ARTISTS & INSPIRATION IN THE WILD

A New Exhibition Opening July 1, 2023

In 2023 ADKX will open its newest permanent exhibition, Artists & Inspiration in the Wild, the most comprehensive showing of the museum’s art and design collections in its 60-plus year history. Artists & Inspiration’s four main galleries illustrate how the natural features of the Adirondacks—light, forests, water, and mountains—have sparked the creative visions of painters, sculptors, and expert artisans.

From the renowned—men such as Asher B. Durand, Thomas Cole, Arthur Fitzwilliam Tait, Seneca Ray Stoddard, and Rockwell Kent—to the groundbreaking—Edna West Teall, Dorothy Dehner, Margaret Bourke-White, Takeyce Walter, Niio Perkins, and Natasha Smoke Santiago—Artists & Inspiration will offer an inclusive and wide-reaching interpretation of Adirondack art. These visionaries have looked at the same landscapes and drawn from the same materials to create an incomparable artistic legacy.

After exploring the main galleries, visitors end their journey in a makerspace created in collaboration with Adirondack artist Barney Bellinger.

Visit Artists & Inspiration in the Wild in 2023 to make new memories.

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The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake
Sample of pieces from our collection to be featured in Artists & Inspiration in the Wild.
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EXHIBIT FACT SHEET

- Year planning began: 2017
- Year exhibition opened: 2023
- Exhibition cost: $5.5M (incl. construction, design, and fabrication)
- Project advisors: 4
- Objects in the exhibit: 252
- Square footage: 5,710 plus portico
- Galleries: Five (Intro, Light, Forests, Water, Mountains, plus a makerspace)
- Oldest object: Potsherd (ca. 1200-1300) (Unknown Indigenous artist)
- Newest object: Barney Bellinger’s Reel and Wind, 2020-2023
- Living artists with works on view: 43
- Interactive elements: 18
- Musical instruments: 2
- Dogs in works: 17
- Lights, lamps, lanterns, and candleholders: 11
- Packbaskets: 8 (plus three you can touch!)
- Paintings: 98
Barney Bellinger, based in Mayfield, NY, is a painter, sculptor, photographer, and furniture designer and an artist-in-residence at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts. A native of Johnstown, Barney sold his first piece of art as a teenager in 1970. Barney’s work has evolved many times over the years, from customized motorcycles and cars to carved gold leaf signs to organic furniture built with natural materials from the forest. Barney is a self-taught artist, gaining his knowledge from books, inherited wisdom, and immersing himself in the beauty of the Adirondacks. His work has been exhibited at the National Museum of Wildlife Art and the Adirondack Experience and appears in the permanent collections of the Orvis Company and the Smithsonian Institution; it is also widely sought after and collected privately. Barney helped design and install our new ADKX Art Lab which is inspired by his own studio.
DAVID KANIETAKERON FADDEN

David KanietaKeron Fadden is a Mohawk storyteller and painter from Akwesasne. He has trained as an artist through school and under the guidance of his family—his father John who is an illustrator and painter, mother Elizabeth who is a sculptor and potter, and late grandfather Ray, who was a designer and founder of the Six Nations Indian Museum (now Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center) in Onchiota, New York.

In addition to being featured in countless publications and museum projects, his work has been exhibited throughout New York in Albany, the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, the Unison Arts & Learning Center in New Paltz, and the National Museum of American Indian, and in Canada at the Cornwall Regional Art Gallery, the Centre Interculturel Strathearn in Montreal, and Aboriginal Art Centre in Gatineau, Quebec.
Carrie Hill is Haudenosaunee from Akwesasne Mohawk Territory and owner of Chill Baskets. In 2014 Carrie left her position at the Mohawk School in Hogansburg, New York to pursue basket making full time. The tradition of weaving black ash splints and sweetgrass goes back many generations in Carrie’s family, and her first teacher was her aunt. Weaving felt natural to Carrie, and she fell in love with the entire process. She was soon creating her own unique pieces. Her work has been sent all over the world including an entire collection representing the Haudenosaunee People for the U.S. Embassy in Swaziland, Africa.
Jonathan Sweet is a contemporary American furniture artist. Growing up in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, he is inspired by the woodlands around him. He thrives on creating one of a kind custom wood furnishings and interiors. He enjoys studying scale and proportions that are pleasing to the eye. He invites an observer to dream or provoke interesting conversation. Sweet creates excitement and calls attention to his unique style!
Takeyce Walter is an award winning contemporary American painter (born Jamaica) and art instructor, living and working in upstate New York. Driven to create from an early age, Walter has been producing art for as long as she can remember. Most recently, her focus has been on the natural landscape of her surroundings in the Northeast. Working with oil paint and pastels, Walter creates paintings that present the landscape in all its glory—flowing rivers, majestic skies, and picturesque lakes. There is a great sense of familiarity, tranquility, and reverence in each piece. In addition to publishing her work online, Walter also exhibits in regional galleries in the Northeast, including the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, the Ticonderoga Arts Gallery, Saratoga Arts Gallery, and the Adirondack Experience. Her work has found homes in many private collections across the country and internationally, including local museum and hospital collections.
For Light Gallery Checklist Sample

**A Twilight in the Adirondacks**, 1864,
Sanford Robinson Gifford
Oil on Canvas |
1963.124.0002

**Cascade Sunset (The Dark Hills)**, 2001,
Paul Matthews,
Oil on linen |
2001.053.0001

**Vase**, 1900 ca,
Uranium Glass |
2014.019.0002
**Untitled: Near Saranac Lake**, 1965,

Eliot Porter,

Photographic Print

P013043

**Untitled: Raquette Lake**, 1983.084.0001

Levi Wells Prentice,

Oil on Canvas

**Music - A Sequence of Ten Cloud Photographs, No. II**, 1922,

Alfred Stieglitz,

Photographic Print

P061449

**Lake George**, 1856,

John Frederick Kensett,

Oil on canvas

1965.079.0001
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Forest Gallery Checklist Sample:

**Smart Birds**, 2019,
Benjamin Benedict, Black Walnut
2019.063.0001

**Tree Pot**, 2000-2009,
Kathleen Spain, Ceramic
2009.077.0003

**The Road To the Ausable**, 1893,
Roswell Morse Shurtleff,
Oil on Canvas
1973.091.0001

**Making Maple Syrup**, 1960ca.,
Edna West Teall,
Acrylic
2018.013.0004
Still Hunting on the First Snow: A Second Shot, 1855,

Arthur Fitzwilliam Tait,

Oil on Canvas

1965.036.0001

A Good Time Coming, 1862,

Fitzwilliam Tait

Oil on Canvas

1963.037.0001

A Hunting Party in the Woods./in the Adirondac [sic], N.Y. State, 1856,

Frederic Rondel

Oil on Canvas | 1965.015.0001

Untitled: Bear and Hunting Party, 1908,

Winslow Homer,

Pencil on paper

2022.010.0003
**Basket**, 2017,
Barbara Watso,
Ash splint/sweetgrass
2018.017.0002

**Ononhkwason:a / Medicine Plants**, Mask, 2020,
Marlana Thompson,
bead/velvet/leather/sweetgrass
2020.075.0001

**Sideboard**, 2004,
Wayne R. Ignatuk,
Cherry/ walnut/ butternut/ copper/ birch bark
2021.086.0001

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**Dock**, 2017,
Joe Remillard,
Oil on Canvas
2019.034.0001

**Casting, ‘A Rise’,** 1889,
Winslow Homer,
Watercolor
1967.058.0001

**Buttermilk Falls, 1988,** 1988,
Allen Blagden,
Watercolor
2004.006.0001

**Main Camp, Kamp Kill Kare, February 1930,** 1930,
Jonas Lie,
Oil painting
1996.025.0001
**Bolton Landing**, 1976,
Dorothy Dehner,
Bronze/Marble
2015.030.0001

**Adirondack Guideboat**, 1950,
Willard J. Hanmer,
Wood
1969.195.0001

**Beaver Meadow Falls with leaves, St. Huberts**, 1965,
Eliot Porter,
Photographic Print
1969.054.0029

**Fort William Henry Hotel**, 1870 ca.,
James E. Buttersworth,
Oil on board
1967.220.0001
**BROADREACH III (red billow),** 2007,

John Van Alstine,

Slate & steel

2007.077.0001

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Mountain Gallery Checklist Sample:

The Road from Tupper Lake to Saranac Lake, 1941,
Julius Delbos,
Oil on Canvas
2003.005.0001

Indian Pass from Wallface, 1931,
Herbert S. Kates,
Pencil Drawing
1971.043.0002

Untitled: Asgaard Farm, 1961,
Rockwell Kent,
Oil on Canvas
1961.056.0001
**Adirondacks, Near Owls Head**, 1947,
John Marin,
Watercolor over graphite
2011.050.0001

**Stolen/Broken Connections**, 2021,
Natasha Smoke Santiago,
Ceramic/Clay
2021.082.0002

**Packbasket**, 1999,
Jack Leadley,
Leather, Brass/Ash Splint
2017.006.0001
**The Great Adirondack Pass, Painted On the Spot**, 1837,

Charles Cromwell Ingham,

Oil on Canvas

1966.114.0001

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**So Be It Our Minds**, 2016 ca.,

Babe and Carla Hemlock,

Cradleboard, Fabric

2018.016.0001

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