

NEWSLETTER



Marty Townsend, President

From the President

Greetings, friends of the Museum of Art and Archaeology! At Museum Associates Annual Meeting in November, 2022, I took the gavel as president of Museum Associates. Tootie Burns stepped down after serving two terms, four years, as president. Tootie saw Museum Associates through COVID-19 shutdown, the loss of the Museum director and the hiring of a new director, and the packing and moving of the Museum back to campus. A job well done, Tootie! I am happy to report at the Annual Meeting we also added eight new directors to Museum Associates Board of Directors: Donna Checkett, Scherrie Goettsch, Kenny Greene, Linda Keown, Monica Naylor, Sheila Plummer, Kathy Unrath, and Shannon Webster; Krystin Cooper returned to serve a second term. Museum Associates Board of Directors consists of twenty-six energetic and enthusiastic individuals. We all are grateful that these folks have agreed to freely give of their time and talent to energize our organization.

The first of February saw Bruce Cox, Assistant Director of Operations at the Museum and liaison to Museum Associates retire after twenty-two years with the Museum of Art and Archaeology and forty years with MU. With encouragement from former Board president, Tootie Burns, Bruce presented the Museum Associates Board with a proposal to continue working as an independent contractor for the organization. The Board unanimously voted to retain Bruce, ensuring the continued smooth functioning of Museum Associates and his valuable input to planning events and fundraisers. Thank you, Bruce, for your dedicated service to both the Museum and Museum Associates. I am happy that the Board has retained your service.

This newsletter is a new effort to communicate with the friends of the Museum and keep you informed on a bimonthly basis as to the goings on of the organization and how we are interacting with the Museum and the community at-large. Our connection to you is vital as the Museum continues renovations to the new space at Ellis Library and the reinstallation of the galleries. I am sure you are eager to know when the Museum will once again open its doors. From my last conversation with Dan Eck, Museum director, the anticipated opening date will probably be Fall of this year. It is a slow process, but will inevitably present the galleries and display the collections in the best possible light for student, faculty, and community visitors.

It is with great pleasure that I can now announce that the collection of Greek and Roman casts are open to the public to view on the second floor of Ellis Library. I know many of you have missed these colossal figures. Stop in and visit your old friends.

Always conscious of the rising cost of doing business and our fiduciary responsibility to our members, in an effort to conserve funds we will discontinue mailing postcards to our members regarding events. Most of you have given us an email addresses in which to reach you and we will send announcements to you via this method. If your email address changes, please be sure to notify us by emailing updated information to the organization's email address at museumassociatesinc@outlook.com. Remember when renewing your membership in Museum Associates, you can do so on our secure website using a credit card through our secure PayPal account at <https://maamuseumassociates.org/>. It's a changing world we find ourselves in and be assured Museum Associates will continue to examine what we do and how we do it. ■



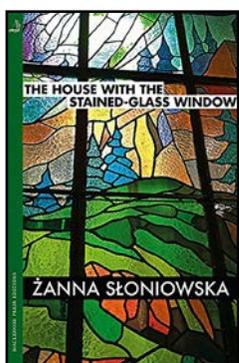
March 6, 2023

7:00pm

Sinquefield Music Center, Room 132

Reflections on artwork from the Museum of Art and Archaeology accompanied with choral music performed by MU School of Music's Ars Nova Singers. This annual collaboration between the Museum and the School of Music is a delightful opportunity to experience a variety of music selections and artwork centered around a central theme. This year's emphasis is "War and Peace." The event is **FREE** and open to the public. ■

Art of the Book Club



The May book selection is *The House with the Stained-Glass Window* by Żanna Słoniowska. The book club will schedule events around this selection and you will receive an email flyer when the dates and times are set. Such events usually include a film or documentary that corresponds with the book selection, a presentation/talk on the topic of the book, and a book discussion. All events are via Zoom and are open to the public. Stay tuned! ■

Follow the Art of the Book Club on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/mumaabookclub.

Please direct questions to Christiane Quinn at chrismo@centurylink.net or phone 875-1183.

The Art of the Book Club is sponsored by Museum Associates

Spotlight from the Museum's Collection



Figurine of Flying Eros
Greek, Hellenistic, 200–130 BCE
Terracotta
Gift of the Student Fee Capital Improvement Committee, University of Missouri (81.2)

Winged beings like Eros and Nike could serve as psychopompoi ("soul guides") to the Underworld, and their images were frequently deposited in graves with the deceased. ■

Mission Statement

Museum Associates, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded for the purpose of helping to provide financial support to the Museum of Art and Archaeology's educational programs, publications, exhibitions, and acquisitions.



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