floor galleries, traces the development of fine art and craft in the region and the surrounding area over the past century. It tells the largely unknown story of the area's rich artistic history and its connections to the larger currents of American art. Featured works are drawn from the KMA collection along with selected works on loan from several regional museums and private collections.

Currents: Recent Art from East Tennessee and Beyond

*Ongoing*

This exhibition showcases the exciting range of contemporary works by a stellar slate of international artists and East Tennessee luminaries. The selection is grouped in thought-provoking juxtapositions that call attention to new directions in art and new approaches to the artistic process, and help viewers discover meaningful connections between featured works.

Thorne Miniature Rooms

*Ongoing*

Thorne Rooms are among America's most well-known miniature diorama groups. The Thorne Rooms were developed in the 1930s and 40s by Mrs. James Ward Thorne of Chicago, who collected miniature furniture and accessories and used them to create dioramas built to a scale of one inch to one foot.

Cycle of Life: Within the Power of Dreams and the Wonder of Infinity

*Ongoing*

Approximately 105 feet in length, 12 feet in height, and 30 feet in depth, *Cycle of Life* is one of the largest figurative glass-and-steel assemblages in the world. Created by internationally renowned Knoxville artist Richard Jolley, it comprises thousands of cast and blown glass elements and tons of patinated metal, and depicts a narrative interpretation of the life cycle through symbolic forms including human figures, a tree of life, birds, blooms and leaves, and celestial bodies.
Facets of Modern and Contemporary Glass
Ongoing/Corridor Gallery

*Facets* is a new ongoing installation featuring the KMA’s growing collection of modern and contemporary glass as well as works on loan. This rotating display represents a broad spectrum of recent experimentation in the medium of glass by artists from around the world such as Harvey Littleton, Dominick Labino, Vaclav Cigler, Luke Jerram, and Frantisek Vizner. *Facets* is intended to encourage museum visitors to consider Richard Jolley’s *Cycle of Life* within a larger context, and reflect the KMA’s progress in establishing a tightly-focused collection of sculptures in glass by internationally-recognized contemporary artists who are introducing new technical and conceptual approaches to the medium.

American Impressionism: The Lure of the Artists’ Colony
August 11-November 12, 2017

This exhibition examines the key role played by artist colonies around the country in the development of American Impressionism. It features more than 50 oil paintings and works on paper dating from the 1880s through the 1940s by leading artists of the movement such as William Merritt Chase, Childe Hassam, Ernest Lawson, Julian Alden Weir, John Twachtman, Chauncey Ryder, Frank W. Benson, William Paxton along with expatriate artists such as Mary Cassatt and John Singer Sargent.

East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition
November 24, 2017-January 14, 2018

This collaborative project with the East Tennessee Art Education Association is designed to gather the best student work grades 6-12 from a 32-county region; award winners are eligible for $1,000,000 in scholarships to national art schools. Organized by the KMA.

Press Ahead: Contemporary Prints Gifted by Helen and Russell Novak
February 2-April 15, 2018

In 2015, Chicago-based collectors Helen and Russell Novak made the single largest and most important gift of art to the KMA’s contemporary print collection in the museum’s history—38 works by noted contemporary artists from around the world. Some are leading printmakers such as Enrique Chagoya, Red Grooms, and Sol LeWitt while others such as Christo, Helen Frankenthaler, and Hans Schabus are known for their work in other media, but who became interested in collaborating with master printers in order to realize their ideas in print-based formats. The selection emphasizes a broad range of printmaking techniques and formats.
Scenic Impressions: Southern Interpretations from the Johnson Collection
May 4-July 29, 2018

Featuring more than 40 paintings from the extensive holdings of the Johnson Collection, Spartanburg, South Carolina, this exhibition examines the history of the Impressionist movement and its influence on art created in and about the American South. Artists represented in the exhibition include Kate Freeman Clark, Elliott Daingerfield, Gilbert Gaul, Alfred Hutty, Rudolph Ingerle, Willie Betty Newman, Alice Huger Smith, William Posey Silva, and Catherine Wiley—several of whom were active in East Tennessee. Organized by the Johnson Collection.
Acquisitions
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Beauford Delaney (Knoxville 1901-1979 Paris), *Untitled (Portrait of a Young Man)*, 1928. Charcoal on paper, 20 1/2 x 13 1/2 inches. Knoxville Museum of Art, 2017 purchase with funds provided by the Rachael Patterson Young Art Acquisition Reserve.


Beauford Delaney (Knoxville 1901-1979 Paris), *Yaddo, 1950*. Pastel on paper, 18 x 24 inches. Knoxville Museum of Art, 2017 purchase with funds provided by the Rachael Patterson Young Art Acquisition Reserve.


Joel Philip Myers (Paterson, New Jersey 1934; lives and works in Marietta, Pennsylvania), *Red CFS, circa 1986*. Blown, cased, hot-applied glass shards and cane, cut, sandblasted, and acid-etched glass, 14 x 14 x 9 inches. Knoxville Museum of Art, 2018 gift from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. M. Blair Corkran.


Financials
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Income
Total Income: $2,158,518

Expenses
Total Expenses: $1,899,721
VOTING TRUSTEES
1. Joan Ashe
2. Steve Bailey
3. Sandy Blevins-Steer (Guild)
4. Melissa Burleson
5. Pamela Chips
6. Connor Coffey
7. Annie Colquitt
8. Monica Crane
9. Amelia Daniels
10. Cindi DeBusk
11. Diego del-Castillo-Negrete
12. Jennifer Dunn
13. Rosemary Gilliam
14. Madeline Griffey
15. Frances Hall
16. Rusty Harmon
17. Kitsy Hartley (VAC)
18. Nazzy Hashemian
19. June Heller
20. Richard Jansen
21. Courtney Jernigan
22. Allison Lederer
23. Courtney Lee
24. Beauvais Lyons
25. Sylvia Peters
26. Ellen Robinson
27. Patricia Brake Rutenberg
28. Fred Smith, IV
29. Caesar Stair, IV
30. Richard Stair
31. John Trotter
32. Loida Velazquez
33. Twuanna Munroe Ward
34. Ron Watkins
35. Terry Wertz
36. Geoff Wolpert
37. Taylor Wortham

EX OFFICIO TRUSTEES (1 year appt.)
1. David Butler (Executive Director)
2. Barbara W. Bernstein (Honorary Trustee)
3. James L. Clayton (Honorary Trustee)
4. Daniel F. McGehee (Legal Counsel)
5. Karen Mann (Guild President-Elect)
6. Jeff Peters (Collectors Circle Co-Chair)
7. Pam Peters (Collectors Circle Co-Chair)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS
Chair: Allison Lederer
Chair-Elect: Caesar Stair IV
Secretary: June Heller
Treasurer: Rusty Harmon
Immediate Past Chair: Richard Jansen

LEGAL COUNSEL: Daniel F. McGehee

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS
1. Building & Grounds: Ron Watkins
2. Archives: Terry Wertz
3. Collection & Exhibitions: Geoff Wolpert
4. Development: Taylor Wortham
5. Education: Patricia Brake Rutenberg
6. Estate Planning: Rosemary Gilliam
7. Finance: Rusty Harmon
8. Guild: Sandy Blevins-Steer
9. Human Resources: Pamela Chips
10. Marketing: Courtney Jernigan
11. Strategic Planning:
12. Trustees: Caesar Stair IV
13. Volunteer Advisory Council: Kitsy Hartley

MEMBERS AT LARGE (1 year appt)
1. Steve Bailey
2. June Heller
The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art was created in 1996 to encourage participation and support for the KMA as a cultural center for our area. The hardworking members of the Guild provide much needed funds for the museum through their world-class fundraising events. In addition, the Guild organizes for its members a wide variety of monthly programs that are both entertaining and educational.

Presidents
Sandy Blevins Steer
Past Co-Presidents
Linda Haynes & Sandy Lucas
President Elect
Karen Mann
Recording Secretary
Nancy Smith
Assistant Recording Secretary
Harriet Hodge
Corresponding Secretary
Maribeth Ergen
Treasurer
Karen Mann
Assistant Treasurer
Paige Troutman
Parliamentarian
Jackie Wilson
Ways and Means
Jayne Ely
Nominating
Linda Haynes
Membership
Teressia Blair & Jan Crawford
Programs
Sylvia Peters & Mimi Turner
Hospitality
Sandi Burdick & Wendy Ellis
Portfolio Newsletter
Susan Weber & Emily Cox
Yearbook
Courtney Jernigan
Publicity Relations
Nancy Wilson
Volunteer Placement
Kathy Brennan & Victoria Daniel
Members at Large
Jackie Wilson & Jan Peter
Holiday Home Tour Chair
Janet Greer
Artists on Location
Carol Coode & Julia Conner
KMA Fundraising Events
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Holiday Homes Tour
December 7 & 8, 2017
For the holiday season, museum supporters opened their beautifully decorated homes for this wonderful, holiday event organized by the Guild. A luncheon at Cherokee Country Club provided a relaxing and delicious break in the day. A special reception for a limited number of supporters took place the evening before the day tours.
Chair: Janet Greer

L’Amour du Vin
March 3, 2018
Now in its fifteenth year, L’Amour du Vin continues to be known as the finest food and wine event in Tennessee. The featured vintner was Darioush Winery. Their wines were paired with a menu prepared by chef Nancy Oakes from Boulevard Restaurant.
A live and silent auction offered collectable wines, special trips, exclusive experiences and a piece from featured artist Darren Waterston. Events preceding the wine auction and gala included a Sponsors’ Dinner and Artist’s Luncheon held at Blackberry Farm.
Chairs: Melissa and Randy Burleson
Event Manager: Carla May Paré

Artists on Location, En Plein Air
April 28, 2018
The Guild hosted this popular, regional artist event with a plein air twist. Over 40 painters contributed work to the occasion which culminated in a show and sale on Saturday night.
Chairs: Carol Coode and Julia Conner

Kick-Off to Summer
May 11, 2018
Nearly 300 guests danced to the sounds of the Atlanta Showstoppers in this third annual party event.
Chairs: Ann Bailey and Annie Colquitt
Event Manager: Carla May Paré
Launched in 2016, the membership auxiliary group’s objective continues to bring a new generation of supporters to the museum. Currently, Art House membership stands at 70, many of which include families new to the KMA.

Exclusive events are planned by a volunteer committee, including: a secret location holiday party, a behind-the-scenes curatorial tour, a private after-hours exhibition talk, a tour of a local art collector’s home, and a children’s painting class.

This vibrant new group of supporters will help secure the long-term future and well-being of the KMA.

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