

Exhibitions and events for October – January at the Tucson Museum of Art. All events are located at the Museum unless otherwise noted.

Exhibitions –

Thanks for Being With Us: Contemporary Art from the Douglas Nielsen Collection

July 17 – October 10, 2010

Working in a profession where the art is ephemeral and experiential, Douglas Nielsen, resident choreographer and dance professor at the University of Arizona, has amassed an impressive collection of contemporary art over the last forty years. This exhibition is a rare opportunity to see a large body of works by some of the most recognized American artists of the twentieth century including Annie Leibovitz, Herb Ritts, Cindy Sherman, Diane Arbus, Danny Lyon, Ed Ruscha, John Baldessari, Barbara Kruger, Bruce Nauman, Richard Serra, Claes Oldenberg, and Kiki Smith.

Han and Beyond – The Renaissance of China: The James Conley Collection

On view through 2013

This exhibition of more than 100 works of art from the Neolithic period (ca. 3,000 BCE) to Qing Dynasty (1644 – 1911) offers a rare opportunity to view remarkable objects drawn from nearly five thousand years of China's creative inspiration.

The Journey of Lewis and Clark

October 23, 2010 – January 23, 2011

Embark on a visual journey with explorers Lewis and Clark in this comprehensive exhibition featuring the paintings of Charles Fritz and Michael Haynes.

Judy Miller: Imaginary Dioramas

October 9, 2011 – January 30, 2011

To create her uncanny photo-composites, Judy Miller first photographs figures from wax museums all over the world and then sutures them into landscapes and interior scenes photographed from disparate locations. The result of her clever computer manipulations create alternate worlds one writer describes as “Twilight Zone interiors” and “mythological landmarks from an undiscovered civilization.” The frozen stances and impeccable attire of the figures, with their eerie stereotypical settings, further reinforce the disquieting qualities of the scenes portrayed.

Alfeñique: The Sugar Sculptures of Guanajuato, Mexico

October 30, 2010 – January 9, 2011

This exhibit showcases the artistry of *alfeñique* (sugar sculptures) produced in Guanajuato, Mexico. *Alfeñiques* are folk art objects that depict hearts, skulls, animals, foods, fruit baskets and a myriad of other subjects. Created by artisans from simple mixtures of confectioners' sugar and lemon juice, these colorful and often elaborate sculptures are sold at local markets in the weeks leading up to *Día de los Muertos*. They are purchased to be included as *ofrendas* for the deceased, as edible treats for children, or as gifts for friends and loved ones. Come see a Guanajuatan regional style altar, a recreation of a marketplace sugar stall full of this vibrant folk art, and a selection of fine competition pieces produced in Guanajuato!

Events –

October

Saturdays, October 2 – October 23 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ceramics for Beginners

For those students who have always been curious about clay but have little or no experience, this class will introduce the various techniques of hand-building as well as the potter's wheel. This four-week class will culminate with a raku firing. Clay and tools are provided. \$75 for members; \$100 for non-members.

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Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 pm.

Picture This! Art for Families: Behind the Mask

Families will learn more about Mexico through a guided gallery tour and art making activity about the folk art masks on view in the Palice Pavilion of Art of Latin America. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years old and their adult companions.

Tuesday, October 5 at 11:30 am

A Walk with the Curator

Join Chief Curator and Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art Julie Sasse for an in-depth gallery tour of Thanks for Being with Us: Contemporary Art from the Douglas Nielsen Collection. Free for members or with Museum Admission.

Wednesday, October 6 at 5:30 pm

An Evening with Howard Terpning

This is a unique opportunity to meet and listen to award-winning Western artist Howard Terpning who will discuss his work and the research involved in his highly acclaimed paintings. A member of the Cowboy Artists of America and the National Academy of Western Art, the New York Times called Terpning “the most successful living American artist you’ve never heard of.” \$25 per person. RSVP required to WAP@TucsonMuseumofArt.org.

Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 pm

Looking Up/Looking Down

Join us for a unique opportunity to enjoy dance from above as it is performed below in the gallery known as the “Well.” Inspired by the Museum’s unique architecture and the contemporary art on view, collector and University of Arizona dance professor Douglas Nielsen will present an original site-specific performance with student dancers from the UA Dance Ensemble. Free for members or with Museum admission.

Saturday – Sunday, October 23 – 24

Treasure House Estate Sale

3602 E. Fort Lowell; in the former Norwalk Furniture Store

Antiques and treasures including china, crystal, furniture, porcelain, silver, linens, jewelry, fine art, brass, and collectibles will be on sale and open to the public

Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. *Members only preview is Friday, October 22 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

Tuesday, October 26 at 4:30 pm

Educator's Workshop/Reception

Explore the exhibition *The Journey of Lewis and Clark* with Museum educators and volunteers. Afterwards enjoy fine wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Credit hours offered for Tucson Unified School District educators. This program is supported by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona and just for teachers. RSVP to 624.2333, ext. 121 or Tours@TucsonMuseumofArt.org by October 23. Free.

Friday, October 29

An Evening of Exploration

Celebrate the exploration of the West with the opening reception for *The Journey of Lewis and Clark*; explore the imagination in the exhibition *Judy Miller: Imaginary Dioramas*; and explore the meaning and culture of *Dia de los Muertos* with the exhibition *El Alfenique: The Sugar Sculptures of Guanajuato, Mexico* and the family celebration honoring our ancestors.

5:00 pm

Private reception for exhibiting artists, Director's Circle members, and exhibition sponsors

6:00 pm

Members' reception in the galleries and courtyards

Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 am

A Look at Lewis and Clark through Art

Learn about one of the greatest journeys in history with artists Charles Fritz and Michael Haynes, and collector Tim Peterson at a panel discussion moderated by Executive Director Robert Knight. Free for members or with Museum admission.

November

Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 am

Book Discussion: *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian*

Join local author Gregory McNamee in discussing Wallace Stegner's book *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian*, a portrait of explorer John Wesley Powell. Presented in part by the Arizona Humanities Council. Space is limited. Books may be reserved by emailing Library@TucsonMuseumofArt.org or calling 520-624-2333 ext. 122. Free.

Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 pm

Picture This! Art for Families: Destination Unknown

Take an explorer's journey and draw your own map, unique plants and other fun finds with colored pencils and watercolor. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years old and their adult companions.

Tuesday, November 9 at 11:30 am

Charlie Fritz and other Artists of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Join art historian Beverly (Penny) David, PhD for a look at the land and people of the 19th century American West through the paintings of Karl Bodmer, George Catlin, Charles Russell, Charles King Bird, Olaf Seltzer and Charlie Fritz. Free for members or with Museum admission.

Saturday, November 13 at 1:30 pm

El Nacimiento

A Tucson tradition for more than three decades, visitor will enjoy the city's most admired nativity at this celebration of Maria Luisa Tena's *El Nacimiento*. Free

Friday – Sunday, November 19 – 21 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Holiday Craft Market

Find that unique gift from more than 120 of the Southwest's finest artisans. Market and Museum are FREE all three days.

December

Wednesdays, December 1 – January 26 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Wheel Thrown Ceramics

Understand the fundamental concepts of throwing as well as advanced techniques in forming functional and sculptural ceramics on the wheel. Weekly demonstrations include trimming, working with large vessels, making handles and lids, and glazing techniques. Stoneware, low fire and raku firings are offered. \$205/members, \$255/non-members. Registration form can be found at www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Thursdays, December 2 – January 27 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Intermediate Ceramics Forum

The fundamental hand-building techniques of coil, slab, pinch, and working with slump molds will be explored with a focus on individual artistic development. Students may also try the potter's wheel if they wish. Firing possibilities include stoneware, low fire, saggar, and raku. This class will bring together students with varying amounts of experience working in clay who share a desire to realize their ideas using creative hand-building techniques. \$205/members, \$255/non-members. Registration form can be found at www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Thursdays, December 2 – January 27 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Advanced Ceramics Forum

Appropriate for those with experience, this class will include wheel-throwing, sculpture, hand-building, glazing techniques, and raku and stoneware firings. Classes will generally be open working time with demonstrations regularly provided. \$205/members, \$255/non-members. Registration form can be found at www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Saturday and Sunday, December 4 – 5

Mata Ortiz Pottery Sale

A special sale of Mata Ortiz pottery featuring the work of artist Orelia Lopez who will be working in the main lobby during regular Museum hours.

Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 pm

Picture This! Art for Families: New Nativities

Consider a new and contemporary twist on the traditional nativity scene as you explore what the holidays mean using a variety of mixed-media and inspiration from *El Nacimiento*. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years old and their adult companions.

January

Sunday, January 2 at 1:00 pm

Picture This! Art for Families: Sewing Our Stories

Inspired by the works of Judy Miller, join us for an art project which combines photography and mixed media to create one-of-a kind imaginary scenario. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years old and their adult companions.

Saturdays, January 8 – January 29 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Docent Council Art Talks

Wednesdays (January – March) at 1:30 pm
Free for members or with Museum admission

January 5

Trucks, Chickens and Grandmas on Goats

Presented by Linda Friedman

Delve into the world of Navajo folk art and discover the art and artists whose charming and whimsical designs reflect everyday life.

January 12

Camille Pissarro and Friends

Presented by Rebecca Huber

Learn about this French painter whose importance resides not only in his visual contributions to *Impressionism* and *Post-Impressionism*, but also in his patriarchal standing among his colleagues, particularly Paul Cézanne and Paul Gauguin.

January 19

Niki de Saint Phalle: High Priestess of the Tarot Garden

Presented by Kay Jensen

Take a look at how this multi-faceted French artist traveled the long path from darkness and despair to brilliant exuberance.

January 26

Meet Sorolla: Spanish Impressionist

Presented by Eillie Eigen

Discover this awe-inspiring, unforgettable artist through his glowing and luminescent seascapes and Spanish portraits.