



## MACOMB ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

### 2021 Year End Report

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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Through the Macomb County Art Institute Authority and the Art Institute Service Agreement, the DIA provides benefits to residents in the areas of admissions, school, senior, and community partnership programs.

Macomb County residents receive Free General Museum Admission.

In 2021, more than **4,036** Macomb County Residents visited the DIA.

Due to COVID-19, visitors are asked to reserve admission in advance. Tickets are available for walk-up accommodation as capacity allows.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY	<i>CLOSED</i>
TUESDAY–THURSDAY	9 AM – 4 PM
FRIDAY	9 AM – 9 PM
SATURDAY–SUNDAY	10 AM – 5 PM

For more information visit: [About Your Visit \(dia.org\)](https://dia.org)

# SCHOOL PROGRAM

Education Programs focus on K–12 offerings in the following areas:

- Expanding field trip options
- Collaborating with educators to support curriculum initiatives; and
- Providing teacher professional development.

The DIA provides free field trips, both virtual and in-museum for K-12 students. In-Museum experiences also include free transportation.

In 2021, more than **545** Macomb County students participated in no-cost school field trips to the DIA with free bus transportation.

Guided virtual field trips were the primary offering for K-12 students until October when the DIA welcomed school groups back to the Museum after suspending this option due to COVID – 19. **4,998** Macomb County students participated in a virtual field trip.

Virtual Field Trips are offered by [reservations](#) made through the Museum’s Group Reservations Department and engage students with art through live online forums. Students ask questions, engage in discussion, and participate in activities that promote critical-thinking and close-looking.

Guided field trip experiences, both virtual and in-person, include:

- ◇ Learning to Look, grades 2–4, combines open-ended discussion and activities to help students connect to their thoughts and feelings, as well as to the experiences of others.
- ◇ Thinking Through Art, grades 3–12, concentrates on open-ended, student-centered discussions using the Visual Thinking Strategies pedagogical approach and gallery engagement activities.
- ◇ Shaping Identity, grades 3–12, focuses on the following DIA collection and curricular areas:
  - ⇒ Arts of Africa
  - ⇒ Art of the Americas
  - ⇒ Art of the Ancient World
  - ⇒ Shaping Identity – World Languages
- ◇ Shaping Identity, combined with Thinking Through Art, grades 3–12, explores the breadth of the collections in combination with directed and open-ended discussions and activities.

- ◇ Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Art provides tours tailored to the teachers' goals. Tours may consider themes of friendship, creativity, gratitude, generosity, kindness, patience and/or honesty, followed by a self-guided or teacher-led activity or a team-work exercise (for older children in grades 5–12).
- ◇ Homeschool Afternoons offers collaborative, learner-centered artmaking in the DIA Learning Center & Studio and guided museum tours to local homeschool families

Survey data is collected after each field trip, or educator workshop, and the results are used to inform changes to programming.

The DIA-Education department publishes a monthly newsletter, *EduNews*, that highlights new programs and resources available to tri-county educators and schools.

New teacher resources available in 2021 included classroom activities for *Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950–2020*, *Russ Marshall: Detroit Photographs from 1958– 2008*, materials about the *Detroit Industry Murals*, and Conservation–STEAM initiatives.

See Appendix for a complete list of schools participating in the free field trip program during 2021.

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS

### ***DIA Delivered***

These educational kits connect the school curriculum to objects in the Museum's collection and provide opportunities for critical thinking, discovery, and artmaking. Each kit contains lesson plans, age-appropriate books, videos, exercises, and all necessary supplies to complete the suggested artmaking activities. DIA Delivered includes a professional development plan to help teachers utilize this resource in the classroom or in a virtual learning environment.



Kits were provided to **208** Macomb County students, including Henry Ford II High School; Arts Academy in the Woods; Redman Academy homeschool; Ray Township Public Library & Home-school; Salt Creek Academy Homeschool; Huron Park Elementary; Homeschool in Armada; and Michigan Collegiate High School.

The DIA continued to work collaboratively with educators in Macomb County to design customized curriculum resources to support field trips, including self-guided activities as well as pre- and post-visit classroom connections. Kits are available for East Asian Art, African, African American, American, and Native American art. Kits for Ancient Middle Eastern, Egyptian, and Greek and Roman art are forthcoming.

### **Art Bytes**

In these short videos, the DIA's gallery teachers and curators introduced collection objects to K–12 students, prompting curiosity, wonder, and critical thinking. Art Byte videos can be found [here](#).

### **Professional Development For Teachers**

The DIA offers professional development workshops for teachers that model and develop curriculum-related activities for immediate in-person or virtual classroom application. The DIA actively recruits schools/districts to develop collaborative, customized professional development opportunities for teachers. Adjustments have been made to offer programs on a virtual platform.

Macomb County Teachers participated in the following free professional development events:

#### **JANUARY**

⇒ Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning

#### **FEBRUARY**

⇒ Black History Month Educator Workshop

#### **MARCH**

⇒ Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning Introduction to the Virtual DIA  
⇒ MISD Social Studies Workshop  
⇒ Utica Community Schools Art Teachers Visual Thinking Strategies Workshop

#### **APRIL**

⇒ Social Emotional Learning Workshop with Author Peter Reynolds  
⇒ MISD New Teacher Evening with the DIA

#### **MAY**

⇒ Teacher Appreciation Evening  
⇒ Women in History Educator Workshop

#### **AUGUST**

⇒ Visual Thinking Strategies – Virtual Crash Course (Day 1)  
⇒ Visual Thinking Strategies – Virtual Crash Course (Day 2)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

⇒ Introduction to the Virtual DIA  
⇒ DIA Kids Program Introduction

#### **OCTOBER**

⇒ Ofrendas Educator Workshop

#### **NOVEMBER**

⇒ DIA + JusticexDesign Human Rights and Art Workshop #1  
⇒ Learner-Centered Motivation Quilt Making

#### **DECEMBER**

⇒ DIA + JusticexDesign Human Rights and Art Workshop #2



## **ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH MACOMB COUNTY SCHOOLS**

### ***Teacher Advisory Group***

This group provided feedback about existing professional development resources and assisted in designing teacher events and includes teachers from Macomb County. Teachers from the following districts represented Macomb County: Anchor Bay, L’Anse Creuse Public Schools, and Macomb Intermediate School District.

### ***Teen Arts Council***

The DIA’s Teen Arts Council includes students from Macomb County high schools. Teen Council members work with diverse peers from local high schools and museum professionals to design and implement relevant and meaningful programs for tri-county teens.

# Senior Program

The DIA provides experiences for Tri-County Seniors through virtual programs and group trips to the Museum.

Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, in-museum programming continued to be suspended until October 2021. To accommodate tri-county seniors, the DIA has transitioned the Senior Program to a virtual format. With *Thursdays at the Museum—Virtual*, offered at 1:00 pm each week.

The DIA provided engaging experiences and programs: interactive talks with Q & A sessions alternate with music, film, artmaking, and special events like Art Bingo. More information about the current schedule and information on how access Thursdays at the Museum Virtual can be found [here](#).

In October 2021, the DIA resumed Senior group self-guided visits to the Museum. Transportation is available for groups of twenty-five (25) or more. Visits can be reserved during the afternoon Tuesday–Friday.

The Clinton Township Senior Center visited the Museum in-person for self-guided visits with transportation.

## ***Behind the Seen – In the Community & Virtual***

Presented by trained DIA teaching volunteers, *Behind the Seen* art talks bring insight about the DIA's collection from the museum to the community. Talks last up to one hour and are available to adult civic and social groups, libraries, senior centers, and other community-accessible locations in Macomb County.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic *Behind the Seen* art talks are available on a virtual platform. The following Macomb County based organizations hosted virtual *Behind the Seen* art talks:

- ⇒ AHEPA 371 Apartments in Harrison Township
- ⇒ Clinton Township Senior Center
- ⇒ Clinton-Macomb Public Library in Clinton Township
- ⇒ Linda's Museum Moment in Shelby Township
- ⇒ Sterling Heights Public Library
- ⇒ Warren Public Library, Civic Center Branch

## ***Anytime Access Programs***

Additional virtual programs are available to seniors with online anytime access and include crossword puzzles, art making videos, curator, and conservation art talks. A variety of *Anytime Access* Programs can be found [here](#).

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS



## INSIDE|OUT

Through partnerships with municipalities and community organizations, the DIA's Inside|Out program brings high-quality art reproductions to locations throughout Macomb County.

2021 Macomb County communities included:

- ⇒ Chesterfield
- ⇒ Clinton Township
- ⇒ Eastpointe
- ⇒ Memphis
- ⇒ Romeo
- ⇒ Stoney Creek Metropark in Shelby Township
- ⇒ Macomb Community College

## PARTNERS IN PUBLIC ART

Partners in Public Art (PiPA) is a collaboration between the Detroit Institute of Arts and Macomb County communities. The objective of this program is to co-create community-driven, highly visible public works of art that express the unique stories and interests of each community. On September 1, a Call for Participation is posted on the Museum's website. Submissions are reviewed and two communities are selected for projects to be completed in the following calendar year.

In 2021, the DIA completed two Partners in Public Art projects.

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Thursday, October 7, 2021





## CLINTON – MACOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, January 14, 2022  
(Completed Fall 2021)



## **ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

### ***Anton Art Center***

The Anton Art Center presented *Visions of American Life: Selections from the Nancy and Sean Cotton Collection of American Art*. The exhibition featured paintings made between 1850-1940 that offer unique views of the world and the subjects that inspired their makers. The exhibition was organized by the DIA and was on view from March 9 - April 12, 2021.

In March, the DIA's Curator of American Art, Benjamin Colman, presented a virtual talk about *Visions of American Life: Selections from the Nancy and Sean Cotton Collection of American Art* at Anton Art Center.

In May, Rita Patel facilitated a virtual meditation workshop focusing on artwork from the exhibition, *Visions of American Life: Selections from the Nancy and Sean Cotton Collection of American Art*, which was on view at the Anton Art Center.

### ***Lorenzo Cultural Center***

The Albert L. Lorenzo Cultural Center presented *Visions of American Spectacle: Selections from the Nancy and Sean Cotton Collection of American Art*. The exhibition featured paintings made between 1855-1936 that depict dramatic moments, places, and events in US history during periods of immense change. The exhibition was organized in partnership with the DIA and was on view from June 11 - September 11, 2021.

To support the exhibition opening in June, the DIA's Curator of American Art, Benjamin Colman presented a virtual talk for the Lorenzo Cultural Center.

### ***Warren Public Library***

Children's author/illustrator, Jeffrey Brown, held a virtual presentation in partnership with Warren Public Libraries. The presentation included drawing demonstrations and audience Q&A. The event was streamed live into classrooms, reaching over 400 students. A recording of the event was provided to teachers after the live event and was also shared as part of the library's "Straight From the Author" podcast series.

### ***Mount Clemens Art City***

Adjustments were made to the Art City installation of images of DIA artworks on display throughout downtown Mount Clemens. The original installation occurred in February of 2020, with several pieces reinstalled in new locations in April to accommodate changes in the needs of the property owners.

### **Macomb Community College**

In March, DIA staff facilitated a Visual Thinking Strategies workshop focusing on unconscious implicit bias using DIA artwork as discussion prompts.

In April, the DIA's Curator of American Art, Benjamin Colman presented a virtual talk for students of Product Development about the DIA's exhibition, *Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City from 1950-2020*.

The DIA's Inside|Out program brought high-quality reproductions of artworks from the museum's collection to all Macomb Community College campuses.

In August, Curator Benjamin Colman presented a virtual talk for the Macomb Organization of Retiree Enrichment (MORE) about *Visions of American Spectacle: Selections from the Nancy and Sean Cotton Collection of American Art*.

### **Macomb Diversity Summit**

The annual Macomb Student Diversity Summit took place virtually in February 2021. This event brought together more than 400 students from Macomb County schools to participate in breakout sessions that provided opportunities for challenging conversations with peers about topics such as diversity, race, gender, and sexual orientation. Opportunities were created for personal connections among a diverse group of students. Participants were encouraged to become advocates for lifelong learning in diversity and inclusion.

## COMMUNITY GROUP ART MAKING PROGRAM

The DIA works with local social service agencies through the Studio Community Group Program. Each year, the DIA hosts an Annual Community Group Exhibition was converted to an online format for 2021 and can be found [here](#).

The DIA provided posters and art supplies at OLHSA's annual gift event in December through which over 200 children received holiday gifts. This event was hosted by Big Family of Michigan in St. Clair Shores.

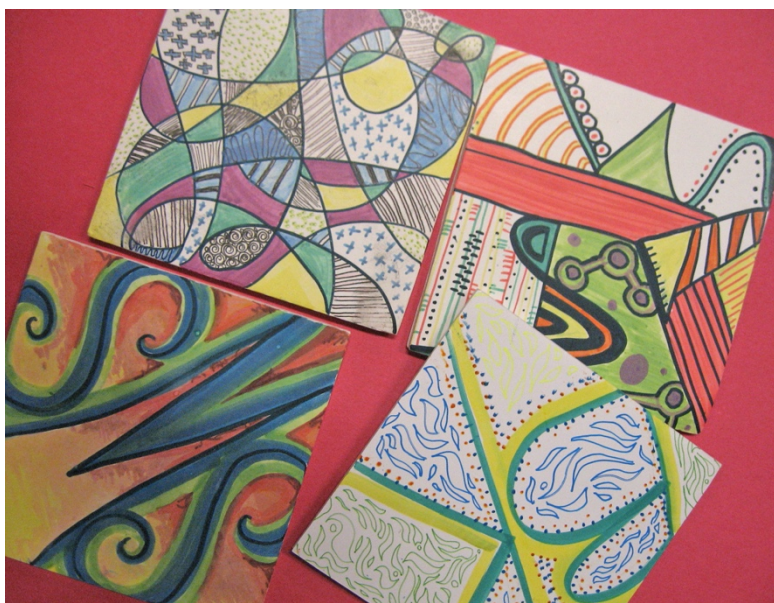
The following groups participated in virtual classes with materials provided by the DIA:

### ***CARE of Southeast Michigan***

CARE of Southeast Michigan participants painted bowls supplied by DIA staff for the annual Empty Bowls program, supporting a local food pantry. CARE also participated in watercolor classes with DIA-supplied kits that were dropped off at their community center.

### ***Selfridge Air National Guard Base***

Selfridge Air National Guard Base participated in virtual classes for members and their families in May, to create gratitude boards. In September, initial *tile* kits were provided for a family day activity at the base with studio staff joining online.





## **DROP-IN ARTMAKING AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS**

The DIA provides drop-in artmaking workshops at community fairs and festivals throughout Macomb County.

Due to the pandemic and the suspension of these community events, the DIA created online instructional artmaking resources, including downloadable PDFs, which are created monthly, along with instructional artmaking videos that are uploaded to the DIA's YouTube channel, *Creating From Home*.

[Creating From Home | Detroit Institute of Arts Museum \(dia.org\)](https://dia.org/creating-from-home)

## VIRTUAL K–12 FIELD TRIPS

(January through December 2021)

Sugarbush Elementary **Anchor Bay School District**

Center Line High School **Center Line Public Schools**

Chippewa Valley High School (2) **Chippewa Valley Schools**

Shawnee Elementary **Chippewa Valley Schools**

Clintondale Middle School (2) **Clintondale Community Schools**

Rainbow Elementary **Clintondale Community Schools**

Pleasantview Elementary (2) **Eastpoint Community Schools**

Bellview Elementary **Eastpointe Community School**

Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center **L'Anse Creuse Public Schools**

Tenniswood Elementary **L'Anse Creuse Public Schools**

Lutz School (4) **Macomb Independent School District**

New Haven Elementary (4) **New Haven Community Schools**

Arts Academy in the Woods (3) **Non-District/Community Organization**

Homeschool (2) **Non-District/Community Organization**

Macomb County Head Start (8) **Non-District/Community Organization**

Reach Academy (3)	<b>Non-District/Community Organization</b>
St. Augustine School	<b>Non-District/Community Organization</b>
St. Mary - Mt. Clemens (2)	<b>Non-District/Community Organization</b>
Tutor Time - Sterling Heights (2)	<b>Non-District/Community Organization</b>
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Kaiser Elementary	<b>Roseville Community School</b>
Dort Elementary (6)	<b>Roseville Community Schools</b>
Huron Park Elementary (4)	<b>Roseville Community Schools</b>
Roseville Middle School (3)	<b>Roseville Community Schools</b>
Steenland Elementary (2)	<b>Roseville Community Schools</b>
Beck Elementary (2)	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Burr Elementary	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Community Education Center @ Walsh (Utica) (4)	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Davis Junior High	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Henry Ford II High School	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Jack Harvey Elementary School	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Jeannette Junior High	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Messmore Elementary (4)	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>

Plumbrook Elementary	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Utica Community Schools (29)	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Wiley Elementary (3)	<b>Utica Community Schools</b>
Carlson Elementary	<b>Van Dyke Public School</b>
Lincoln Elementary (2)	<b>Van Dyke Public Schools</b>
Marjorie Carlson Elementary	<b>Van Dyke Public Schools</b>
Community High School (3)	<b>Warren Consolidated Schools</b>
Sterling Heights High School (2)	<b>Warren Consolidated Schools</b>
Pinewood Elementary (4)	<b>Warren Woods Public Schools</b>
Sugarbush Elementary	<b>Anchor Bay School District</b>
Center Line High School	<b>Center Line Public Schools</b>
Chippewa Valley High School (2)	<b>Chippewa Valley Schools</b>

## IN-MUSEUM K–12 FIELD TRIPS

(October 12 through December, 2021)

Rising Stars Academy   **Anchor Bay School District**

L'Anse Creuse High School   **L'anse Creuse Public Schools**

L'Anse Creuse Middle School East   **L'anse Creuse Public Schools**

Lakeview High School   **Lakeview Public Schools**

Academy of Warren   **Non-District/Community Organization**

Michigan Collegiate High School  
(C2 Pipeline at WSU)   **Non-District/Community Organization**

De La Salle Collegiate High School   **Non-District/Community Organization**

Junior Leadership Macomb   **Non-District/Community Organization**

St. Anne Catholic School   **Non-District/Community Organization**

South Lake Middle School (2)   **South Lake Schools**

Pinewood Elementary   **Warren Woods Public Schools**

Warren Woods Tower   **Warren Woods Public Schools**