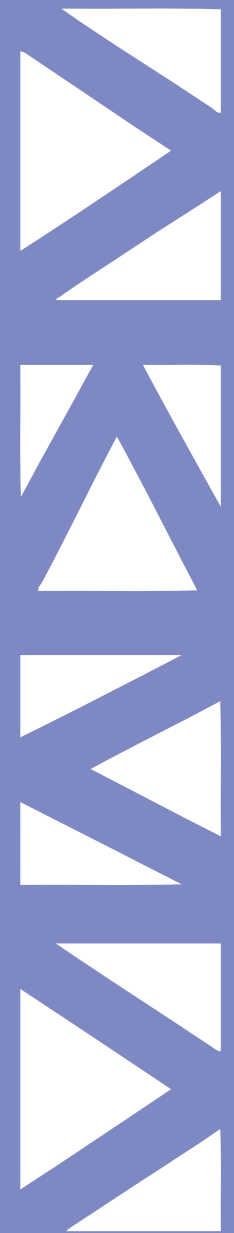


# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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*The mission of the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art is to enrich the community through the collection and exhibition of visual arts by providing education, creating unique experiences, and nurturing regional artists.*

# Director's Report

The pandemic has affected us all. This year started slowly but the sounds of laughter, conversation and even quiet contemplation found their way back to the museum. Pot of Gold, Witch's Tea, and Sugarplum returned giving us time to see our friends and reconnect.

Exhibitions and programs continued with full schedules despite trimming of budgets. Patrons of the museum came together to fund the new driveway, parking lot, and sculpture installation making us ready for bus tourism. Maintenance and upgrades to the HVAC started this year and will continue into next, which is a major step forward in caring for our collection. Planning began to develop the carriage house into an education center. This space will create more room for our growing classes, handling exhibitions and storage for the ever-expanding permanent collection.

There are so many who deserve a big thank you! The Kemper Family Foundation for their contributions which have been instrumental in the museum's success. The Board of Directors and Marcy George, President, for their guidance and vision. Our Members and Patrons who are the heart and soul of the museum. And the Staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you all. Together we are making things happen.

Sincerely,



Eric Fuson

Executive Director





# Education

The Education Department served over 765 students this year, about 70% of them children. Art workshops for adults included many different mediums such as colored pencil, watercolor painting, oil painting, drawing, and pastel painting.

Over \$1000 in scholarships were given to children in 2021. T-Mobile sponsored our weekly Kids Media classes and free After Hours family events on a monthly basis. T-Mobile, Rotary, the Runcie Club, and private individuals sponsored Summer Camp this year. Camp was so popular it ran for an additional week. Various other summer classes were planned for younger audiences, including a sketchbook workshop and a puppet-making workshop.

We have been able to return to classes and artist demonstrations within the museum, but virtual participation continues to be available. Virtual tours and artist talks have continued into 2021, including the awards ceremonies for art exhibitions. The ceremonies can be found on our website and YouTube Channel. The Undergraduate Art History Symposium also went digital this past year opening it up to students from across the globe.

This year brought more classes and new experiences to the Education Department than ever before and I hope the momentum continues into 2022.

-Alex Asher, Director of Education



Below and right: Kids in Summer Camp making a mixed media collage and drawing project with instructor Belinda Burgiss-Hall, better know as Ms. Bee.



Above: Wanda Taylor teaching colored pencils with a spring theme of chicks and flowers.

Below: Donna Bland giving a painting demonstration in the Thedinger Gallery during a free After Hours event.





# Education



## Education Statistics:

- Classroom attendance shows a 190% increase since 2020.
- Eight artists were employed to serve as teacher.
- 21 children attended weekly Kids Media Mix-up classes.
- 49 kids attended Summer Camp.
- Full scholarships were given to 12 kids for Summer Camp and Kids Media.
- Over \$4,000 was donated to the education department this year, sponsoring supplies and free art classes.

Above: Clover, Kaitlin, and Lena attended the Puppet-making workshop and held a short play on the last of the 3 day class.



Left: Lauren and Wanda displaying their work from Jill Tichenor's Pastel Painting Workshop. Middle: Cody Wheelock helping Marylin with her portrait in Wheelock's Portrait Drawing Workshop. Right: Madison with her painting in Larry DeGraff's Painting the Heartland Workshop.



# Exhibitions

## 2021 Exhibitions:

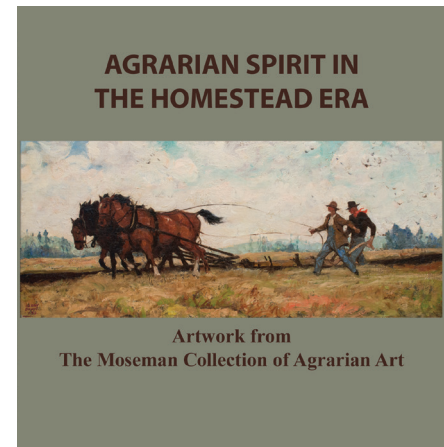
- *Nocturnes: Derrick Breidenthal*
- *Ben Weddle: Panoramics*
- *47<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Exhibition*
- *Regional High School Exhibition*
- *Undergraduate Juried Exhibition*
- *Agrarian Spirit in the Homestead Era: Artwork from the Moseman Collection of Agrarian Art*
- *Peregrine Honig*
- *Mosaic Life Care Art Experience Galleries*
- *A Growing Collection: The Last 10 Years*
- *Missouri Art Now: a Biennial Celebration*
- *The Joe Show: Selections from The Gray Manufacturing Corporate Collection*
- *Reflected Reality: The Work of Jim Cantrell*
- *10<sup>th</sup> Annual MVIS Juried Exhibition*



Above: *Reflected Reality*, including *Ala MacBeth* and *Models in the Artist's Studio*

Right: An exhibition catalogue was compiled for *Agrarian Spirit in the Homestead Era*

Below: *The Joe Show*, including Gray's favorite work *By the Fireside* by Sir Evert Pieters (far right)





# Best of Show Winners



47<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Exhibition  
Robert Jenkins  
*The Post Modernist's Possum*



Regional High School Exhibition  
Kloe Miller  
*Suffocating*  
East Buchanan C-1 High School



5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Undergraduate Juried Exhibition  
Caroline Honas  
*Or leave it to dust*  
Kansas City Art Institute

## **Exhibitions Statistics**

Membership: 112 artworks by 52 artists.

High School: 76 artworks from 16 schools.

Undergraduate: 60 pieces were selected from 249 entries from 91 students from 7 states.

*Note: Participation numbers were majorly impacted by Covid-19 this year.*



Right: Regional High School Exhibition Opening Night.



# Collections



James B. Gantt  
(American,  
1911-1984)  
*23rd Psalm*, 1937  
Tempera on canvas  
Donated by Susan  
Moore in memory  
of James Moore

The AKMA added 40 artworks to its permanent collection in 2021.

The museum's collection of work by students of Thomas Hart Benton received a major boost with two donations related to the work of James Britton Gantt. Gantt was a student at the Kansas City Art Institute in the 1930s, studying with Benton and Ross Braught. His daughter, Briane Lawler, generously gifted a collection of drawings of workers at North American Aviation during WWII along with prints from Gantt's contemporaries at KCAI like Janet Turner and Malcolm Arnett. Susan Moore donated a tempera painting by Gantt, *23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*, which shows the clear influence of Benton.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters selected the AKMA to receive a gift from their Purchase Program that purchases works of living American artists and donates them to museums. The museum received two oil paintings by Peter Charlap, a professor at Vassar College.

Robert Hower, a Texas-based artist, donated two prints. Three paintings by Kansas City artist Linister were donated by Yvonne Umland Jameson, and Jan Thielen gifted the museum a seascape by Alex Dzigurski, a Serbian immigrant best known for seascapes of his adopted home of California.

Works by local artists were also added to the collection this year. Myrna "Pud" Ransdell and her family donated an oil painting, and Jim Estes gifted a ceramic sculpture. Friends of John Gilgun donated two of his artworks in memory of his passing this year.

-Megan Benitz, Registrar



James B. Gantt (American, 1911-1984)  
*Untitled (2 Women Working on Wing)*, 1943  
Ink on paper  
Gift of Briane Lawler in memory of her  
parents James B. and Hattie N. Gantt



Peter Charlap (American, b. 1949)

*Behind*, 2020

Oil on canvas

Gift of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York;  
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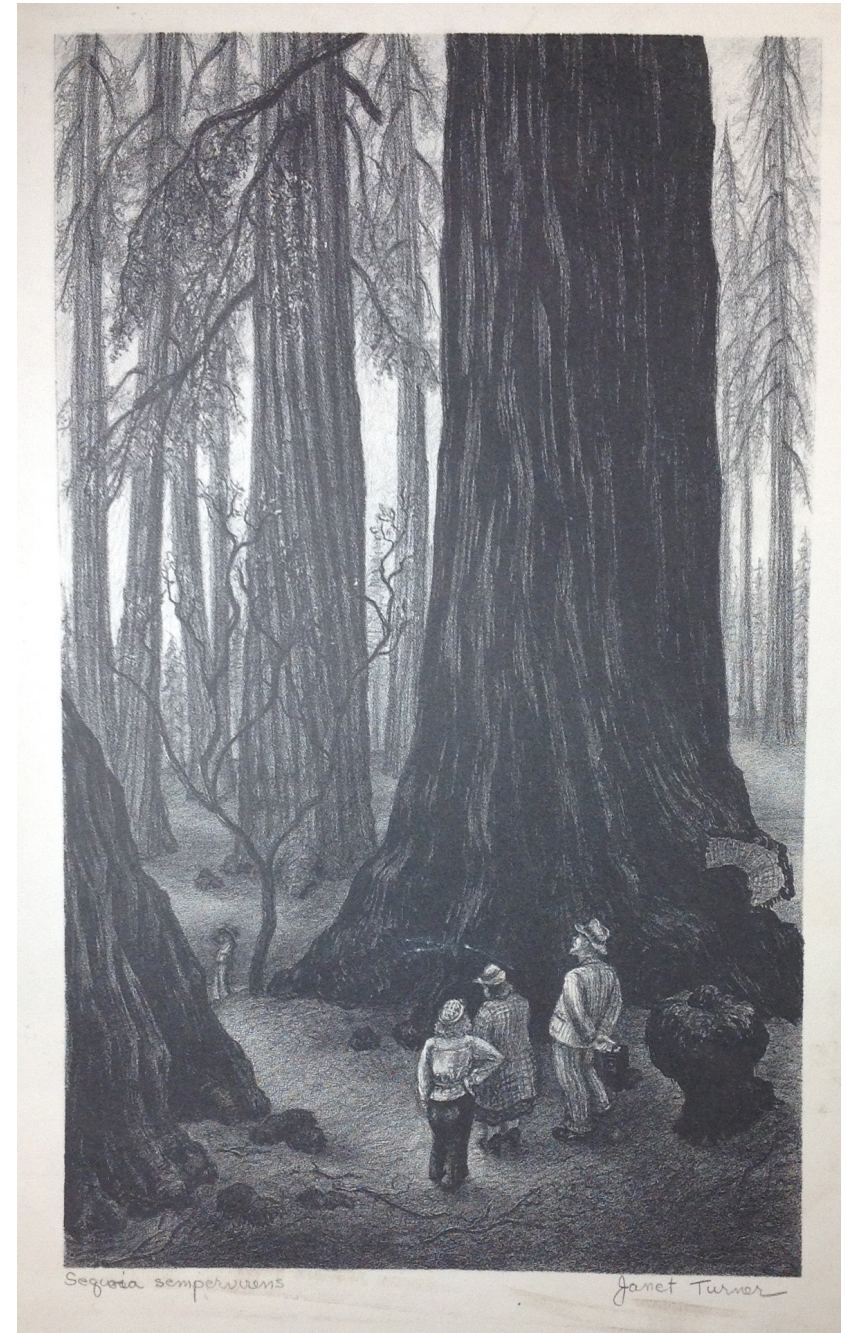
# Collections



Linister (1938-2018)  
*Backstage (at the Folly)*, ca. 1982  
Oil on canvas  
Gift of Yvonne Umland Jameson in memory of  
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Linister (1938-2018)  
*Magic Shoes*, 1982  
Watercolor on paper  
Gift of Yvonne Umland Jameson in  
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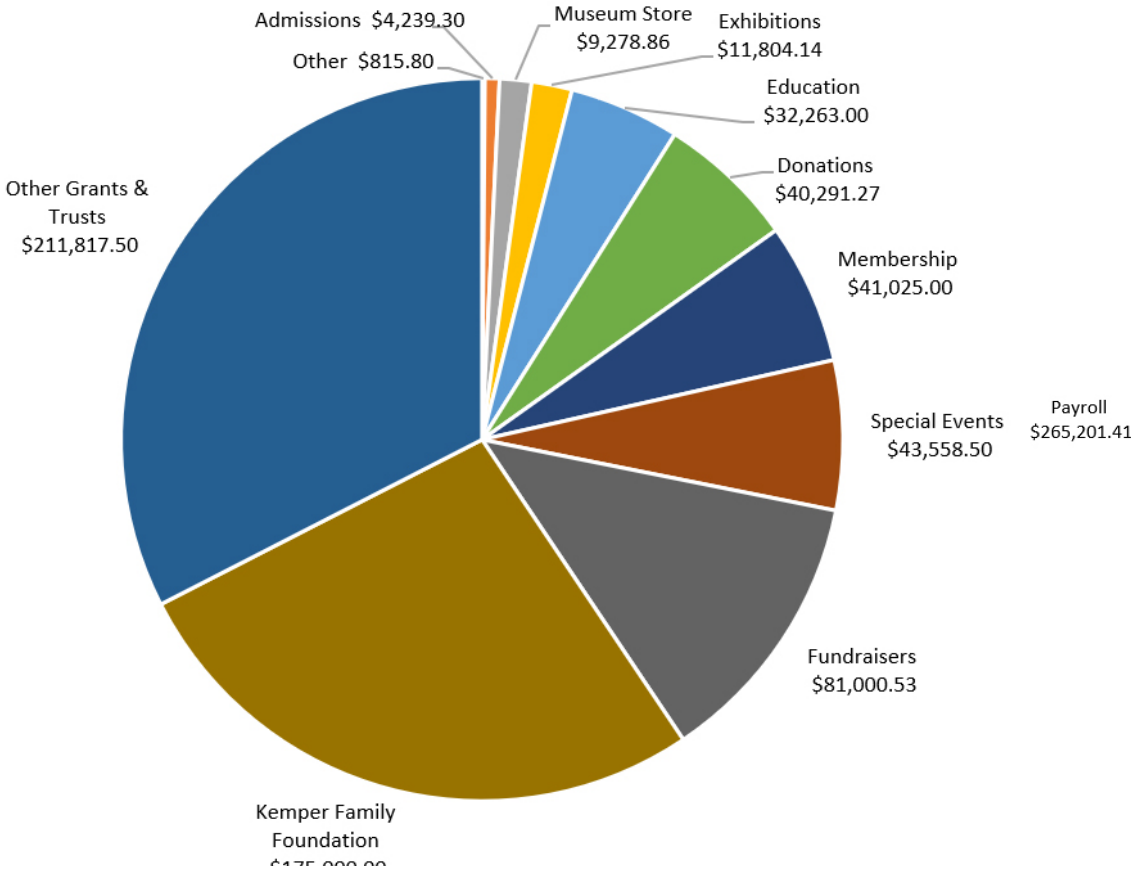
Janet Turner (1914-1988)  
*Sequoia Sempervirens*, ca. 1940  
Lithograph  
Gift of Briane Lawler in memory of  
her parents James B. Lawler and  
Hattie N. Gant



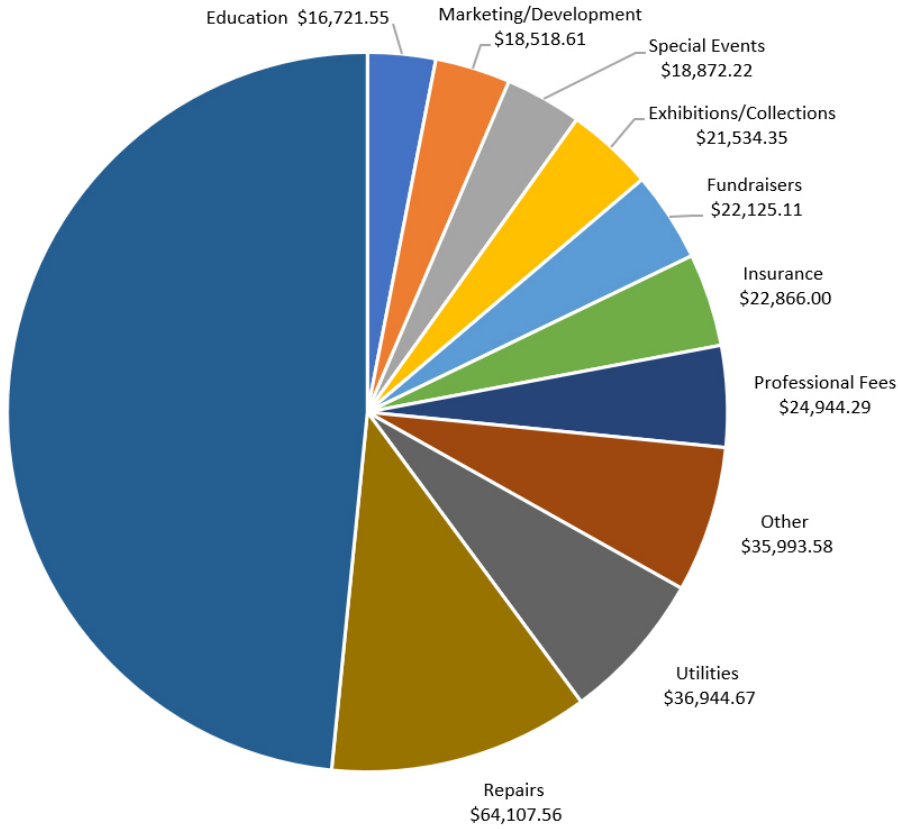
Salon wall in the Thedinger Gallery after permanent collection reinstallation.

# Income & Expenses

**2021 Income**  
**Total: \$651,093.90**



**2021 Expenses**  
**Total: \$547,829.35**





# Grants, Donations, Annual Giving, Memorials & Tributes

## Grants

Kemper Family Foundation	\$175,000
Francis Family Foundation	\$10,000
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$16,305
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Missouri Arts Council	\$10,373
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ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART

— Emerging Arts Partner —

## January

- Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art to host Membership Exhibition

## February

- Museums turn to virtual events to keep visitor interest

## March

- Artists awarded in High School Art Exhibition AKMA showcases high school talent from young creators

## April

- Bicentennial art exhibit on display at State Historical Society of Missouri
- Five Northwest art students' work chosen for museum exhibition
- Hard work in the Homestead Era on display at the Albrecht-Kemper

## May

- Works of area art students chosen for exhibition
- Albrecht-Kemper to unveil glasses for colorblind

## June

- Kent State student recognized in national undergraduate art exhibit

## July

- Museum-goers channel Roaring '20s at gala and auction

## August

- Work starts on Albrecht-Kemper Museum driveway project
- St. Joseph Museums drum up tourism through trading cards
- Award-winning 'Summer in Hindsight' Film Screening and Discussion at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
- Albrecht-Kemper displaying fountain from historic Hotel Robidoux

## September

- Albrecht-Kemper Museum highlights Gray Manufacturing

## October

- Travels in the Heartland: Delivering fun and history in St. Joseph, Missouri
- New driveway ready at Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
- New look and fun events look to draw more people to the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art
- Halloween and artwork cross paths at Albrecht-Kemper

## November

- Is this real life? AKMA debuts two exhibitions that question reality
- Sugarplum Festival returns to the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

## December

- Eric Fuson | 20 Who Count

## CELEBRATE LOCAL ARTS AT THE ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART



Marketing Statistics: Over **87 articles** or mentions in 2021 from TV reports, radio reports, newspaper articles, magazine articles, newsletters, and e-blasts. Representing at least **29 publications**.

# 2022 Calendar of Events... so far

- **Kids Media Mix-Up** Tuesdays, January 4 – May 24, 2022 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- **Opening Reception for Returning/Belonging & the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Exhibition** Friday, January 14, 2022 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Drawing for Beginners with Eric Fuson** Session 1: Wednesdays, January 19 – March 9, 2022 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **AKMA After Hours** Fourth Tuesday of Every Month, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Valentine's Day Dinner at the AKMA** Saturday, February 12, 2022 6:00 pm
- **Opening Reception: Regional High School Exhibition** Sunday, February 27, 2022 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- **Slow Art Day** Saturday, April 2, 2022 1:00 – 4:00 PM FREE with museum admission
- **AKMA Estate & Collectibles Sale** Saturday, April 9, 2022 8:00 AM – 4:00 pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Art History Symposium** Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Opening Reception for Stephen Johnson Exhibition & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Undergraduate Juried Exhibition** Friday, April 22, 2022 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Pot of Gold Arts Gala and Auction** Saturday, May 14, 2022 5:00 pm
- *Flower Painting Field Trip* Saturday, May, 2022 Details TBD
- **AKMA Summer Art Camp – Session 1** June 7-10, 2022
- **Opening Reception for Ariel Bowman Exhibition & Found Object Exhibition** Friday, June 17, 2022 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- **AKMA Summer Art Camp – Session 2** July 19-22, 2022
- **AKMA Summer Art Camp – Session 3** August 9-12, 2022
- **Opening Reception for Norman Akers & Heinrich Toh Exhibitions** Friday, September 16, 2022 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Smithsonian Museum Day at the AKMA** Saturday, September 24 2022 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- **Witches Tea** Monday, October 24, 2022 Lunch @ Noon / Supper @ 6:30 pm
- **AKMA After Hours – Witches Brew Edition** Tuesday, October 25, 2021 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- **Sugarplum Festival** November 10-12, 2022
- *AKMA Closed for Maintenance/Floor Refinishing* November 15-18, 2022
- **Opening Reception for NWMSU Faculty Exhibition & Stampede of Bronzes** Friday, December 2, 2022 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Breakfast with Santa & Gingerbread Workshop** Saturday, December 3, 2022
- **AKMA Annual Meeting** Thursday, December 8, 2022 5:00 – 6:00 pm



***Thank you for being a member and supporting the museum this year!***

AKMA Staff at 2021 Pot of Gold from left to right: Dana Witkowski, Belinda Burgiss-Hall, Alex Asher, Jill Carlson, Megan Benitz, Amber Wilcox, & Eric Fuson.

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