Recently, the UW Art Museum received a very special and exciting endowment gift. The largest in its history, a $2.27 million endowment will establish the Susan B Molden- hauer FUNd for Contemporary Art. This transformational gift from an anonymous donor will advance the Art Museum’s programming in national and international contemporary art through exhibitions, visiting artists, publications, and will partly support a curatorial position with expertise in contemporary art. I am honored and humbled by this gift, and thrilled for the opportunities it holds for empowering our students and the public through exploring current issues, encountering new methods of creative expression, and reflecting on their own lives and experience.

Susan Moldenhauser
Director & Chief Curator

Collection news

Last summer, the UW Art Museum acquired five major paintings and 20 strappo prints by national- renowned artist Harold Garde. As a partial gift and partial purchase with the Garde family, these artworks strengthen the American art holdings in the Art Museum’s collections, particularly in Abstract Expressionism.

An Abstract Expressionist painter, Garde’s work is an exploration of “what paint can do” through an investigation of mark-making expressed through an intellectual approach to constructing a painting. He has worked in series throughout his artistic career, returning often to favorite subjects of kimonos, chairs, landscapes, and faces. The darker spectrum of his work embodies a psychological examination of the power of the human face or figure, both individually and in relation to each other.

Garde attended the University of Wyoming on the GI Bill and received his BFA in 1949. He studied with notable artists who were faculty at the University of Wyoming Art Department at the time - Surrealist Leon Kelly, Abstract Expressionist George McNeil, and Geometric Abstractionist Ilya Bolotowsky. Now in his 90s, Garde continues to paint actively and spends his time between his studios in Maine and Florida.

Harold Garde was featured at the University of Wyoming Art Museum in 2010 with the retrospective exhibition Harold Garde. Painting. 50 years. A subsequent selection of Strappo prints was curated for the museum’s Regional Touring Exhibition Program and have traveled across Wyoming.

The University of Wyoming Art Museum depends on acquisition opportunities such as these to support the museum’s mission of presenting world-class art and engaging students and visitors in discussion that broaden an understanding of diverse perspectives, viewpoints, and cultures. A selection of these artworks will be featured in New Acquisitions: The Art Museum Collection from May 27-August 26.

Cover image: Hung Liu (Chinese, b. 1948) Migrant Mother, 2015, oil on canvas, 66 x 66 inches, lent by the Nancy Hoffman Gallery and the artist.
Hung Liu: American Exodus

April 1 – August 12, 2017; Friends, Colorado Galleries

Hung Liu: American Exodus presents new work by the Chinese-born American artist, well-known for her photography-based, painterly images. American Exodus is inspired by the Dustbowl era photographs by American photographer Dorothea Lange made under the Farm Security Administration (FSA) in the 1930s. For Liu, whose photographic references have been primarily those of her family or cultural life in China, working from an American photographer’s perspective during a period of great strife, she makes universal connections between the struggles of those displaced by political or natural forces and the underlying humanity and dignity that pervades. The exhibition includes 15 paintings, 4 lithographs and 3 watercolors.

Liu has an extensive international exhibition history and is represented in major museum collections nationwide. The UW Art Museum presented her work previously in Hung Liu and Rene Yung: The Vanishing, Re-presenting the Chinese in the American West in 2006 for which Liu used photographic references of the Chinese in Wyoming from the American Heritage Center. She was born in Changchun, China, lived through the Maoist era before immigrating to the US in 1984. She lives and works in Oakland, CA.

Whence One Comes: The Musings of Travis Louie

May 27 – August 26, 2017; South Two Gallery

To confront the oddly familiar yet strange characters by Travis Louie (American, b. 1964) is to walk into a world of curiosities, monsters, and the absurd. His paintings are culminations of many influences: Victorian portraiture, Film Noir movies, and human oddities as Vaudeville magic acts, circus sideshows, and the monsters and superheroes of Horror and Sci-Fi movies.

Louie’s creative process is one of realistically rendered graphite drawings on a smooth ground that are washed with layers of acrylic paint. The characters of his paintings begin as notebook sketches and journal entries which may be developed into a drawing and ultimately painted. Narrative in approach, each image is accompanied by its own story written by Louie.

Louie is a first-generation Chinese-American who grew up in Queens, New York. He received his BFA in Communication Design from the Pratt Institute. He has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions primarily on the East and West Coasts. He lives in upstate New York and is represented by William Baczek Fine Art, Northampton.

William Baczek Fine Art
Funded in part by UW Art Museum Gala Funds

Travis Louie (American, b. 1964), Oscar and the Truth Toad, 2011, acrylic on board, 20 x 16 inches, courtesy of William Baczek Fine Arts
Hans Kleiber: The Western Landscape

**UW Art Museum Regional Touring Exhibition Service**

May 27 – July 29, 2017; Rotunda Gallery

American art from the West reinforces the region's identity and meaning as a place, especially that of Wyoming. Hans Kleiber (1887-1967) depicted the West, from epic myth to sentimental nostalgia. He used his time working for the Forest Service around Sheridan, Wyoming to illustrate the abundance of wildlife native to Wyoming set in the landscape. **Hans Kleiber: The Western Landscape** provides a selection of prints from the Art Museum's collections, depicting the uniqueness of the landscape in the West.

With the increasing use of the Art Museum's collection in teaching, research and exhibition, the museum is working with a paper conservator in Colorado to repair tears, holes, missing or faded pigment and remove any non-archival materials such as old tape or marks that were not created by the artist, such as old inventory numbers from previous collectors. Each artwork included in this exhibition has been recently conserved and provides an opportunity to not only exhibit work that hasn't been shown before but highlights the importance of conservation and the process by which the museum cares and preserves its collection for future generations.

**Hans Kleiber: The Western Landscape** premieres this new exhibition available through the Art Museum's Regional Touring Exhibition Service. It is available for travel across the state in the fall.

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**Skyscapes: Selections from the Art Museum Collection**

April 1 – September 9, 2017; Chicago Gallery

Throughout history, landscapes have been an important subject for artists. Yet, many chose to place focus on the sky, not primarily the land, creating skyscapes. Depicting representations of the sky, skyscapes vary from completely abstract to realist representations, that may or may not include minimal views of the land. As part of the Romanticism movement, artists in the late 18th century used the sky to emphasize intense emotions such as apprehension, horror, terror and awe through depictions of stormy skies set over wild landscapes. This idea has continued into the work of contemporary artists in a variety of mediums including painting, photography, and sculpture. Drawing on this notion of the sky projecting the emotive aspect of the image, artists also often use muted, cloudless skies to illustrate the expansiveness of space or absence of civilization. Because the sky is really nothing more than atmosphere, it can be depicted in a myriad of colors, textures and shapes to create something tangible in an artwork.

Funded in part by UW Art Museum Gala Funds

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**New Acquisitions: The Art Museum Collection**

May 27 – August 26, 2017; Pat Guthrie Special Exhibitions Gallery

Collecting lies at the heart of the UW Art Museum's activities, advancing its mission to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret visual art from around the world to challenge, inspire, and educate. Acquisitions are made possible through gifts from generous donors or purchases with endowment funds designated for collections. All potential acquisitions are carefully considered based on existing areas of strength and relevance, and within the context of supporting the University of Wyoming's academic and cultural missions. As a result, the Art Museum is able to add significant artworks that range from important art historical works to new contemporary pieces. **New Acquisitions: The Art Museum Collection** highlights some important recent acquisitions to the permanent collection in the last year.

Funded in part by Pat Guthrie Special Exhibitions Endowment Funds
Jon Schueler: Weathering Skies

April 1 – June 24, 2017; East Gallery

*Jon Schueler: Weathering Skies,* presents 26 watercolors from the Jon Schueler Estate and the Arkansas Arts Center that explore the artist’s fascination with the power of the sky. Before he was a painter, Schueler navigated a B-17 bomber during World War II. The sky became a place fraught with anxiety and yet incredible beauty and meaning. Only after the war did Schueler train as an artist at the California School of the Fine Arts. He became one of the 20th Century’s second-generation Abstract Expressionist painters known for filling his canvases with abstractions inspired by the atmospheric sky.

*Weathering Skies* features watercolors made in Scotland and in Connecticut between 1967 and 1969. All but one of the watercolors in the exhibition is from the Schueler Estate. The remaining work, *Weathering Skies,* is a previously un-exhibited work in collection of the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation.

Organized by the Jon Schueler Estate and the Arkansas Arts Center

A nationally tour exhibition with catalog

Funded in part by Rocky Mountain Power and UW Art Museum Gala Funds

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Jon Schueler: Paintings

July 1 – September 9, 2017; East Gallery

Following *Jon Schueler: Weathering Skies,* the UW Art Museum will present the recent gift of paintings from the Jon Schueler Estate. The paintings convey nature at a specific moment, such as the build up of clouds with filtered sun breaking through. Using a range of color to express light, from subdued gray to intense red, Schueler creates paintings that are not only full of life and movement but are emotionally charged.

Scheuler was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1916 and received his BA and MA from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Following World War II he attended the California School of Fine Arts (1948-51) where he was surrounded by a group of historically important artists who led the development of the Bay Area Figurative Movement of painting. Schueler moved to New York in 1951, which became his base until his death in 1992. However, these years were dotted with visits to Mallaig, Scotland, where the light and weather of the area became the hallmark for his signature style.

In 2017, the University of Wyoming Art Museum worked with the Jon Schueler Estate to create the largest publicly held collection of his work. These newly acquired paintings will be highlighted in the exhibition *Jon Schueler: Paintings.*

Funded in part by Patricia Guthrie Special Exhibitions Endowment and UW Art Museum Gala Funds
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Painting like Hung Liu
June 2, 9, 17, and 23, 2017
$25/4-class session
We’ll look for inspiration in the work of artist Hung Liu, a Chinese born American painter. Students will explore a variety of paints and collage materials to create unique works of art about them and their families.

SUMMER ART CAMP
Art and Identity
Session I: Ages 6-10: Monday – Friday, June 5-9, 2017 – 1:00-4:45 pm daily
Session II: Ages 11-15: Monday – Friday, June 12-16, 2015 – 1:00 – 4:45 pm daily
$60/week – Limited scholarships are available.

Using exhibitions as inspiration, participants will explore how artists use materials and artistic processes to convey concepts such as mood, empathy, and compassion. Students will engage with all kinds of materials and ways to make art in the studio including painting, sculpture, printmaking and more! Participation is limited to 30 students for each camp.

FAMILY SATURDAY CLASSES
June 3 and July 8
10 am – 12 pm
FREE
Does your family need something fun and creative to do? Come to the Art Museum and make art with your children during our Family Saturday Workshop the first Saturday in June and July. During each workshop, families will view current exhibitions and guided in a hands-on, one of a kind art making experience supported by a knowledgeable arts instructor.

Join us for one or both of these Saturday activities! Both are great ways to learn and share an artistic process with your children. June will focus on the Hung Liu: American Exodus and Skyscapes: Selections from the Art Museum Collection. July will be a Jubilee Days parade costume workshop.

SUMMER SOLSTICE
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
11:30am - 3:30pm
Join us as we celebrate the longest day of the year—a much enjoyed time after the long winters of Wyoming. This year we are excited to partner with the United States Postal Service as they host their Total Eclipse of the Sun Forever Stamp First-Day-Cancellation Ceremony in conjunction with our Solstice celebration. Free and open to the public, this day will include art making, solar telescopes on the terrace and special guest appearances by top officials from the USPS, representatives from NASA and more! You won’t want to miss this.

BUG BOOTCAMP
Grades 2-6
July 17-21, 2017
9am – 3pm daily
$75 per participant
Back by popular demand, Bug Boot Camp is the opportunity for youth in grades 2 – 6 to experience that natural world around them with art and science activities. This five day workshop will investigate LaBonte Park, Optimist Park, the Berry Center and UW Art Museum as a means to encourage outdoor play and focus on the natural world through a daily theme. Parents are responsible for transportation to each location and for providing lunch. Snacks will be provided each day.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS
This training is offered in two formats: a series of three workshops, or one full day that covers all three portions. Choose the session that best fits your schedule. Six hours of STARS credit is available. Early childhood educators who bring classes to the museum are encouraged to complete this training before bringing classes in Fall 2017.

Session I – Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, 2:30-5 pm daily
Session 2 – Saturday June 24, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Using the University of Wyoming Art Museum exhibitions and inquiry model, participants will examine co-equal arts integration as a means to develop best practices and educational leadership in the early childhood classroom. Participants will also examine the impor-
tance of culturally relevant pedagogical practices in fostering child growth and development.

SUMMER TEACHING INSTITUTE: INVESTIGATING ART AND SCIENCE
June 21, 22, 23 plus distance learning sessions
$100 per participant
10 scholarships available
Scholarship and registration deadline: May 2
Regular registration deadline June 5

Current trends in education include a focus on STEAM, or Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The 2017 Summer Teaching Institute provides educators with hands-on experience and insight into current research happening in art and science, as well as research-based methods for integrating these disciplines. All levels of science and art educators will enjoy many modes of exploration, interaction with UW science and art faculty, and time to create curriculum connections for your classroom.

The 2017 Summer Teaching Institute will examine the intersections of art and science and feature artwork from the University of Wyoming Art Museum’s permanent collection, as well as time in the UW Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center exploring the lab and research of evolutionary biologist, Dr. Catherine Wagner, whose research focuses on African Cichlid fishes. There, Dr. Brian Barber, will also lead hands-on activities that explore basic concepts in evolutionary thinking. You will also work with two studio artists: sculptor Adrienne Vetter of the Wyoming Art Party, and Bethann Garramon Merkle of the Wyoming Migration Initiative. These artists will guide you in field journaling and drawing techniques, casting and mold-making methods, and facilitate discussions about how to utilize these methods in art and science classrooms. Additional instruction will be provided by Art Museum and Biodiversity Institute, both during the in-person and in the distance-learning units.

All instructors will use standards based practices, object learning and inquiry topics to enable you to tie biodiversity and art back to your classroom or informal learning environment.

For more information contact Katie Christensen, Curator of Education and Statewide Engagement at UW Art Museum, katie.christensen@uwyo.edu or 307-766-3496.

SAVE the DATE
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Information to Follow

Students from the UW Lab School examine work from the museum collection.

An Early Childhood Educator Workshop participant making art in the Shelton Studio.
OUTREACH PROGRAMS

ANN SIMPSON ARTMOBILE

The Artmobile has a very busy summer schedule ahead including scheduled visits to Cheyenne, Sheridan, Worland, Hanna, Cody, Meeteetse, Powell and Gillette. This May in Cheyenne, the Artmobile exhibition, “Surrealism: Visions of the Mind” will be on display at the annual Hobbs Elementary School “Night of the Arts.” The Artmobile trip to Sheridan will consist of a tour of four elementary schools, and in Worland the Artmobile will visit students at the Wyoming Boys’ School. The community in Hanna will feature the Artmobile at its two-day summer art camp, and then in July the Artmobile will take a tour of the Park County Library system visiting Cody, Meeteetse, and Powell.

To finish off the summer, Artmobile Educator Erica Ramsey will present with College of Engineering K-16 Outreach Coordinator Teddi Hoffman at the Wyoming Department of Education’s STEM conference in Gillette, about the power of collaborative efforts between the arts and sciences. The theme for the conference is “Full STEAM Ahead,” honoring and including the arts with science, technology, engineering and math.

On July 15th you will be able to see and walk with the Artmobile in the Laramie Jubilee Days Parade. All ages are invited to join us in the Art Museum Classroom on July 8th from 10:00 am -12:00 pm for a free Saturday Family Workshop dedicated to making costumes for supporters who would like to walk in the parade, and make decorations for the Artmobile. This is a fun and creative way for local museum supporters to display their enthusiasm for the Art Museum and its programs.

If you are interested in hosting the Artmobile in your community, sign up soon! The Artmobile typically schedules visits three to six months in advance. With the summer schedule completely booked, fall 2017 is filling up quickly. For Scheduling information contact Ramsey at 307-399-2941.

UW ART MUSEUM REGIONAL TOURING EXHIBITION SERVICE

The Regional Touring Exhibition Service offers exhibitions at no charge to Wyoming organizations except for the cost of one-way shipping (round-trip shipping to out of state organizations). These exhibitions are designed for sites such as libraries, schools, community centers, galleries, and museums. Insurance, press releases, publicity photos, and exhibition interpretation is provided by the Art Museum. The museum is currently reserving locations and dates for several exhibitions, including the newest exhibition Hans Kleiber: The Western Landscape that will premiere at the Art Museum in the summer of 2017. For more information on the availability of this new exhibition opportunity, or for information on any of our touring exhibitions, please contact the Acting Art Museum Registrar at 307-766-6634 or Anthony.Teneralli@uwyo.edu

The Botanical Series: The Photographic Work of Gerald Lang and Jennifer Anne Tucker
Available for scheduling

Blackfeet Indian Tipis: Design and Legend
June – September, 2017 – Washakie Museum and Cultural Center, Worland, WY

Identity and Gender Roles: The North American Indian Photographs of Edward S. Curtis
April, 2017 – Crook County Public Library, Sundance, WY

Identity and Gender Roles: The North American Indian Photographs of Edward S. Curtis
May, 2017 – Hulett Branch Library, Hulett, WY

NEW in the Fall of 2017 – Hans Kleiber: The Western Landscape
Available for scheduling starting September 2017

Hans Kleiber (German/American, 1887-1967), Winter in the Big Horns, etching on paper, 5-3/4 x 6-3/4 inches, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Hoadley, 1968.40
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Ann Simpson Artmobile Educator Erica Ramsey teamed up with the College of Engineering and Applied Science's K-14 Outreach Coordinator Teddi Hoffman to pilot a new STEM and the Arts program on December 9th in Centennial. Students from Centennial Elementary School and Harmony Elementary School worked with Ramsey and Hoffman to explore the similarities between artistic and engineering design processes.

In the months leading up to the event Ramsey and Hoffman collected piles of recycled materials from colleagues. UW Engineering Student Ambassadors spent an afternoon in November preparing the piles of recycled materials at the UW Art Museum by gessoing them, so that the varieties of boxes, boards, plastics, and various materials appeared unified.

On December 9th K-5 students from both schools were given the engineering design challenge, “What does a mind look like? What if it were an actual place? How do you build a building that represents the mind and its functions?” Students used images from the Artmobile exhibition “Surrealism: Visions of the Mind” to initiate the dialogue about how an artist can represent an invisible, intangible concept like the mind. Then, students were introduced to the engineering design process as presented by Hoffman. Students participated in a conversation about how artists and engineers are similar, and how their processes are mutually supportive yet still unique. Students were provided with an introductory lesson to metaphor, and then given examples of metaphorical architecture.

After a break for Bear Tree pizza, students got to work in pursuit of solutions to the design challenge. In small collaborative “Mind Groups” each student was assigned a function of the mind to represent. Students worked to metaphorically represent dreams, ideas, thoughts, regulation, and sensory input systems. The engineering design process requires makers to test their designs and then reformulate their approach based on the feedback. Hoffman provided an earth-quake simulating shake test for each student to test the structural integrity of their design. By placing their metaphorical structure in a box filled with marbles, and then shaking vigorously for 10 seconds students were able to see if their designs were structurally viable. Most students found they had to reinforce the structure, change materials, or both before their building could withstand the test.

At the end of the day, students reflected on the experience of working as both an artist and engineer. In response to the question, “Can one person be both an artist and an engineer?” they offered a resounding, “Yes!” The busy day was a great success that left hosting teachers and students brimming with ideas. Hoffman and Ramsey plan to continue their collaboration with events in the works for the spring of 2017. More information about the STEM and the Arts collaborations will be available on our Facebook page as details are finalized.

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