



Macomb County Art Institute Authority 2020 Program Report

Governance

Lillian Demas and Don Ritzenhein served as the Macomb County appointees to the Detroit Institute of Arts Board of Directors in 2020.

Free General Admission

Residents of Macomb County received unlimited, free general admission to the DIA as specified by the service agreement benefits for county residents.

Macomb County Admissions to the DIA: 8,907

Macomb County Admissions to the Detroit Film Theatre: 1,397

Total Macomb County Admissions: 10,304

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the museum was closed from March 13–July 10, 2020. The Detroit Film Theater closed on March 13, 2020 and remains closed due to current COVID 19 restrictions.

School Services and Teacher Programs

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

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

The DIA provided free bus transportation to all Macomb County schools when group trips to the museum were available, prior to March 13, 2021. 5,567 students from Macomb County participated in the free field trip program.

Virtual Field Trips were offered by [reservation](#) to engage students with art through live forums online. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, engage in discussion, and participate in activities that promote critical-thinking and close-looking.

Guided field trip experiences available for students virtually or in person includes:

- 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 teamwork 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 with.

Curriculum Development/Support



DIA Delivered educational kit

DIA Delivered Pilot These educational kits connect the school curriculum to objects in the DIA collection and provide opportunities for critical thinking, discovery, and artmaking. Each kit contains lesson plans, age-appropriate books, videos, manipulatives, 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 Bruce Collins Elementary in Utica and Lighthouse Elementary in New Baltimore as part of a pilot program in 2020 and will be available by reservation and shipped free to Macomb County schools in 2021.

The DIA continued to work collaboratively with Macomb County educators to design customized curriculum resources to support field trips. Resources included self-guided activities as well as pre- and post-visit classroom connections.

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

Teacher Professional Development

The DIA offers professional development workshops for teachers that model and develop curriculum-related activities for immediate in-person or virtual classroom application.

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

January: Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning

February: A Samurai and A Gentleman: Representations of Power and Knowledge in East Asia

March: Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning; Hands-on Workshop for Art Educators; Potter's Wheel for Educators

April–May: All events canceled due to closure and all events from June–December were hosted on a virtual platform.

June: Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning—Virtual

July: Symbol and Story: Investigating Imagery in East Asian Art (elementary school teachers); A Perfectly Material World: Exploring Objects in East Asian Art (middle school teachers); Being Diplomatic: How Art Helps to Spread Ideas (high school teachers)

August: Visual Thinking Strategies: The Virtual Crash

October: *Ofrendas* Preview for Educators; Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning

November: *Detroit Style* Educator Workshop; Macomb Intermediate School District New Teachers Academy Permission to Wonder; Reinvention by Design: Motivating for Learner-Centered Engagement

December: Point & Shoot Digital Submission Workshop; Cultural Passport Preview for Educators

Customized Teacher Professional Development

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.

An ongoing partnership with Macomb Intermediate School District provided professional development for teachers to support visual arts, social studies, and the New Teacher Academy.

Additional Engagement with Macomb County Schools

Teacher Advisory Group

The DIA's Teacher Advisory Group includes two teachers from Macomb County. This group provided feedback about existing professional development resources and assisted in designing teacher events.

Teen Arts Council

The DIA's Teen Arts Council includes students from three 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 metro Detroit teens.

Senior Program

Thursdays at the Museum

This popular program provides activities for seniors each Thursday in the museum at 1:00 pm. The monthly schedule begins with tours of the permanent collection on the first Thursday; artmaking in the Studio on the third Thursday of the month; and a film shown in the Detroit Film Theatre on the fourth Thursday. The second Thursday of the month offers a variety of experiences such as Art Bingo and music performances.

Thursdays at the Museum, free for all tri-county adults 55+, provided free bus transportation for groups of 25 or more. Individual walk-ins were also invited to participate in the Thursday activities.

The DIA welcomed nine senior groups to the Museum, serving more than 270 residents prior to the museum closure on March 13, 2020.

Advantage Living Center Armada Village
Sterling Heights Comfort Care
Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township
Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Seniors
St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee
St. Jane Francis Seniors in Sterling Heights
St. Kieran Catholic Church in Shelby Township
St. Martin De Porres Church in Warren
The Retreat Condos in Macomb

Behind the Seen

Behind the Seen art talks bring insight about the DIA's collection to adult civic and social groups, libraries, senior centers, and other community-accessible locations.

Macomb County groups hosted 8 Behind the Seen art talks at the following locations.

American House East II in Roseville
Anchor Bay Artist Club
Pine Ridge of Hayes in Sterling Heights
St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee
Sterling Heights Public Library
Warren Tri-County Fine Arts
Washington Art Guild - Romeo Art Studio

To accommodate seniors during the pandemic, the DIA transitioned the tri-county Senior Program to a virtual format.

Thursdays at the Museum—Virtual

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm, the DIA provides engaging experiences and programs: interactive talks with Q & A sessions are varied with music, film, artmaking, and special events like Art Bingo.

Behind the Seen—Virtual

Art talks with live Q & A are provided by the DIA's trained volunteers and available to adult civic and social groups, libraries, and senior centers. Group organizers may select from a variety of topics either for seniors who gather in facilities or those who access the program individually via the organizer's virtual platform.

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.

Make, Take, and Connect

Artmaking projects, inspired by works in the DIA collection, were the subject of a pilot program with the Clinton Township Adult Senior Living Center. Kits included materials, instructions, and online curator art talks with Q & A. Feedback from the pilot informed ongoing plans to further engage residents in Macomb—and beyond—with activities that bring DIA experiences to group living communities, independent seniors, and senior centers, as permitted by current COVID restrictions.

Community Collaborations with Local Arts Organizations and Cities, Townships and Villages

In support of the service agreement with the Macomb County Art Institute Authority, the DIA developed community partnership programs, events, and engagement opportunities for residents of Macomb County.

These partnership projects bring museum resources to communities where there is a demonstrated commitment to increasing local arts programs.

Collaborations are codeveloped with local organizations to respect and sustain the mission of the local organization and preserve the local character of each program.

Inside|Out

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

The following Macomb County communities hosted Inside|Out:

St. Clair Shores

Utica

Huron-Clinton Metropark in Harrison Township

Detroit Arsenal in Warren

Macomb Community College campuses

Sterling Heights



Inside|Out at Champine Park in St Clair Shores

Partners in Public Art

The DIA collaborates with communities, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities in Macomb County to design and create meaningful works of public art.

In 2020, the DIA completed *The Rainbow Maker* mural in partnership with Eastpointe Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission and Sterling Heights artist Wendy Popko.

A ribbon cutting was held on October 17 to celebrate the completion of the mural.



The Rainbow Maker in Eastpointe

Anton Art Center

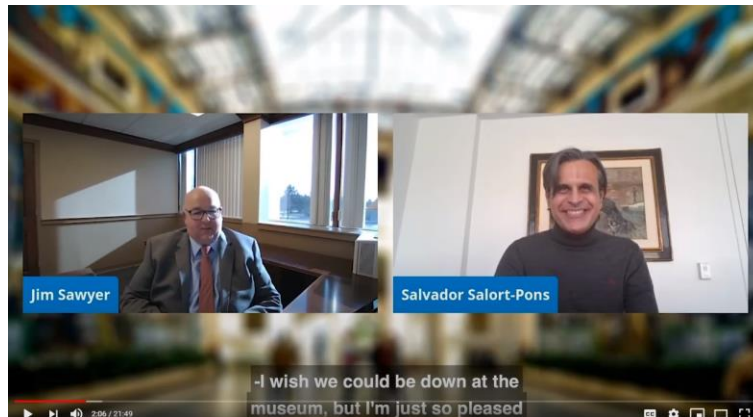
In partnership with The Discovery Center of Macomb and Anton Art Center, the DIA presented Bubble Magic with Tom Noddy. The program featured bubble tricks and a live Q & A with the performer combining science, humor, and fun.

In a guided workshop, participants focused on art from Anton Art Center's *Conversations with Our Mentor* exhibition as a visual aid for a personal wellness practice and a source for creative inspiration. Select objects were used as a conversation partner to consider the feeling of joy and how we experience it in everyday life. The experience used a curiosity-based mindfulness approach that can reduce stress and help people see differently. Following this guided exercise, small breakout groups met to share personal experiences before rejoining the larger group for a further conversation.

Macomb Community College

The DIA and Macomb Community College formalized a three-year partnership to provide meaningful opportunities for college students, faculty and staff, and the broader Macomb community to participate in art-based programming.

The DIA will provide professional development workshops for faculty, educational experiences and art-related programming for students and initiatives that will extend high-quality art offerings to the community, including Inside|Out reproductions on 3 campuses.



Macomb Community College virtual partnership event

Lorenzo Cultural Center

In partnership with the Lorenzo Cultural Center, artist and cultural educator, Kia ix Arriaga presented a virtual workshop about the tradition of Ofrenda altar-making. Participants were encouraged to gather materials in advance to make their own altar as they watched the process and learned about the practice.

Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan

The Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan held their Religious Diversity Journeys program at the DIA in January. Over 200 Girl Scouts from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties attended this program. The scouts participated in an app-based scavenger hunt focused on religious themes in art; watched a documentary called “The Children of Abraham” in the Lecture Hall; and had a panel discussion and pinning ceremony in the Museum.

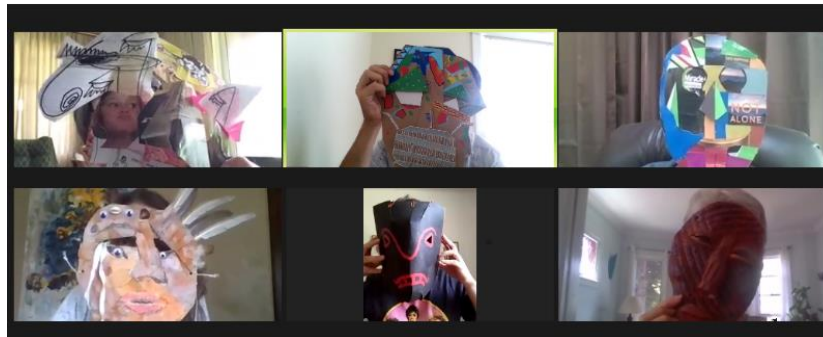
Community Group Art Making Program

The DIA partners with local social service agencies through the Studio Community Group Program.

The DIA partnered with CARE of Southeastern Michigan to create a collaborative project that now resides at its headquarters in Fraser.

Due to the postponement of spring sessions, DIA studio staff and CARE recovery coaches created an online experience with three online video sessions. Participants discussed paintings and photographs from the DIA collection and created mixed media masks.

This program will continue to be facilitated online this year due to COVID-19.



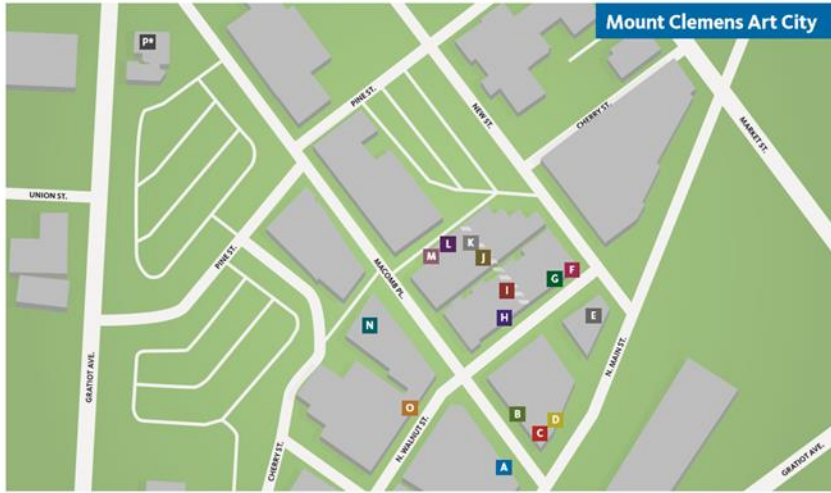
The DIA also partnered with the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center in Mt. Clemens, creating decorative cards and blind contour drawings over the course of several online classes, including virtual tours of the collection as inspiration for artmaking.



MCJJC program artwork

Mt. Clemens Art City

The DIA partnered with the Macomb Cultural and Economic Partnership and the Downtown Development Authority to provide 38 high-quality reproductions of art from the DIA's world for class collection for display in storefront windows in downtown Mount Clemens.




Mount Clemens Art City

Images from the Detroit Institute of Art's world-class collection hang throughout downtown Mount Clemens, bringing global stories and cultures to life in ways that can't be experienced in books, on TV, or on the internet.

The DIA is pleased to collaborate with Macomb Cultural and Economic Partnership and the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority to enhance downtown storefronts, enriching the lives of community members and visitors.

After exploring Art City, come to the DIA to see the originals. General admission is always FREE for residents of Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties.

To plan your visit, go to www.dia.org or call us at 313.833.7971



Additional Outreach

The following groups were provided bus transportation for a museum visit.

Macomb Cultural and Economic Partnership
Care of Southeast Michigan
Memphis Parks and Recreations Center
Warren Historical Commission
Chaldean Community Foundation

County Leaders Event

County leaders attended a reception for the following exhibitions in February:

Bruegel's The Wedding Dance Revealed
Guests of Honor: Frida Kahlo and Salvador Dalí

School Field Trips

School	City	School District
Sugarbush Elementary	New Baltimore	Anchor Bay School District
Peck Elementary	Warren	Center Line Public Schools
Ojibwa Elementary	Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools
Mohawk Elementary School	Macomb	Chippewa Valley Schools
Mohegan High School	Clinton Township	Chippewa Valley Schools
Clintondale High School	Clinton Township	Clintondale Community Schools
Eastpointe Community High School	Eastpointe	Eastpointe Community Schools
Mark Twain Elementary	Roseville	Fraser Public Schools
Lake Shore High School	St. Clair Shores	Lake Shore Public Schools
James Rodgers Elementary	Saint Clair Shores	Lake Shore Public Schools
Lakeview High School	St. Clair Shores	Lakeview Public Schools
Green Elementary	Chesterfield	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
L'Anse Creuse Middle School Central	Harrison Township	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Donald J. Yacks Elementary School	Harrison Twp.	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
L'anse Creuse High North	Macomb	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary	Chesterfield	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Graham Elementary	Harrison Twp.	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Higgins Elementary	Chesterfield	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Lobbestael Elementary	Harrison Twp.	L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Lutz School	Clinton Twp.	Macomb Independent School District
Regina High School	Warren	Non-District/Community Organization
Girl Scout Troop 76216	Washington	Non-District/Community Organization
St. Isaac Jogues	St. Clair Shores	Non-District/Community Organization
Rising Stars Academy	Center Line	Non-District/Community Organization
Austin Catholic High School	Chesterfield	Non-District/Community Organization
Macomb Homeschool Group	Chesterfield	Non-District/Community Organization
St. Mary - Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens	Non-District/Community Organization
Immanuel Lutheran School	Macomb	Non-District/Community Organization
Amanda Moore Elementary	Romeo	Romeo Community Schools
Washington Elementary - Romeo	Washington	Romeo Community Schools
Romeo Senior High School	Romeo	Romeo Community Schools
Powell Middle School	Washington	Romeo Community Schools
Romeo Middle School	Romeo	Romeo Community Schools
Roseville High School	Roseville	Roseville Community Schools
John R Kment Elementary	Roseville	Roseville Community Schools
Steenland Elementary	Roseville	Roseville Community Schools
Huron Park Elementary	Roseville	Roseville Community Schools
Eastland Middle School	Roseville	Roseville Community Schools
Graebner Elementary	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Roberts Elementary	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Harvey Elementary	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
West Utica Elementary	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Community Education Center @ Walsh	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Duncan Elementary	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Morgan Elementary	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Wiley Elementary	Utica	Utica Community Schools
Utica High School	Utica	Utica Community Schools

Oakbrook Elementary	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Malow Junior High	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Dresden Elementary	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Eppler Junior High	Utica	Utica Community Schools
Davis Junior High	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Utica Academy for International Studies	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Bruce Collins Elementary	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Eisenhower High School	Shelby Township	Utica Community Schools
Ford High School	Sterling Heights	Utica Community Schools
Lincoln Middle School	Warren	Van Dyke Public Schools
Lincoln Elementary	Warren	Van Dyke Public Schools
Black Elementary	Sterling Heights	Warren Consolidated
Harwood Elementary	Sterling Heights	Warren Consolidated
Holden Elementary	Sterling Heights	Warren Consolidated
Jefferson Elementary	Sterling Heights	Warren Consolidated
Pearl Lean Elementary	Warren	Warren Consolidated
Siersma Elementary	Warren	Warren Consolidated
Community High School	Sterling Heights	Warren Consolidated
Susick Elementary	Troy	Warren Consolidated
Wilde Elementary	Warren	Warren Consolidated
Green Acres Elementary	Warren	Warren Consolidated
Warren Woods Tower High School	Warren	Warren Woods Public Schools