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Letter from the Directors

Dear Friends,

It has been such a pleasure seeing you back in person enjoying programs and exhibits with your family and friends. We are excited to be currently hosting *Above and Beyond: The Ultimate Flight Exhibition* until May 7, 2023. Arriving mid-May *BLOW UP II: Inflatable Contemporary Art* explores the medium of inflatable art with imagery that is figurative, conceptual, and abstract. These large-scale inflatable sculptures, conceived by nine artists and art collectives from around the world, are fun, familiar yet strange, and challenge the definition of art. Holding our attention with wonderment and delight, the uniqueness of *BLOW UP II*—at once humorous and whimsical—creates a spectacular, immersive environment that allows for deeper contemplation. By harnessing the power of air, the ideas and possibilities in art-making seem endless, and creativity is left to take flight.

In addition to a great 2023 exhibit line up with traveling and community partner exhibitions, there will be several capital building projects taking place to improve the guest experience such as renovated first floor restrooms, upgrades to the audiovisual equipment in the auditorium, a reengineered parking lot, and updated building mechanical control systems. Stay tuned for details on the project timelines.

As our strongest advocates please continue to share that your museum is open every Tuesday from noon to 8pm and the first Wednesday of the month we offer FREE admission to Brown County residents from 9am to 8pm. We very much appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,



Beth Kowalski
Executive Director
Neville Public Museum



Kasha Huntowski
Executive Director
Neville Public Museum Foundation

Welcome New Members!

Family - Eric Adams, Mark & Katrina Adrians, Adam & Peggy Baumgart, Justin Beaudoin, Patricia Bergner, Katie Bienen, Katherine Blaser, Steven & Theresa Boyer, Gustavo & Sarah Bucio, Nathan & Eileen Carlton, Jesse & Courtney Danielski, Jason and Nicole Davies, Chad & Jenna Elfe, Christy Ford & Katie VanLannen, Aaron & Ashley Graff, Mitchell Hahn, Andrew & Callie Harder, Tammy Heiting, Andrew & Brooke Hermsen, Brent & Pamela Hoffman, Brad & Emily Hotchkiss, Laura Janssen, Ronald & Diane Johnson, William Kamps & Tiffany Sadler, Dan & Lisa Kaufman, Ellen Kleimenhagen, Terri Klingbeil, Joe & Laura Knaapen, Natalie Larson, Mitchell & Andrea Lemke, Michelle Lindstrum, Joshua & Courtney, John & Megan Lyons, Joy Maes, Andrew & Lisa Maynard, Richard McGowan & Barbara Ring, Bryce & Jennifer Menacher, Ted Miller, Alex & Kathleen Moule, Marissa Niemyjski, Milton & Maureen Oldenburg, Josh & Jacqueline Oliver, Kimberly Pelky, James & Vanessa Peterson, Charles & Angela Phelps, Josh & Elizabeth Rankin, Sarah Schaefer, Robert & Christina Schraedley, Scott & Natalie Seidler, Aaron & Dawn Spice, James & Linda Spychalski, Jason & Carolyn Stephens, Bryan & Greta Swanson, Becca Tassone, Ed Thao & Sarah Rusch, Travis & Patti Vervoren, Brian & Tricia Whitney, Dinesh & Seema Yadav, Bo & Meiyong Yu, Katie Zak

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Individual - Sally Beyers, Sandra Brehmer, Emily Cherney, Lauren Endter, Sharon Fischer, Cathleen Geimer, Karen Guyette, Steven Herro, Barbara Hoffman, Virginia Johnson, Judith Jourdan, Susan Keer, Patricia McKloskey, Iris Otto, Michelle Simonson, Daniel Theno, Barbara Weir, Danica Zawieja

Dual - Stan Arrowood & Carmela Schmitz, Jessica Bagnat, Cheryl Cimbalo, Juan & Nichole Corpus, Roger & Lynn Francois, Carl & Lori Juza, Christopher & Jamie Komorowski, Daniela Kouzov, Steven & Loretta Lambert, John & Ronda Liebmann, Joshua Maynard, Mackenzi Meyer, Jan Mirenda Smith, Bill & Geri Shepherd, Les VanVonderen & Peggy Welsh, Brandon Wisneski & John Okimosh

Upcoming Exhibits

Above and Beyond

Open now—May 7, 2023



Celebrating the power of innovation to make dreams take flight, this traveling aerospace exhibition features immersive simulations, interactive design challenges, iconic historical touchstones, visionary concepts for the future, and inspiring stories from game-changing innovators, past and present. It offers an unprecedented demonstration of advances in aviation and aerospace, from the first powered flights to the newest innovations on Earth and in space, and presents the forces that motivate aerospace innovators to dream up and build new flight technologies. The exhibition also serves to inspire children and young adults to imagine future careers in aerospace, supporting educators in building STEM awareness and skills among students.

108th Annual Green Bay Art Colony Exhibition

Open now—March 26, 2023



The Green Bay Art Colony is a growing and thriving group of female artists. For over a century, hundreds of women have been part of the Green Bay Art Colony where they continue to inspire each other, educate the public, encourage new artists, and give scholarships to art students. Styles, the name, and club rules may have changed over time, but the dream to keep art and culture part of the community remains the same. Experience the 108th Green Bay Art Colony Juried Exhibition that showcases the talents of this dynamic group of women artist and makers.

NWTC Artisan and Business Center Annual Showcase

April 1—May 4, 2023



For this year's annual showcase, NWTC Artisan & Business Center students, Open Studio members, staff, faculty, and other program participants were invited to let their imaginations run wild in this open call to create.

Justice for All: The Legacy of Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson

April 1—June 30, 2023



This travelling exhibit presents the Wisconsin Chief Justice's legacy and life, in text and reproductions of historic photographs and documents, as well as interactive QR codes for further exploration.

Blow UP II

May 20—October 8, 2023



This exhibition explores the medium of inflatable art with figurative, conceptual, and abstract imagery. These large-scale inflatable sculptures, conceived by nine artists and art collectives, connote fun and whimsy, are familiar yet strange, and challenge the definition of art. Here, in an unusual feat, artists use air as an active tool in their work to subvert our perspective and surprise us. Holding our attention with wonderment and delight, BLOW UP II creates a spectacular, immersive environment that inspires deeper contemplation. By harnessing the power of air, the ideas and possibilities in art-making seem endless, and creativity takes flight.

Down by the Shore: Fiber Artisans of Northeastern Wisconsin

August 5—September 24, 2023



This travelling exhibit explores the widely diverse field of fiber artistry in Northeastern Wisconsin. Treat yourself to a magical array of techniques and aesthetics by the hand of your own friends and neighbors, all inspired by the transformative power of water.

*Exhibit schedule and titles subject to change

Event Calendar

April

5 - Explorer Wednesday
20 - Dinner Program: Those Flyboys from Dayton

May

3 - Explorer Wednesday
11 - Dinner Program: Finding Dairyland

June

7 - Explorer Wednesday

July

5 - Explorer Wednesday

August

2 - Explorer Wednesday

September

6 - Explorer Wednesday

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Sustainable Monthly Gifts

Join The Herd!

Too often we underestimate the potential impact of our own contribution, whether giving of our time, talents, or gifts. A single act of generosity may feel like a mere drop in the ocean, but together they can help shape a mighty wave! We are consistently humbled by the generosity of our donors, members, and Museum guests, and understand that making a difference can feel like an overwhelming task. Why not take a cue from our the Neville's preferred Proboscideans and join **The Herd**, our own powerful pack of sustainable donors? Whether your gift comes to us monthly, quarterly, or annually, it becomes instantly strengthened alongside those of your fellow sustaining supporters, regardless of the amount. Collectively you help reinforce the value you find in our programs, exhibits, and the ongoing preservation of and presence in our community.

In an effort to stretch your dollars further, better articulate your impact, and simply make the giving experience more fun, we delight in extending this bite-sized and completely customizable giving model to our most ardent and passionate supporters. Instead of waiting for one of our friendly reminders to magically appear imploring you to dig out your checkbook, decide on a dollar amount, and mail in your gift, you can schedule an automated donation to fit your schedule and lifestyle! With a monthly charge to your credit or debit card, the process becomes streamlined and stress-free when you "set it and forget it".

How much is the right amount? That's up to you! The Neville is fortunate to be supported by variety of Friends and community partners, all of whom can feel confident that their donation of any size is being used thoughtfully to enhance the Museum experience for all who visit. You too can put your money where your values are with a simple, consistent commitment of \$10 per month. Whatever amount you choose is the right amount, so set up your sustainable gift today by reaching out to Foundation Executive Director, Kasha Huntowski today at 920-448-7850 or kasha.huntowski@browncountyiwi.gov, or by simply checking the monthly giving box on the enclosed envelope. We look forward to thunderous success with The Herd!



Collections Corner

Illustrator Art

One of our favorite features of the 2019-2020 core gallery renovation has been the increased accessibility that allows our team to more easily rotate our extensive artifact collection, ensuring guests a fresh experience at every visit. Of the twelve thematic sections in the new Generations Gallery, we have already updated People to highlight childhood, featuring the clothing, games, school books, and countless other nostalgic talisman representing the children of Northeastern Wisconsin. The Art section has already seen three distinctive change-outs, beginning with portraits in 2020, followed by women artists in



2021, and now Howard Pyle and illustrator art through December 2023.

The meteoric rise of American printing technology during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries made this the "golden age of illustration", resulting in a

technicolor smorgasbord of creativity and stylistic innovation in advertisements, books, comics, and magazines. We are thrilled to shine a light on this vibrant smattering of early Americana, and grateful for a generous endowment on behalf of our Foundation to help clean, restore, mat, and frame six of our favorite vintage posters. Thanks to the capable care of Bill Casper and his team at The Hang Up Gallery of Fine Art in Neenah, these striking circus and travel pieces proudly tout the artistry and imagination of creators who boldly put pen and paintbrush to paper nearly a century ago. These freshly refurbished pieces are waiting for you and yours to bask in their graphic glory and inspire your next expressive endeavor!



The Sky is the Limit

Looking for new ways to support our mission? If you are 72 years of age or older and have a qualified IRA, you may want to consider the tax benefits of gifting from your IRA to the Neville Public Museum Foundation. Simply talk to your financial advisor regarding your IRA qualifications and they can help you make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**.

Keep your funds local and help inspire children in our community by making your distribution directly to the Neville Public Museum Foundation! Your Qualified Charitable Distribution can help provide field trip scholarships for our region's Title I schools, free activity kits during our monthly free days, free SPARK! programming for people living with memory loss and their caregivers, and more for people in our community, while also receiving a tax benefit.

We appreciate your generosity and look forward to the new heights we will ascend together!



Volunteer Spotlight

Bridget Erwin

Though not a native Wisconsinite, communal collaboration was deeply ingrained in Neville Public Museum Foundation Board Vice Chair, Bridget Erwin from childhood. Growing up in “very rural, very small” Minnesota town, “there weren’t boards and nonprofit organizations like here...involvement (was) more grassroots on a church or school level,” she reflects on her earliest inspirations to serve. Neighbors helping neighbors was omnipresent, she observed, from passing hotdish to childcare, farm chores to fundraisers. Moving to the greater Green Bay area to attend St. Norbert College, she quickly found new opportunities to get involved with and began to cultivate her own brand of service to shape the world she wished to see in her new home.

Targeting organizations and causes dear to her heart, Bridget takes great pride in her board involvement with Wispact, a statewide nonprofit working to enhance the well-being of disabled residents through the management of special needs trusts. Besides serving on the Neville’s Foundation board, she also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Green Bay YWCA and the Estate Planning Council of Northeast Wisconsin. She is a member of the Site Advisory Council of Father Allouez Catholic School and a graduate of the Leadership Fox Cities program. She is a frequent speaker for National Business Institute on topics relating to estate planning and probate, and was named to the Wisconsin Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers magazine for the years 2014-2021, an honor awarded to no more than 2.5 percent of state attorneys in each year.

While such a full roster of commitments surely makes for a busy schedule, Bridget and her husband, Jeff, balance work, family, and philanthropy with dinner table discussions involving their four girls about the importance of occasional late night meetings and paperwork on the path to a more equitable and integrated society for all. The girls have grown up at the Neville, each reveling in different exhibits and areas of exploration, all looking forward to Neville Day Camps each summer. We love knowing that each time Bridget and family visits they will find something new to discover, and thank the entire Erwin crew for their dedication to our future!



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Above: This photograph from 1976 shows Julie VandenLangenberg and Kandi Koehne giggling over gooey cotton candy at the Ashwaubenon Fireman's Picnic. The event was held at the Ashwaubenon Community Center. (Photo 27.1988.2420A.2)

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From cover: Good Skipping Weather! Michelle Benedum and Jackie Moran found warm and pleasant weather just right for taking their jump ropes out of winter mothballs to do some rope skipping on March 20, 1976. (Photo 27.1988.3877.a2)

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