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ART PARTNERS UP-CLOSE AND EXCLUSIVE TOUR WITH THE HIGH'S CURATORS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Are you up for a double feature? Spend a morning with two of the High's curators for two back-to-back curator-led tours featuring American landscape painting and treasures from the African art collection.

Guests will hear from the Margaret and Terry Stent Curator of American Art, Stephanie Heydt, about the current exhibition *American Encounters: Thomas Cole and the Narrative Landscape*, which is the result of a four-year collaboration between the High Museum of Art, the Musée du Louvre, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and the Terra Foundation for American Art. The exhibition explores the birth of American landscape painting through the works of Thomas Cole and Asher B. Durand as well as several works that inspired both artists.

Carol Thompson, Fred and Rita Richman Curator of African Art, will lead a tour of the High's African art collection, which encompasses the dynamic diversity of African art forms, from ancient to contemporary works. She will begin by discussing Radcliffe Bailey's *EW, SN*, a recent contemporary acquisition, and then continue with permanent collection highlights in the African art gallery.

You will not want to miss this opportunity—which is exclusive to Art Partners—to explore the Museum with two of its esteemed curatorial voices.



The Tempest, Thomas Cole, American: United States, 19th Century, ca. 1826, Oil on panel, 18 3/4 x 26 inches, Purchase with bequest of Clarissa Hale Poteat 1987.100



When: Thursday, December 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m

Where: High Museum of Art (Atlanta)

Cost: \$5 for Art Partners only

Please note that parking in the Woodruff Arts Center garage is \$8 for members.

RSVP: Purchase your tickets at [online](#) or call 404-733-4521.

EVENTS

MEET, GREET AND SHOP PRINTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Join Art Partners at Digital Arts Studio to meet four artists, learn more about their work, and find great holiday gifts. Digital Arts Studio supports local artists and produces high-quality giclée prints and excellent framing. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to meet some of the local artists with whom they support. Each artist will talk about their inspiration and show guests their original works and limited-edition giclée prints.

Guests will meet artists Nancy McConeghy, Katherine Trotter, Michael Drewitz, and Victor Bregeda. McConeghy, a watercolor artist, captures the landscape and essence of Provence and the English countryside in great detail. Trotter, a fashion design student, paints whimsical, fashionable ladies in an Impressionistic, impasto style. Drewitz, a photographer, digitally enhances his images to look like soft paintings, while maintaining the light and shimmer on wine bottles and glasses. Bregeda is a Russian-born artist who paints plein air landscapes, still-life compositions, and portraits in a meta-realistic style that is strongly influenced by subconscious philosophy.

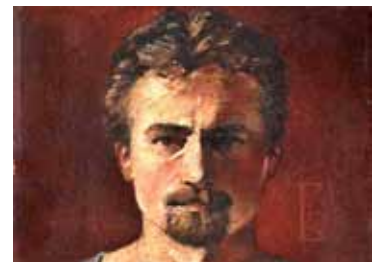
Along with the art, you can enjoy a glass of wine, refreshments, and mingling with other Art Partners.

When: Saturday, December 15, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Digital Arts Studio (Atlanta)

Cost: \$5 for AP members, \$10 for non-members

RSVP: Purchase your tickets [online](#) or by calling 404-733-4521



BOOK CLUB

Book Club meetings are held once a month at a member's home at 7:00 p.m. Beverages and snacks are served. For more information contact Pamela Ashe at pamelaashe@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 - BOOK SWAP AND POTLUCK

No book to read for this month, instead it's a Book Swap and Potluck meeting. Bring a snack or beverage to share (optional – don't let it stop you from coming, we always have plenty) and a new or gently used, wrapped book. We do a White Elephant style swap and everyone goes home with something new to read. Suggestions: bring a favorite book, a current bestseller or one of the upcoming titles – anything works.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 - THE LACUNA BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

The Art Partners book club is getting ready for the *Frida & Diego: Passion, Politics, and Painting* exhibition opening at the High on February 14th by reading The Lacuna in January. In her most accomplished novel, Barbara Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. The Lacuna is a poignant story of a man pulled between two nations as they invent their modern identities.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2013

SAVE THE DATE: HOME AND STUDIO TOUR OF CERAMIST EILEEN BRAUN

Join Art Partners at the home-studio of ceramist Eileen Braun. Her work consists of many ceramic items including teapots and vessels, which are comprised of wheel thrown then altered components which often take on a playful animated biomorphic personality. According to Braun, "many have developed a haughty attitude." You might be familiar with Eileen Braun's work. Her work has not only been in exhibitions throughout the East coast, but she also has been generous in making donations to various High functions.

Eileen and her husband are also avid art collectors. They have some interesting pieces by well known artists, some of which were acquired with an Antiques Roadshow like moment. Pieces were purchased at yard sales for the frames and they found prized artworks hidden under another work. You will enjoy seeing their collection and Eileen's outstanding ceramics.

When: Saturday, January 26, Tour 1: 1:00; Tour 2: 2:30

Where: Eileen Braun's home (Atlanta)

Cost: \$12 for AP members, \$17 for non-members

RSVP: Purchase your tickets **online** or by calling 404-733-4521



PREPARE FOR FRIDA & DIEGO WITH AN INSIDE SCOOP



Art Partners is thrilled to host three of the High's hardest-working staff members for an Art Partners' exclusive behind-the-scenes look into preparing and researching for the upcoming exhibition *Frida & Diego: Passion, Politics, and Painting*. Catherine Fink, Senior Manager of Membership and Guest Relations; Julia Forbes, Shannon Landing Amos Head of Museum Interpretation; and Erin Dougherty, Manager of Family and New Audience Initiatives will share their highlights from the months of preparation that went into this extraordinary project.

Their studies took Catherine, Julia, and Erin on a research trip to Mexico City, where they gained insight into the lives and works of the dynamic and often complicated couple with visits to the Museo de Frida Kahlo (Casa Azul), Museo Casa Estudio Frida Kahlo y Diego Rivera, Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes, and Museo Dolores Olmedo. They will share insider access into how museum leaders apply their acquired knowledge and experiences into planning their respective programs and initiatives.

The exhibition opens in mid-February, with the High being the only U.S. venue. Reserve your tickets now to hear all the insider details a few weeks early to share with your friends!

When: Thursday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Where: High Museum of Art, Hill Auditorium

Cost: \$10, Exclusively for Art Partners members

RSVP: Purchase your tickets **online** or by calling 404-733-4521

HIGH ARTS DAY

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT HIGH ARTS DAY

This fall's High Arts Day was another successful fundraiser!

High Arts Day kicked off on October 21 with the Gold Patron Evening, featuring a private tour of *Fast Forward: Modern Moments 1913>>2013* at the High before Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead whisked guests away to the beautiful Ansley Park bungalow of Dr. Murphy Townsend and artist, Gregor Turk. The evening was filled with wonderful food and art, with fashion from FENDI.

On November 5, High Arts Day's tours, shopping, and luncheon were set against the backdrop of a perfect fall day. Attendees enjoyed a light breakfast and shopping at Neiman Marcus before touring two amazing homes designed by John Oetgen to highlight their exceptional art collections.

Upon arrival at the Museum, the competitive bidding began for the silent auction items and coveted centerpiece artworks. BidPal, an automated bidding device, was introduced this year for fun and easy bidding. Later in the day guests enjoyed lunch, informal modeling by Neiman Marcus, and the *Fast Forward* exhibition. High Arts Day is an important part of Art Partners' support of the High, and we are excited to have raised more than \$60,000 for the Museum this year.

This event would not be possible without the generosity of those who attended, our sponsors, and the dedicated High Arts Day committee who spend months planning the event each year.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.



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GET CONNECTED AND VOLUNTEER

Both the Special Events Committee and Programs Committee are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to help plan and lead upcoming events and programs.

These committees meet monthly and have great camaraderie. Join in the fun while making a great contribution to the growth of Art Partners and the High Museum of Art.

Interested? Contact the Art Partners Chair, Katherine Hébert, at katsmall@bellsouth.net



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