

Oakland County Art Institute Authority

2024 Year-End Report

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

BENEFITS FOR OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS

Free General Admission	Free Unlimited General Admission				
School Program	K-12 Field Trips with Bus Transportation	Educator Professional Development	In-School Program Pilot		
Senior Group Program	Group visit and docent-led tour	Group Transportation	Melodies at the Museum	Behind the Seen	
Community Partnerships	Art-based Programming with Cities, Townships, Villages, & Arts Organizations		Inside Out	Partners in Public Art Mural Program	

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Unlimited general admission to the museum is always **FREE** for Oakland County residents. In 2024, **72,262** Oakland County residents visited the DIA with free general admission.



Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Plan a visit at dia.org/visit

SCHOOL PROGRAM

The DIA provides free field trips for K-12 students in Oakland County including complimentary bus transportation. Field trip experiences are designed to stimulate critical thinking and close observation through engaging activities, encouraging students to ask questions and participate in discussions. After each field trip or educator workshop, survey feedback is collected to continuously improve and enhance educational programs.

In 2024, **19,289** Oakland County students participated in field trips to the DIA with free bus transportation.



Guided field trip experiences include:

Introductory Tours

- Learning To Look | Grades K–2
- Thinking Through Art | Grades K–12
- Shaping Identity: A Broad Cross-Cultural Exploration | Grades 3–12

Specialty And Collection-Based Tours

- Social And Emotional Learning Tour (SEL) | Grades K–12
- NEW! Art of the Ancient World (Grades 6-12)
- Write Way to Art Tour | Grades 6–12
- Objects of Devotion | Grades 3-12
- The Hero's Journey | Grades 6-12
- Shaping Identity | Grades 3–12
 - *Africana*
 - *Art of the Americas*
 - *Art of the Ancient World*
 - *World Cultures and Languages*

Science + Art Tours

- Putting The STEAM in STEM in Conservation | Grades 6–12

Science + Art Tours continued

- Technological Innovations Through the Ages | Grades 3–12

Gallery + Art Studio Experience

- Meaning Through Art-Making | Grades 3–8

In-Museum K-12 Field Trips

Oakland County schools participating in the 2024 Field Trip Program:

Avondale School District

Avondale GATE Magnet School
Avondale High School
Avondale Middle

Berkley School District

Anderson Middle School
Angell School
Berkley High School
Burton Elementary
Norup International School
Pattengill Elementary

Birmingham Public Schools

Berkshire Middle School
Beverly Elementary
Bingham Farms Elementary
Birmingham Groves High School
Derby Middle School
French School of Detroit
Greenfield Elementary
Harlan Elementary School
Pembroke Elementary
Pierce Elementary
Quarton Elementary
Seaholm High School
West Maple Elementary

Bloomfield Hills School District

Bloomfield Hills High School
Bloomfield Hills Middle School
Conant Elementary
Eastover Elementary
Intl. Academy High School Bloomfield Hills
Lone Pine Elementary School
North Hills Middle School

Brandon School District

Brandon High School

Clarkston Community Schools

Clarkston Elementary
Clarkston High School
Clarkston Junior High School
Independence Elementary

North Sashabaw Elementary
Pine Knob Elementary
Springfield Plains Elementary

Clawson Public Schools

Clawson Middle School
Kenwood Elementary

Farmington Public Schools

East Middle School
Farmington Central High School
Farmington High School
Farmington STEAM Academy
Forest Elementary School
Gill Elementary School
Hillside Elementary
Lanigan Elementary
North Farmington High School
Power Middle School
Warner Middle School
Wood Creek Elementary

Ferndale Public Schools

Ferndale High School
Ferndale Middle School
Ferndale Upper Elementary
University High School

Hazel Parks School District

Advantage Alternative Academy
Hazel Park High School
United Oaks Elementary School

Holly Area Schools

Holly High School

Huron Valley Schools

Country Oaks Elementary
International Academy West - White Lake
Kurtz Elementary
Lakeland High School
Oak Valley Middle School
Oxbow Elementary

Lake Orion Community Schools

Blanche Sims Elementary
Lake Orion High School

Lake Orion Community Schools continued

Orion Oaks Elementary

Lamphere Schools

John Page Middle School

Lamphere High School

Lessenger Elementary

Madison District Public Schools

Madison Elementary School

Madison High School

Wilkinson Middle School

Novi Community School District

Novi High School

Novi Woods Elementary

Orchard Hills Elementary

Oak Park Schools

Key Elementary

Oak Park High School

Oak Park Preparatory Academy

Pepper Elementary School

Oxford Community Schools

Clear Lake Elementary

Lakeville Elementary

Oxford Elementary School

Oxford High School

Pontiac City School District

International Technical Academy

Walt Whitman Elementary School

Rochester Community Schools

ACE High School

Adams High School

Baldwin Elementary

Brewster Elementary

Brooklands Elementary

Delta Kelly Elementary

Hamlin Elementary School

Hampton Elementary

Hugger Elementary

Long Meadow Elementary

McGregor Elementary

Meadow Brook Elementary

Musson Elementary

North Hill Elementary School

Stoney Creek High School

Royal Oak Schools

Addams Elementary

Keller Elementary

Northwood Elementary

Oak Ridge

Oakland Elementary

Royal Oak High School

Upton Elementary

South Lyon Community Schools

Millennium Middle School

South Lyon East High School

South Lyon High School

Southfield Public Schools

Birney K-8 School

MacArthur K-8 University Academy

Southfield High School

University Middle/High School Academies

Vandenberg World Cultures Academy

Troy School District

Athens High School

Baker Middle School

Barnard Elementary

Boulan Park Middle School

Larson Middle School

Troy Athens High School

Troy College and Career High School

Troy High School

Wass Elementary

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

Dublin Elementary School

Walled Lake Central High School

Walled Lake Northern High School

Walled Lake Western High School

Waterford School District

Beaumont Elementary

Donelson Hills Elementary

Haviland Elementary

Pierce Middle School

Schoolcraft Elementary

Waterford Kettering High School

Waterford Mott High School

West Bloomfield School District

West Bloomfield High School

West Bloomfield Middle School

Non-District/Community Organizations

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac
Auburn Hills Christian School
Berkley Parks & Recreation Day Camp
Bethany Christian School
Beverly Hills Academy
Birch Grove University Prep
Birmingham Family YMCA
Bloomfield Christian School
Bradford Academy
Brookfield Academy
Brother Rice High School
Carls Family YMCA
Clintonwood Park Discovery Camp
Continental High School Interns
Cranbrook Schools - Brookside
Detroit Catholic Central High School
Detroit Country Day - Upper School
Detroit Country Day Middle School
Eton Academy
Four Corners Montessori Academy
Frankel Jewish Academy

Hillel Day School
Holy Name Catholic School
Kingsbury Country Day School
Lighthouse Connections Academy
Longlong Art Studio
Mercy High School
Notre Dame Prep - Lower Division
Oakdale Academy
Oakland FlexTech High School
Our Lady of the Sorrows School
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Pace Academy
REACH Homeschool
Southfield Christian School
St. Catherine of Sienna Academy
St. Fabian School
St. Mary's Preparatory
St. Matthew Lutheran School
The Maria Montessori Center
The Montessori School Rochester
Upland Hills School
Vandenberg World Cultures Academy

In-School Program Pilot

The In-School Program Pilot focuses on providing classroom experiences for the 3 – 5 grade band. DIA educators travel to schools within the pilot district to bring the museum's collection to students and teachers through a variety of pedagogies and activities that connect art to school curricula.

The DIA partnered with Oakland Schools to select Madison Elementary in Madison Heights for the 2024 In-School Program Pilot.

Program Components

- *Guided Classroom Engagement* – DIA Educators use inquiry-based and student-centered teaching strategies to facilitate learning in the classroom. The program utilizes high-quality reproductions to engage students in conversation about the artwork.
- *Artmaking Activity* – Students engage in a hands-on artmaking, including printmaking and mixed media experiences.



Curriculum Development & Support for Educators

The DIA works collaboratively with Oakland County educators to design customized curriculum resources to support field trips, including self-guided activities as well as pre- and post-visit classroom connections. New teacher resources currently in development include lesson plans to support our field trip offerings and Scavenger Hunts for K-2.

Teacher Advisory Group

The DIA's Teacher Advisory Group includes five teachers from Oakland County. This group provided feedback about existing professional development experiences and classroom resources and assisted in designing teacher events. Educators from Thompson K-8 International Academy, Notre Dame Lower, Novi Middle School, and Derby Middle School participate in the Teacher Advisory Group. An additional member serves as the Fine Arts Consultant for Oakland Schools.

Educator 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. The DIA actively recruits schools/districts to develop collaborative, customized professional development opportunities for teachers.

459 teachers from Oakland County participated in the following free educator events:

JANUARY

- Power in Art Workshop #1
- Troy School District Educator Workshop

FEBRUARY

- Power in Art Workshop #2
- Introduction to the DIA + World Languages Workshop
- Black History Month Educator Workshop
- Power in Art Workshop #3

MARCH

- Clarkston Educator Workshop
- Early Education Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning
- Women's History Month Educator Workshop
- Buddhist Traditions & Objects of Devotion Workshop

APRIL

- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning

MAY

- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- Oakland County Superintendents Meeting

JUNE

- Oakland Schools Educator Workshop
- Computational Thinking Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning

JULY

- Oxford Schools Hosted Meeting
- Ferndale Public Schools Hosted Meeting

AUGUST

- Visual Thinking Strategies Workshop Day 1
- Visual Thinking Strategies Workshop Day 2
- Oakland Schools New Teacher Alliance
- Power in Art Workshop #1
- Power in Art Workshop #2
- Power in Art Workshop #3
- Mixed Media Collage - Farmington Public Schools
- Shrine Catholic School Educator Workshop

SEPTEMBER

- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Workshop
- Educators' Night
- The Art of Dining Educator Workshop

OCTOBER

- Ofrendas Educator Workshop
- Berkley Shared Time Language Resource Workshop
- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month Educator Workshop
- Rochester Hills Educator Workshop
- Berkley Shared Time Language Resource Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, and Revitalize Educator Morning

DECEMBER

- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- Holy Name School Introduction to the DIA

Oakland Schools Educator Workshops

Oakland Superintendents Meeting

Superintendents from Oakland Schools visited the museum in May to learn about Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry Murals and toured the DIA's educational spaces before conducting a private meeting.

Oakland Schools Educator Workshop

Participants visited the museum in June to learn about everything the DIA offers educators, including field trips, learning resources, professional development opportunities, and more. DIA Gallery Teachers led a model field trip, showcasing the various field trip subjects and engagement strategies educators can expect during a guided student experience.

Oakland New Teachers Alliance

In August, newly hired teachers from Oakland County schools gathered at Oakland Schools campus in Waterford to learn about cultural resources available to them in SE Michigan. They received an overview of educational offerings provided by the DIA. This included a presentation of the field trip program, educator workshops, and learning resources that connect the state curriculum to the museum collection.

Additional Engagement

Teen Arts Council



The DIA's Teen Arts Council (TAC) includes four students from Oakland County high schools. TAC members collaborate with diverse peers from local high schools and museum professionals to design and implement relevant and meaningful programs for teens. In 2024, the TAC hosted **198** teens at events supporting special exhibitions, and other topics of interest like figure drawing. Additionally, graduating TAC members served on a Leadership Panel for the Detroit-based Life Leaders organization to discuss their teamwork and leadership experiences.

Educator Newsletter



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

Sign up for EduNews at <https://dia.org/learning/free-educator-pass>

SENIOR GROUP PROGRAM

The DIA provides experiences for Oakland County Seniors through group trips to the museum, live musical performances, and art talks held at community locations throughout Oakland County.

Group Tours

The DIA welcomes groups of adults 55 and older for self-guided or guided tours of the museum. New curated tours (listed below) provide an exciting way to experience the museum's world-class collection. For all reserved visits, seniors receive vouchers for free coffee and cookies and a discount at the DIA Shop.

- **January and February:** *Treasures of the DIA* - Explore acclaimed artworks and masterpieces in the DIA's collection.
- **March and April:** *Tiff Massey and Women Artists* - Tour the special exhibition Tiff Massey: 7 Mile + Livernois and explore additional artworks by women artists in the DIA's collection.
- **May and June:** *In the Garden* - See beauty captured in the natural landscapes and botanical images at the DIA.
- **July and August:** *Rivera Court, Indigenous Americas, and Native American Galleries* - Examine Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry Murals and explore related artworks from the DIA's collection.
- **September and October:** *What's in Vogue* - Explore clothing and objects of adornment in the DIA's collection and how it speaks to the Identity of a culture, an individual, or even popular trends in societies.
- **November and December:** *Non-Western Art* - Explore the arts of Africa, Asia, the Islamic World and much more.

Free transportation is available for groups of 25 or more.

Melodies at the Museum

Melodies at the Museum is a monthly program featuring live musical performances for groups of adults 55 and over. Guests are provided with free transportation, complimentary refreshments, and discounts in the museum gift shop.



Marion Hayden Quartet performing in The Detroit Film Theatre

Senior Program Continued

The following Oakland County groups visited the museum **114** times, with more than **4,000** residents participating:

Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills Senior Services, Heritage in The Hills, The Avalon of Auburn Hills Assisted Living
Berkley	Greenfield Presbyterian Church Seniors
Birmingham	Birmingham Next, Birmingham Senior Men's Club
Bloomfield Hills	Sisterhood of Temple Beth El
Bloomfield Township	Bloomfield Township Senior Services
Clarkston	Independence Township Senior Center
Clawson	Clawson Senior Center, Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church Seniors
Commerce	Richardson Senior Center
Farmington Hills	Detroit Baptist Manor Seniors, Rose Senior Living, Soar Lifelong Learning Institute Seniors
Ferndale	Congregation T'Chiyah Seniors, Ferndale Assembly of God Seniors, MiGen
Franklin	Michigan Community Education Seniors
Highland	Highland Adult Activity Center, Huron Valley Council for The Arts Seniors
Huntington Woods	City of Huntington Woods Park and Recreation Dept. Seniors
Lake Orion	First Baptist Church of Lake Orion Seniors, Orion Senior Center, Orion Township Parks and Recreation Seniors
Madison Heights	Madison Heights Senior Center, National Church Residences Seniors
Milford	Milford Public Library Seniors
Novi	City of Novi Seniors, Fox Run Senior Community, St. James Prime Timers Seniors
Oak Park	Oak Park Seniors, State Employee Retirees Association
Oxford	Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Senior Center
Pleasant Ridge	City Of Pleasant Ridge Seniors
Plymouth	Cedarbrook Senior Living
Pontiac	Robert W. Bowens Senior Center
Rochester	St. John Lutheran Church Seniors
Rochester Hills	Waltonwood Senior Living
Royal Oak	Royal Oak Senior Center, Senior Koffee Klatch
South Lyon	Center for Active Adult Seniors
Southfield	AARP Southfield Chapter #3483 Seniors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Family Victory Fellowship Church, Imperial Senior Suites, Institute of Retired Professionals, Southfield Public Library/Wider Circle Seniors
Springfield Township	Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Center Seniors
Troy	Christ Our Light Catholic Church Seniors, First Presbyterian Church of Troy Seniors, Osiwala Seniors, St. Nicholas Church Argonaut Seniors, Troy Senior Center
Waterford	Waterford Central United Methodist Church, Waterford Senior Center, Waterford Parks and Recreation Seniors
West Bloomfield	All Seasons of West Bloomfield, Temple Israel, West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Seniors, West Bloomfield Township Public Library
White Lake	Dublin Community Senior Center
Wixom	Wixom Senior Center

Behind the Seen Art Talks – In the Community

Presented by trained DIA teaching volunteers, Behind the Seen art talks bring insight into 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 Oakland County.

Community groups who are interested in scheduling a Behind the Seen art talk can see full descriptions of the twenty (20) topics available and complete the request form at dia.org or contact Shannon Bawulski at (313) 833-7977 or sbawulski@dia.org.

In 2024, **154** art talks were provided to **3,175** Oakland County residents in partnership with the following organizations:

Auburn hills	The Avalon of Auburn Hills
Birmingham	All Seasons Birmingham, Baldwin Public Library, NEXT
Bloomfield Hills	AAUW Green Thumb Group, Autumn House, Cedar Brook of Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Township	American House Bloomfield, Bloomfield Twp Senior Services, The Avalon of Bloomfield Township, Women of Bloomfield
Clarkston	P.E.O Philanthropic Educational Organization, Vista Springs Senior Living
Farmington Hills	Anthology of Farmington Hills, Farmington Art Foundation, Farmington Hills Inn, Anthology of Farmington Hills
Ferndale	Ferndale Seniors, MIGen - Michigan LGBTQ+ Elders Network
Northville	Northville Community Center
Novi	Birders' Club at Fox Run Novi, StoryPoint Novi
Oak Park	Coville Assisted Living
Pontiac	Baldwin House, Pontiac
Rochester	Cedarbrook Senior, OPC Social & Activity Center
Rochester Hills	American House, Friends of Rochester Hill Public Library
Royal Oak	P.E.O. Chapter AD/Royal Oak, Royal Oak Public Library
Southfield	Brookdale Southfield Senior Living
Sterling Heights	American House Sterling Heights
Troy	American House Troy, Troy Public Library
Walled Lake	Walled Lake City Library
Warren	American House Park Place Warren
West Bloomfield	Henry Ford Health, PEO Philanthropic Organization, Cedarbrook, Jewish Community Center, Temple Kol Ami Sisterhood, Westacres Branch Library
White Lake	Independence Village
Wixom	Detroit PBS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Making connections to art—both inside and outside the museum walls—is a vital part of the DIA’s mission. This is achieved through a variety of programs, including Inside|Out, Partners in Public Art murals, partnering with local fairs and festivals for art-making experiences, and much more. Below are examples of the many ways the DIA serves the residents of Oakland County.

Inside|Out

Through partnerships with municipalities and community organizations, the DIA's Inside|Out program brings reproductions from the museum’s world-class collection to locations in Oakland County. From May through October 2024, the following communities, parks and downtowns hosted Inside|Out artworks:



2024 Inside|Out Partners

- Highland Township
- Huntington Woods
- Novi
- Pontiac
- Rochester
- Clinton River Trail
- Orion Township
- Oakland County Parks
- Oakland Community College
- Oakland County Senior Centers

Inside|Out Activities



- Josh Eichenhorn, Vice President of the Friends of the Clinton River Trail was interviewed about the significance of hosting Inside|Out in 5 communities along the Trail. The resulting video can be found on the [DIA's YouTube channel](#).

"This art will be a great compliment to the trail's charm. Seeing the art along the trail has inspired me to visit the DIA, and I encourage everyone in these five communities to do the same."
- Josh Eichenhorn

- Huntington Woods held a ribbon cutting event to celebrate their participation in the 2024 season.
- Highland Township hosted a public walking tour of their Inside|Out artworks, led by DIA volunteers.

More information about Inside|Out can be found at dia.org/insideout.

Partners in Public Art Mural Program

The Partners in Public Art (PIPA) mural program is a collaboration with municipalities and organizations throughout southeast Michigan to co-create community-driven, highly visible public works of art. The PIPA program helps people explore their sense of community through a collaborative design and creation process, producing works of public art that express the unique stories and interests of each community.

In 2024, murals were completed on the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park in **Farmington** and on the **Hazel Park** Public Library.



Farmington



Hazel Park

The application for PIPA murals in Oakland County is available at dia.org/PiPA

Drop-In Artmaking at Fairs and Festivals

The DIA provides drop-in artmaking workshops at fairs and festivals throughout Oakland County. In 2024, over **2,800** people participated in drop-in artmaking workshops at the following events:



- Flower & Art Fair in Lake Orion
- Kensington Metropark Art Fair in Milford
- Art on the Grand in Farmington
- The Royal Oak Outdoor Art Festival
- Novi Sizzling Summer Art Series
- Berkley Street Art Fest
- Art and Apples Festival in Rochester
- Funky Ferndale Art Fair

Arts, Beats & Eats

The DIA presents family-friendly entertainment on *The DIA Kids' Stage* at Royal Oak's Arts, Beats, and Eats. *The DIA Kids' Stage* features an exciting and diverse roster of performances, programmed by the DIA, which has included puppetry, magic, storytelling, and juggling. The 2024 performance lineup featured Ballet Folklorico de Detroit, the Detroit Puppet Company, and Revolution Chinese Yoyo.

Community Group Art Making Program

The DIA's Community Group Program has partnered with human services agencies for over 25 years, providing meaningful experiences through art with gallery tours and artmaking, allowing a safe, nurturing space for participants' creative expression and socialization. The following Oakland County groups participated in classes in 2024:

- Troy Public Schools English as Second Language
- Oakland Livingston Human Services Association
- Friendship Circle: Soul Studio



Troy English as a Second Language



Oakland Livingston Human Services Association

The 15th Annual Community Group Exhibition

On view in the Walter Gibbs Learning Center at the DIA from December 6, 2024 – January 5, 2025, this exhibition showcases artwork created through the *Community Group Program*. Artists in this exhibition included veterans, community mental health organizations, and seniors from Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County. The annual community group exhibition offers a unique opportunity for participants to share their creative work with museum visitors.

Minds on Art



The DIA's longstanding collaboration with **Alzheimer's Association** continued with classes in the artmaking studio throughout the year. Minds on Art provides opportunities for social engagement and cognitive stimulation for individuals with dementia and their care partners.

2024 projects included watercolor and alcohol ink paintings, printmaking, collages, and accordion bookmaking.

Oakland Community College

The DIA partners with Oakland Community College (OCC) to expand access to the arts for students, faculty, and staff as well as for Oakland County community members.

Each year, from May through October, the DIA brings the Inside|Out program to OCC campuses with new rotations of reproductions from the DIA's world-class art collection.



In collaboration with Continuing Education staff, DIA Director Salvador Salort-Pons and Curator Katherine Kasdorf joined OCC Chancellor Peter Provenzano for an on-stage discussion about the special exhibition *The Art of Dining: Food Culture in the Islamic World*. The event was held at the Lila Jones Theater on the Royal Oak Campus and attracted an engaged audience that included Continuing Education program participants and ceramics students drawn by the exhibition's ceramic art. Following the presentation, guests had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.



The Jewish Bookfair

In partnership with the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, the DIA hosted a public event in the fall in the DIA's Lecture Hall. American biographer, Jean Strouse, author of *Family Romance: John Singer Sargent and the Wertheimers* participated in a moderated discussion, followed by DIA docent led tours focusing on works by John Singer Sargent.

Scholastic Art Awards

The DIA partnered with College for Creative Studies to coordinate two days of events for the 2024 Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition, attended by approximately 1,600 students and their family members and guests.

Additional Engagement

The **Oakland Literacy Council** visited the museum with complimentary bus transportation and guided tours of the collection provided by the DIA. More than 70 residents attended.



Photography students from the **Cranbrook Academy of Art** met with the DIA's Curator of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs (PDP) to view photographs in the PDP study room and discuss the collection.

DIA staff participated in the jurying of entries for the 39th Annual Our Town Art Show at **The Community House** in Birmingham.

The DIA welcomed exchange students from Mexico who were attending **Lawrence Tech University**. The group was organized with the help of the Consulate of Mexico. The group learned about Diego Rivera's *Detroit Industry Murals* with the DIA's Volunteer Programs Manager.



A DIA conservator presented to classes at **Pattengill Elementary School in Berkley** for the school's Career Showcase. The presentation highlighted the work of art conservators in museums, specifically the job of Objects Conservator at the DIA. Approximately 80 students were present for the presentation and participated in hands-on activities such as creating condition reports and observational discussion of artworks.

The DIA presented at **Leadership Oakland's** Arts & Culture Session. The group received an overview of the Museum's history and a millage service agreement summary.

The DIA's Assistant Curator of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts presented and held an extended Q&A session at the **West Bloomfield Public Library**, entitled "Women's (Art)Work: Illuminating the Stories of European Women Makers in the DIA Collection."

Additional Engagement Continued

DIA staff participated in the jurying of the 34th Annual Student Art Town, a community partnership between **The Community House in Birmingham** and **schools in Oakland** and Wayne Counties. The exhibit included 170 artworks created by K–12 students from 22 schools.

The DIA's Curator of Film Programs spoke at the **Next Community Center** in Birmingham. The audience learned cultural context about films in the *Regeneration: Black Cinema 1898-1971* exhibition. Later in the year, a group organized by Next visited the museum to see *Regeneration* in person and attend a performance of Motown music through the Melodies at the Museum senior music program.



The DIA spoke at a meeting of **The Royal Oak Rotary Club** to present about the history of the museum and the many benefits offered to Oakland residents.

A Group from the **Oak Park Public Library** visited the museum with complimentary bus transportation.

The DIA presented to **SOAR Lifelong Learning Institute** on "Museum Ethics and Artifact Restitution." The talk discussed policies and standards for the acquisition and disposition of Holocaust-related art, art from colonized areas, antiquities as well as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Similar presentations were also given at **Fox Run Senior Living Community** and **Southeast Michigan Mensa**.

In partnership with **West Bloomfield Public Library**, the DIA's Associate Curator of Modern European Art spoke about the role of women artists in shaping the European avant-garde movements of the 20th century, from German Expressionism to Surrealism.