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An Artful New Year at TAM

December 9, 2019 (Tacoma, WA) — Start the new year at TAM with two new exhibitions *The Naturalist and The Trickster: Audubon/Ryan!* opening February 1 and *Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930s* opening February 22 as well as a wide-array of programs and activities. Tacoma-Pierce County teens will want to plan to come to the Museum on March 27 for TAM Teen Night when the TAM Teen Art Council will take over the Museum with programming and art-making just for teens. Finally, January 19 will be the final day of *Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest*.

New Exhibitions

The Naturalist and The Trickster: Audubon/Ryan!

February 1- May 10, 2020

Although centuries apart, artists John James Audubon and RYAN! Feddersen have drawn inspiration from animals and the natural world to create compelling work that urges us to better understand the human impact on the environment. As 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, TAM presents this exhibition which explores themes of animals, environmentalism, and conservation.

Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930s

February 22 – August 16, 2020

Alongside new highways and bridges, government investment in Northwest public art and artists in the 1930s stimulated economic recovery and resulted in hundreds of artworks whose story has been untold, until now! The exhibition will offer an extensive overview of the work created in our region and bring forgotten treasures back to view. Part of TAM's historical Northwest Perspective exhibition series, it will be accompanied by a major publication.

Events

Press Preview

Thursday, February 20, 10-11:30 am

Please contact Hillary Ryan at hryan@tacomaartmuseum.org to reserve your spot.

TAM Member Opening

Friday, February 21, 5-8 pm

Special Events

TAM Teen Night

Friday, March 27, 7-10pm

What would happen if teens took over Tacoma Art Museum? Find out at Teen Night, a teens-only event for students age 13-18. This free biannual event opens up the entire museum for gallery activities, music and dance performances, artmaking sessions, photo ops and dancing!

FREE

Education Programs

Homeschool Day: Scientific Illustration

February 5, 10am – 2 pm

Scientists use sketches and drawings to record their findings. Be a scientist-artist for the day and explore John James Audubon's mammal drawings. Create your own scientific illustrations from real animal artifacts. Spend time exploring the galleries on your own with self-guided activities. Check out art-making activities in TAM Studio.

\$10 per student; one adult chaperone per family free (\$5 per additional adult); children under 4 free

No Longer Forgotten: Uncovering the Stories of WPA Artists in the Northwest

Sunday, February 23, 2 pm

Join TAM's Interim Chief Curator and Curator of Collections and Special Exhibitions, Margaret Bullock, and co-authors and art historians Dr. Roger Hull and David F. Martin for a discussion of Northwest public art of the New Deal era. Though it has been long thought that the federal art projects of the Northwest were fairly small and that few works survived, research now shows that the projects in the Northwest were widespread and highly productive employing more than 600 artists and generating thousands of artworks. Hear stories about how this work was uncovered and rediscovered across Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Cost: \$10 (\$5 members/students)

Full STEAM Ahead: A K-12 Educator Workshop

Saturday, February 29, 9am-4pm, will be held at LeMay- America's Car Museum

Tacoma's Museum District brings you creative new ways to incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics into your classroom. Educators from America's Car Museum, Foss Waterway Seaport, Museum of Glass, Tacoma Art Museum and the Washington State History Museum provide engaging, hands-on workshops for both primary and secondary teachers.

Participation qualifies educators to receive up to 6 clock hours via PSESD. Registration includes lunch, cross-curricular lesson plans, parking and admission to each museum.

REGISTRATION OPEN SOON!

How are you incorporating STEAM into your classroom? Do you have questions for the STEAM panelists? If so, share them on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) with the hashtag #FullSTEAM2020.

Please check with your school district regarding reimbursement for professional development.

Lecture: Roger van Oosten

Sunday, March 8, 1 pm

Join us for this exclusive members-only program. Our special lecturer Roger van Oosten will be focusing on the artworks produced in Washington under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). This program will be a lecture with questions followed by a tour of the exhibition *Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930s*.

TAM Teach! Teacher Workshop: WPA Then and Now

Thursday, March 12

Secondary workshop 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Elementary workshop 4:30 – 7:30 pm

During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration and other federally-funded arts projects changed the face of the Pacific Northwest, and inspired artists of many varieties. Explore artwork created for these art projects, investigating the historical and social context of the art and artists. Learn how artwork can support students' learning in social studies classes at all levels.

Cost: \$15 per person for a 3-hour workshop; clock hours provided

Ongoing Exhibitions:

Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest
September 28, 2019 – January 19, 2020

Metaphor into Form: Art in the Era of the Pilchuck Glass School
January 19, 2019 - On extended view

Debora Moore: Arboria
January 19, 2019 - On extended view

Mary Van Cline: The Documenta Project
January 19, 2019- On extended view

Immigrant Artists and the American West
February 3, 2018 - On extended view

Native Portraiture: Power and Perception
February 10, 2018 – On extended view

Places to Call Home: Settlements in the West
February 17, 2018 – On extended view

Winter in the West
February 17, 2018 – On extended view

Animals: Wild and Captured in Bronze
January 27, 2018 – On extended view

Dale Chihuly at Tacoma Art Museum
On extended view

Installations and Outdoor Sculpture

Untitled by Richard Rhodes

Current by Martin Blank

Kinetic Repose by Julie Speidel

Blanket Stories: Transportation Object, Generous Ones, Trek by Marie Watt

Explorers by Scott Fife

Leroy, The Big Pup by Scott Fife

Wings by Ginny Ruffner

Ongoing Programs

Studio and Storytime

Second Saturday of every month, 11 am - 2 pm

Tacoma Art Museum hosts a variety of fun experiences especially for children ages 2–8 and their families. Try out a new art style in TAM Studio with an activity led by TAM staff. Hear a story in the galleries and explore related works of art. It's fun for the whole family!

Cost: TAM Studio activity is free; Storytime in the galleries is free with admission.

Paint to Learn

First Thursday of every month, 6 pm

Paint to Learn is an initiative to increase math readiness skills of young children. Children and caregivers paint canvases together with a focus on early math learning. The painting curriculum uses shapes, numbers, size, measurement, and patterns as guiding principles to increase knowledge of child development, while simultaneously helping young learners gain the skills needed to be Kindergarten-ready in math. Designed for families with children 2-6 years old, come Paint to Learn in your community!

Cost: Free

Neighborhood Nights

Every Thursday, 5 - 8 pm

There is always something fun to do at TAM! Stop in for performances, artist demonstrations, and more every week. Head upstairs to see TAM Local Community Art installations. Go to TAM Studio or Drawing Jam to create your own work of art. Enjoy happy hour specials in TAM Cafe from 4–7 pm.

Cost: Free

O.P.E.N. for Teens

Every Third Thursday, 6 - 8 pm

Join Tacoma Art Museum's Teen Art Council for O.P.E.N., a free night of Film, Open mic, and Art-Making just for teens!

Cost: Free

Public Tours

Thursdays, 6 pm and Saturdays, 2 pm

Join a TAM docent for a guided tour of the Best of TAM! Learn more about the Museum's relationship and role in the Tacoma community and check out our latest exhibitions. Tours last approximately 45 minutes, no RSVP required. Meet at the front desk in the main lobby.

Cost: Free

Dance Classes

Second Thursday of every month, 6:30 -7:30 pm

Kara O'Toole, along with her contemporary dance students from T.U.P.A.C., will guide participants through modern

dance phrases and relate movement expression to works of art on view at TAM. Plan to stay for the whole hour and wear comfortable clothes and shoes/socks you can move in. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.

Cost: Free

Girl Scout Badge Programs

Looking for something fun to do with your Girl Scout troop? Tacoma Art Museum offers badge programs for Brownies and Juniors! Book a badge program for your troop, or get together with another troop to make some new friends. Available for booking on weekends and Thursday evenings.

Cost: \$20 per Scout

Sponsorship Information

The Naturalist and The Trickster: Audubon/Ryan!

Exhibition organized by Tacoma Art Museum. John James Audubon is organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, Alabama. Exhibition generously supported by the Haub Family Endowment and, in part, ArtsFund.

Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930s

The exhibition is generously supported in part by ArtsFund and Tacoma Arts Commission.

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Exhibition supported by the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass

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Neighborhood Nights are generously sponsored by Columbia Bank

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About Tacoma Art Museum

Celebrating over 80 years, Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in Tacoma's downtown with a mission of connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region, 25% of which consists of studio glass. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; and one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast. In 2012, TAM received a gift of more than 300 works of western American art from the Haub Family Collection, one of the premier such collections in the nation and the first major western American art museum collection in the Northwest. The Haub family also contributed \$20 million for an endowment and expansion completed in 2014. In January 2019, TAM inaugurated the Rebecca and Jack Benaroya Wing which features the extensive Benaroya collection of studio glass, as well as, TAM's own

collection of studio glass, which was started in 1971. TAM is located in the heart of Tacoma's vibrant Museum District which consists of six museums including the Museum of Glass, a frequent collaborator.

HOURS – Tues–Sun 10 am–5 pm; FREE Neighborhood Nights every Thursday 5–8 pm

ADMISSION – \$18 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to four children age 6-18), Children 5 and under free every day. Children 18 and under free every Saturday. TAM Members; active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free.

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