

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Birds in Art

September 12 – November 29, 2015



Birds in Art

FORTY 2015 YEARS



Birds, in all of their majesty and fragility, connect us with the natural world. Heralding each sunrise, these harbingers of seasonal and environmental change elicit attention and admiration. Mesmerizing, all-new work by 123 of the world's most talented artists serves as a fitting tribute to this year's milestone 40th annual exhibition. Savor artists' interpretations to discover what inspires you and why, throughout four decades, *Birds in Art* has garnered international esteem.



Ongoing Anniversary Activities

- **Celebrating 40 Years**, a digital exhibition, showcases 450 *Birds in Art* artworks acquired by the Museum since 1976.
- **From the Archives** chronicles the evolution of *Birds in Art* throughout four decades.
- **Birds of a Feather: 40 Years Together** Add your memories to paper birds that perch in our commemorative birch tree grove.

Birds in Art Opening Day *Fantastic 40th!* Saturday, September 12

Meet the Artists 9 am – 12:15 pm

More than seventy artists travel from throughout the world for *Birds in Art* opening-day festivities. Meet and mingle to renew acquaintances, form new friendships, and get your 2015 catalogue and posters signed. Coffee will be available at the arbor, along with treats to purchase.



Artists Reflect: 7x7x7 9:30 – 10:30 am

Using just seven images in seven minutes, seven Master Artists share memories and musings as they celebrate the exhibition's 40th anniversary.

Artists in Action 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

How do artists carve sculptures and linocuts? How do painters capture light and atmosphere? Watch *Birds in Art* artists at work in various mediums in the sculpture garden.

WAUSAU'S
ARTRAGEOUS
 WEEKEND™

Saturday & Sunday, September 12-13

This multiple-venue extravaganza spanning both sides of the river features artwork in an array of mediums and styles. Free shuttle buses run every 15 minutes or so from 10 am - 5 pm.

Art in the Park Marathon Park

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 9 am - 4 pm

**Festival of Arts & Center for the Visual Arts
 Downtown Wausau**

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Birds in Art Opening Weekend

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

Programs for Every Age

- Art Babies: birth-1 year
- Art Time for Tots: 1-4 years
- Toddler Tuesday: 18 months-4 years
- Art Kids: 5-12 years
- Teen Programs: 13-18 years
- Art 101: 13-adult
- Studio Art: 13-adult
- SPARK!: adults with memory loss & care partners
- Art Beyond Sight: people with blindness/low vision

 **Call 715.845.7010 to register**

Scholarship funds are available for youth and adult program fees thanks to the Wisconsin Valley Art Association. Call the Museum.

Cancellation Policy: Advance registration is required for all classes and other programs having the phone symbol. Places will be held only upon receipt of full participation fee. Fees are refundable (minus a 20% handling charge) up to seven days before a class begins. After that time fees are non-refundable unless there is a waiting list (refund minus 20% handling charge) or the program is canceled (full refund).

Left page, from left: Ross Matteson, *Whit's Salt Licks*, 2014; Robin Berry, *Surfing Terns*, 2014

This page, from top: Alexander Koester, *Ducks and Lily Pads*, ca. 1910; Nancy Howe, *Renovation*, 2007

**From the
 Museum's Collection**

Audubon to Wyeth:

Paintings, Drawings, and Sculptures

A dazzling, historic array of bird imagery in artworks spanning the early-nineteenth through late-twentieth centuries.



Capturing Nature: The Art of Owen Gromme

Oil paintings, watercolors, and sketches reveal Gromme's lifelong passion for nature and wildlife.

Well Drawn

Drawings in pencil, colored pencil, graphite, watercolor, and charcoal - from finely rendered to loosely sketched - offer insight into how artists observe, contemplate, and develop compositions.



Shoreline Symphony

Artists' interpretations convey the sights and sounds at water's edge.

Carved & Cast

Birds and animals, from stately to whimsical, are featured in small-scale and medium-sized sculptures.

Night Out @ the Woodson & Musical Thursdays

Each Thursday evening, enjoy informal performances by Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra ensembles. Several Thursday evenings also offer presentations, demonstrations, or hands-on art making to enhance your *Birds in Art* experience; Museum open until 7:30 pm.

Events & Programs

September 10 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon
SPARK!

Individuals with memory loss and accompanying friends or family members gather for a social outing in soothing surroundings. Art from the Museum's collection sparks one-on-one conversation between participants. After social interaction, participants engage in a hands-on art activity. 📞



Programming for adults with memory loss is generously supported by Abbie Spire in memory of Dr. Lyman J. Spire.



September 15 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon
Toddler Tuesday Just Ducky

Toddlers, 18 months-4 years, and accompanying adults explore hands-on art making inspired by David Milton's *Homage to the World's Largest Rubber Duck*.

September 16 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm
Art 101 Avian Collection Quest

Throughout four decades, 450 *Birds in Art* artworks have been acquired by the Museum through purchases and gifts from artists and others. Curator Jane Weinke shares images and reflections.



This page, above: Kristine Taylor, *Peckish Hen*, 2013; upper right: David Milton, *Homage to the World's Largest Rubber Duck*, 2014; center: Barry Gunderson, *Four and Twenty* (detail), 2015

Right page: Lucinda Kate McEachern, *Yellow-billed Spoonbill*, 2015

September 24 Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am
Art Time for Tots

Duck, Duck, Goose

Little ones, 1-4 years, and accompanying adults engage in movement and social interaction in the galleries and through art-making activities. 📞

September 24 Thursday 4:30 – 6 pm
Art Kids Quackers

Children, 5-12 years, discover how pop culture inspires and influences art. Divided into age-appropriate groups, participants explore the supersized vinyl duck of Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman and *Homage to the World's Largest Rubber Duck* in the galleries and create their own mixed-media collage. 📞

September 25 Friday 10:30 – 11:15 am
Art Babies Rubber Duck Fun

Bring your little ones, birth-1 year, for multisensory fun and social interaction in the galleries and Art Park, the Museum's interactive family gallery. Baby gear, including prams, strollers, front packs, and blankets, are welcome. 📞



Poet Laureate Max Garland Residency

Thursday – Saturday, October 1 – 3



2014 Wisconsin Poet Laureate and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire professor Max Garland returns to the Woodson Art Museum. The award-winning poet, essayist, and fiction writer leads presentations, readings, and a workshop blending literature and the visual arts.



October 1 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Art 101 The Visual As Verbal – Understanding Ekphrastic Writing

Max Garland introduces ekphrasis, creative writing about artwork. Capturing visual elements in words – practiced by wordsmiths in ancient Greece – continues to inspire writers, including Garland. Hear passages and poems inspired by the visual arts, a stimulating interdisciplinary exercise designed to deepen art appreciation.

October 1 Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm

Hands-on Art

All ages are invited to drop in to create feather prints incorporating poems and words using stamps and stencils.



October 2 Friday 5 – 7 pm

Poetry Reading & Reception

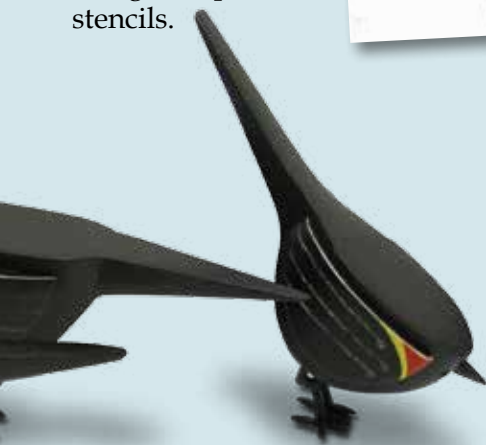
Author and educator Max Garland shares his love for birds and poetry by reading his avian-themed writing, 5-6 pm, in the galleries. Attendees are invited to read a work of their own during an open-mic session at 6 pm.

October 3 Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Writing & Art Workshop

Utilizing artworks on view for inspiration, Max Garland leads adults through creative-writing exercises to develop observational skills and craft visual metaphors. Fee: \$15, members; \$20, non-members; lunch provided.

 Call 715.845.7010 to register



October 3 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Art Park Open Studio

All ages drop in to make feather prints with provided materials.



Support for hands-on art-making supplies comes from the Walmart Foundation.



October 8 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

SPARK!

Bring a friend or family member with memory loss for engaging conversation and social interaction inspired by *Birds in Art*, followed by a hands-on art activity. ☎



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October 15 Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am

Art Time for Tots

Ravens, Roosters, and Owls – Oh, my!

Children, 1-4 years, and accompanying adults explore *Birds in Art* works through movement, stories, and hands-on art making. ☎



October 15 Thursday 4:30 – 6 pm

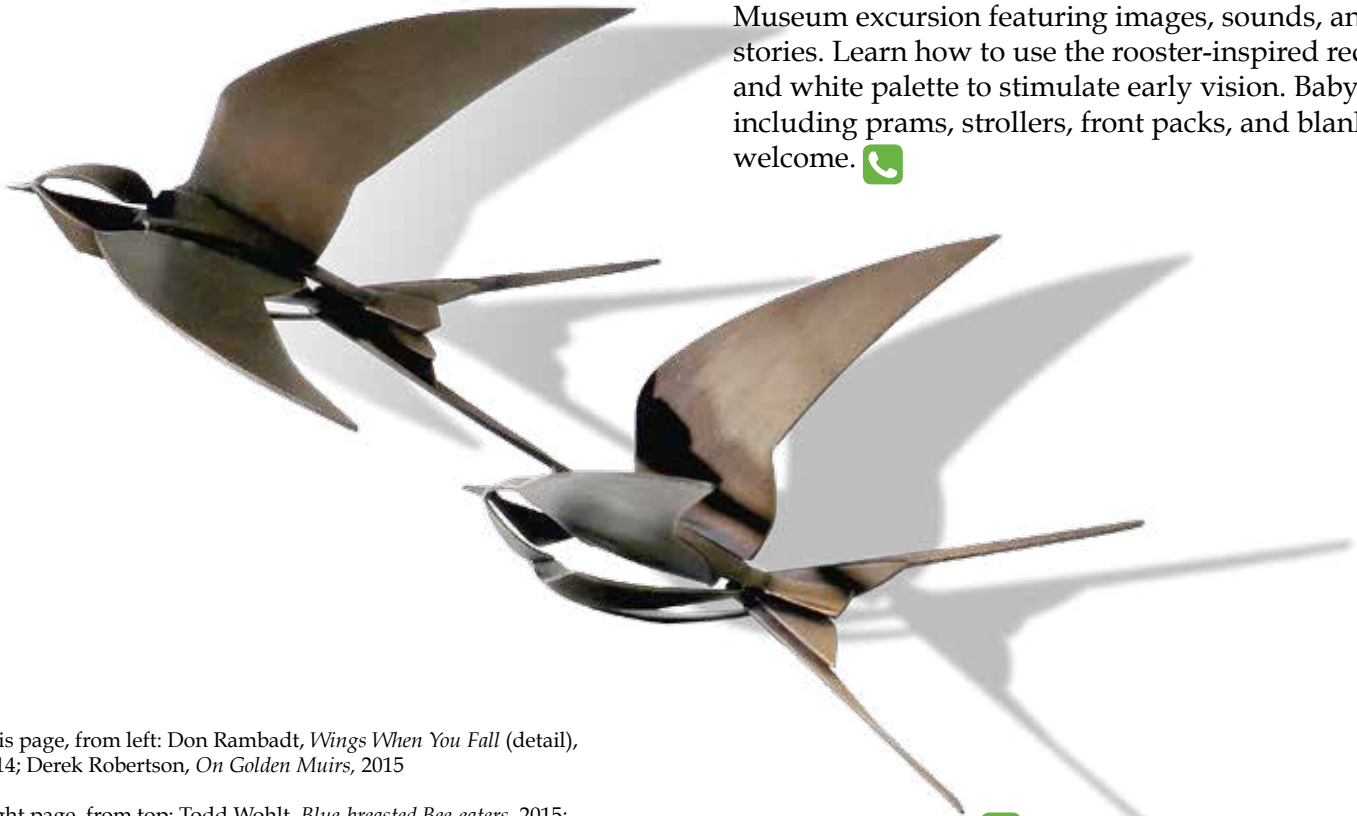
Art Kids Corvids Galore

Children, 5-12 years, in age-appropriate groups, view the many ravens and crows in *Birds in Art* and examine the powerful combination of black, red, and white in art. Participants design their own corvid-inspired, tri-colored print. ☎

October 16 Friday 10:30 – 11:15 am

Art Babies Cock-a-doodle-do!

Bring little ones, birth-1 year, for a rooster-themed Museum excursion featuring images, sounds, and stories. Learn how to use the rooster-inspired red, black, and white palette to stimulate early vision. Baby gear, including prams, strollers, front packs, and blankets, are welcome. ☎



This page, from left: Don Rambadt, *Wings When You Fall* (detail), 2014; Derek Robertson, *On Golden Muirs*, 2015

Right page, from top: Todd Wohlt, *Blue-breasted Bee-eaters*, 2015; Jenny Hyde-Johnson, *Diamonds and Rust*, 2015

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October 20 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Toddler Tuesday Rule the Roost

Toddlers, 18 months-4 years, dig in and make art inspired by *Birds in Art* roosters.

October 21 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm

Art 101 Still Life Reflections

Join Museum director Kathy Foley for a noontime exploration of still-life paintings. A look at Dutch masters sets the stage for contemporary practitioners of this rich and complex genre.

October 31 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Creative Corvids

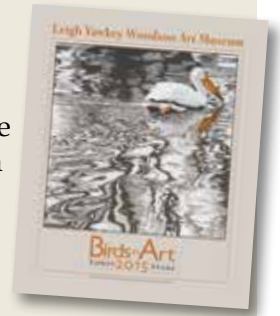
Sketching Live Birds

Ravens and crows flock to the Museum where the Raptor Education Group, Inc. (REGI) enlightens all ages about these captivating birds. Drop in to observe and sketch corvids; materials provided.

Exhibition Extras

Birds in Art Catalogue and Posters

The 132-page must-have catalogue features every artwork along with artists' statements; \$20. Three distinct posters; \$7.50 each; one shown here.



Activity Guide

Use this free guide, designed for all ages, to enhance in-gallery birding adventures.



Audio Tour App

Look closer and learn more from *Birds in Art* artists by listening on a Museum iPod, your smartphone, or tablet; all free!



Birds of a Feather: 40 Years Together

Add *Birds in Art* and Museum memories to the birch tree grove.



Art Park

Fold origami feathers for a seven-foot rooster. Explore avian-themed hands-on activities, costumes, puzzles, and books on the Reading Hills.





Alan Haney Residency

Thursday – Saturday, October 22 – 24

Ecologist, author, and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point emeritus professor and College of Natural Resources former dean Alan Haney presents programs during the Wisconsin Science Festival for environmental enthusiasts and budding birders of all ages. Learn more about the evolution of Wisconsin ecosystems and the effect of an ever-changing landscape on wildlife.

October 22 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Avian Anecdotes

Alan Haney introduces his 2014 book *Jewels of Nature: Delightful Birds I Have Known* and shares stories of his encounters with ninety-two Wisconsin bird species, inviting participants to consider familiar birds within the wider context of the natural world.

October 23 Friday 6 – 7:30 pm

Great Lakes Avian Ecology

Past, Present, and Future

Three University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point experts – ecologist Alan Haney, Museum of Natural History director Ray Reser, and professor and conservation biologist Eric Anderson – engage in a panel discussion focused on the history and transformation of the regional landscape and the resulting ripple effects on bird populations.

October 24 Saturday 1 – 2 pm & 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Family In-Gallery Birding

Children and accompanying adults tour *Birds in Art* with ecologist Alan Haney and explore the behavior and personalities of local bird species “spotted” in artworks. Join in for a fun, interactive introduction to avian stars on view in the galleries and area backyards.



Robert Caldwell Artist Residency

Thursday – Saturday, November 5 – 7



Robert Caldwell's passion for art and the outdoors first flourished during high school studio-art classes and backpacking adventures. Tapping into years of field experiences and his keen observations of everyday surroundings, Robert uses patience and precision to create detailed, dramatic drawings and paintings. During Museum presentations, demonstrations, and a workshop, he'll reveal how building up layers of graphite or paint to develop a range of values results in realistic textures and forms.

November 5 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Art 101

Drawing Inspiration: Great Graphite

Join Robert Caldwell for a closer look at artworks in the Museum's collection that inspire him. Discover how Caldwell's dedicated studying, teaching, and creativity combined to develop his skills as a draftsman and painter.

November 5 Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm


Hands-on Art

All ages drop in and try graphite techniques to create still-life drawings inspired by Robert Caldwell's work.

November 7 Saturday 9 am – 2 pm

Drawing Workshop

Layering Graphite, Creating Form

Adults go beyond the basics and develop the power of the pencil using continuous-tone drawing techniques taught by Robert Caldwell. Learn how a careful study of form and value takes shape through layers of graphite. Fee: \$35, Museum members; \$45, non-members; all materials and lunch provided. 

November 7 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Art Park Open Studio

Bring the whole family and drop in to experiment with pencil, creating graphite drawings.



Support for hands-on art-making supplies comes from the Walmart Foundation.



November 7 Saturday 3 – 5 pm

Caldwell Open Studio

Watch how a meticulous drawing takes shape, how compositional plans for a painting emerge, and gain a new appreciation for pencil drawings during this drop-in session with Robert Caldwell.



November 12 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

SPARK!

Artwork from *Birds in Art* encourages social interaction and engaging conversation between individuals with memory loss and an accompanying friend or family member, followed by a hands-on art activity. 📞

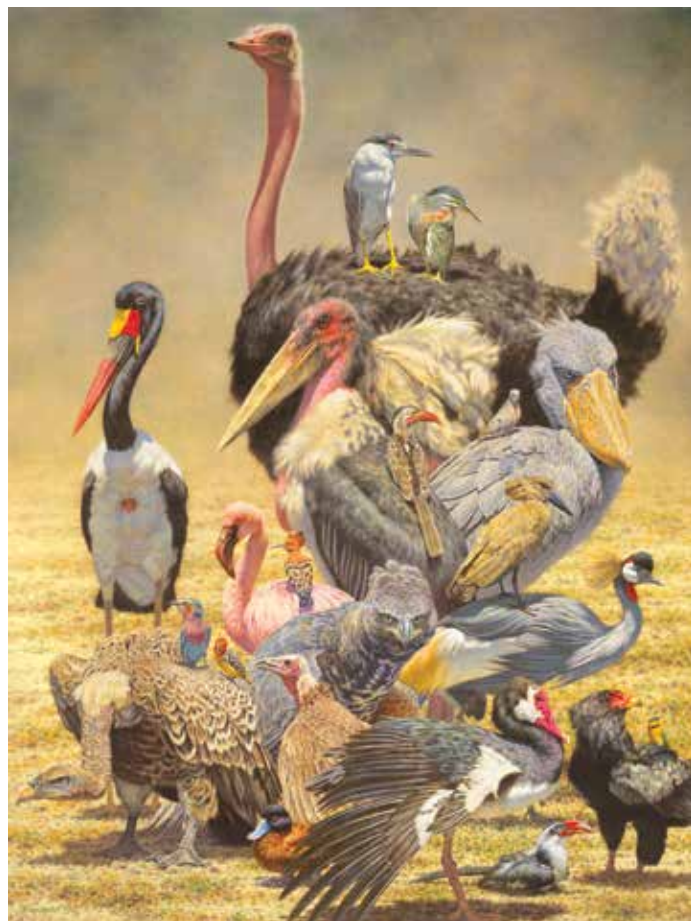


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November 12 Thursday 4:30 – 6 pm

Art Kids Luck of the Draw

Children, 5-12 years, in age-appropriate groups, explore tone and value in graphite drawing and create their own drawing inspired by artwork in the Museum's collection. 📞



November 14 Saturday 10:30 am – Noon

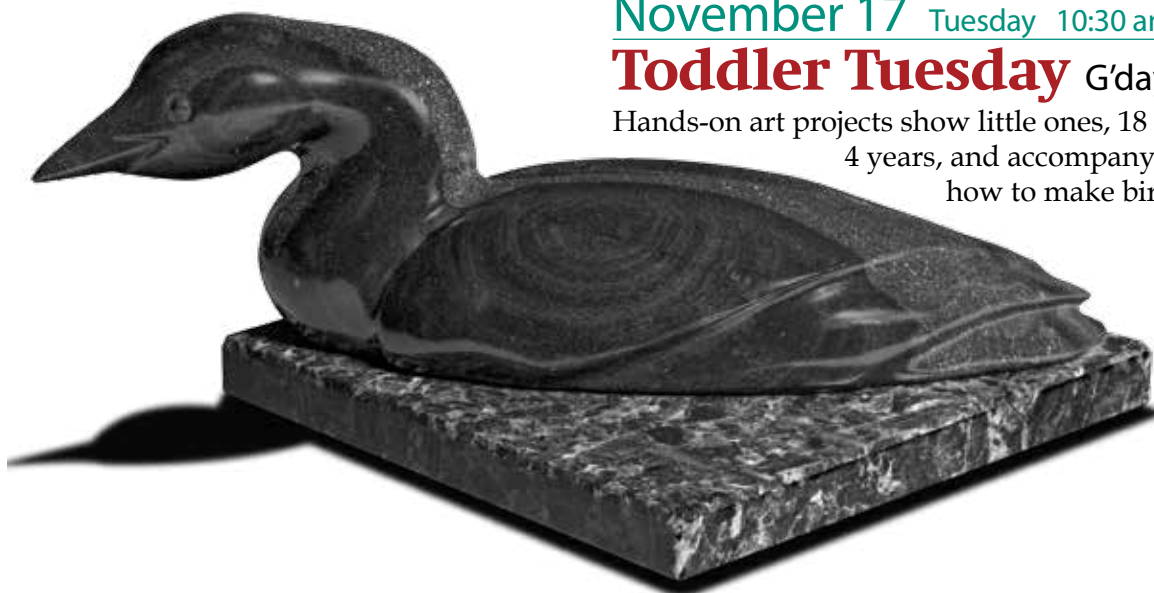
Art Beyond Sight

Individuals with low vision or blindness join Museum educators in the *Birds in Art* galleries, experiencing the exhibition through stories, conversation, and artists' materials that engage the senses and inspire hands-on art making. 📞

November 17 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Toddler Tuesday G'day, Mate

Hands-on art projects show little ones, 18 months-4 years, and accompanying adults how to make bird buddies.



📞 Call 715.845.7010 to register

Jan McAllaster Stommes Artist Residency

Wednesday – Saturday, November 18 – 21

Training as a research scientist helped Jan McAllaster Stommes hone observational skills and refine attention to detail. As an educator, Jan fulfilled her desire to connect others to her experiences and interests. As an artist, Jan deftly combines her talents as a communicator and observer to create artwork showcasing her love for the natural world, cooking, and *trompe l'oeil* painting.

November 18 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm

Art 101 Fooling the Eye

How does an artist create a successful optical illusion? Artist Jan McAllaster Stommes reveals the unusual challenges and rewards of *trompe l'oeil* painting during a *Birds in Art* gallery walk, noting still-life artistry that makes two dimensions appear as three.

November 19 Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm

Stommes Open Studio

Precision Painting

Drop in to watch Jan McAllaster Stommes at work as she discusses her process, materials, and inspiration.

November 21 Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

Egg Studies in Acrylic

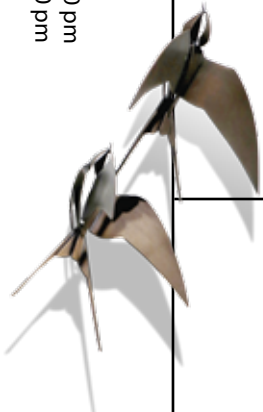
Teen & Adult Workshop

Painter Jan McAllaster Stommes works in a range of styles and mediums, portraying subjects as diverse as her artist's toolbox. The familiar shapes of bird eggs prove to be challenging and enticing subjects for 8 x 10" paintings inspired by the patterns and colors of songbird eggs. Fee: \$50, Museum members; \$65, non-members; all materials and lunch provided. 📞



This page: Jan McAllaster Stommes, *Trompe l'Oeil Series: Lovely Birds*, 2015




Left page, left to right: Nobuko Kumasaka, *See You Tomorrow*, 2015; Gene Reineking, *Northern Singer*, 2014; Brian Jarvi, *Silent Song, the Birds*, 2015

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