FROM THE PRESIDENT

After thirty-two inches of snow in April, spring was more welcome than ever this year. Because with it has come vibrant new life and a wonderful flurry of activity in the Art Park. Artist programs and special tours have already been enjoyed by many, and a record number of students—over 1,300 this school year—are making discoveries in the park on their school field trips.

This year, we have been ruminating on the idea of “stewardship.” The term may conjure different meanings for different people, but to me it is a reminder to care for the park and all its visitors. We are doing this by investing in art and programs; expanding the scope of our outreach; and providing educational experiences that enlighten visitors of all ages. Stewardship also reminds us of the important responsibility to refine and improve the park, and to preserve it for the long-term.

In these pages, you will see the results of good stewardship in action: the positive and productive efforts of staff, board members, volunteers, and generous donors. You also play a part, whenever you share your Art Park experience with someone in your life.

So I hope you are making plans now for your next visit. There are plenty of wonderful ways to experience Michigan Legacy Art Park this year!

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On the cover: Jillian Speece of The Bergamot will return to Summer Sounds on July 6. Photo by John Bullington

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Trillium near Eric Troffkin’s Communications Vine.

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CLOCKWISE: David Barr’s Sawpath No 4 in January · Master storyteller Jenifer Strauss delights the audience at Fairies & Forts · 2017 Legacy Award recipients Doug and Anne Stanton · Water Brought The Trees by Pamela Ayers floats among wildflowers · Snowshoe hikers enjoy a guided tour · Lake Ann students record observations on William Allen’s Frog · The Sweet Water Warblers perform a memorable Summer Sounds concert to a full house at the Art Park amphitheater

DAVID BARR LEGACY ARTIST RESIDENCY
Michigan Legacy Art Park has expanded the artist-in-residence program to create the David Barr Legacy Artist Residency. This new opportunity for artists is inspired by the work and life of sculptor and Art Park founder David Barr.

A collaboration with Villa Barr—a City of Novi park and the namesake’s storied former home—increases opportunities for artists from diverse backgrounds to explore their work, and also broadens the scope for both organizations to host multiple residencies throughout the year.

It is an exciting development for an already successful program that invests in artists and involves community enrichment and educational experiences.

michlegacyartpark.org/residency
THE BERGAMOT  
Friday, July 6  
Back by popular demand, this enchanting couple brings poignant songwriting and a highly engaging performance.

MEMBERS RECEPTION  
All current MLAP members are invited to attend this special reception preceding The Bergamot concert. Please RSVP by June 25.

NINA & THE BUFFALO RIDERS  
Friday, July 13  
Led by Nina Ledesma’s powerhouse vocals, this buzzworthy Detroit band has a soulful classic rock sound that everyone can love.

SALLY ROGERS & CLAUDIA SCHMIDT  
Friday, July 20  
Performing together at the Art Park for the first time in fifteen years, these two torchbearers of folk music return for what is sure to be a night to remember.

JONATHAN TIMM  
Friday, July 27  
After years refining his craft in Nashville, this Traverse City native has returned with an alt-country sound that blends rock, country, and indie music.

GRUPO AYÉ  
Saturday, August 4  
An energetic ten-piece Latin orchestra sure to please with a mixture of Cuban Timba, Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, and Latin Jazz.

NASHON HOLLOWAY BAND  
Saturday, August 11  
Nashon Holloway wowed the Summer Sounds audience last year. Her soulful performance promises to be a memorable series finale.

EVENT TICKETS AND INFO  
To sponsor or purchase tickets for an event, please visit the Art Park website.

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SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES  
PRESENTED BY MO & LINDA WHITE  
7-9pm  
Tickets: $10 · Kids Free

DROP-IN PROGRAMS  
Between 9am and noon*

These experiential programs are designed for visitors of all ages and abilities to develop a more personal relationship with art and nature.

FLAGS OF GOOD INTENTIONS  
July 6  
Enjoy an introspective art project led by fiber and mixed media artist Deona Paine followed by a contemplative hike to Sanctuary.

PINE CONE BIRDS  
July 7  
Create your own environmental artwork with Patricia Imms inspired by her Art Park installation, Robins!

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS  
July 13 - August 18  
Fridays and Saturdays  
Join environmental interpreter Ramona DeGoro-Venegas for art projects and a wealth of information on the natural surroundings.

*July 14 program will take place from 2-5pm

GUIDED TOURS AT MICHIGAN LEGACY ART PARK  
Enjoy a themed tour of the Art Park at 2:30pm on the fourth Sunday of each month. June through October.

STORYTELLING TOUR  
June 24 & August 26  
Become immersed in Michigan history, legends, and lore with master storyteller Jenifer Strauss.

YOGA TOUR  
July 22  
A “forest bathing” yoga hike inspired by the art in the park in collaboration with Crystal Mountain Peak Fitness.

ART WALK WITH DEWEY BLOCKSMA  
September 23  
Artist Dewey Blocksma will offer insights into the artwork and talk in depth about his piece, The Wheels of Progress.

RIDING TOURS: For those with limited mobility, ATV tours are available on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am - June 20-August 18. Call (231) 378-4963 to reserve your seat.

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FAIRIES & FORTS  
Saturday, June 16 - 2pm  
Free admission all day

This family tradition welcomes summer at Michigan Legacy Art Park. Enjoy art projects at Discovery Grove, a story and music performance from Jenifer Strauss and Miriam Pico, and a bagpipe march to the the Fort.

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WEEPING WILLOW
A beautiful wood sculpture by northern Michigan artist Les Scruggs was recently added to the Art Park’s permanent collection. Weeping Willow sits at the center of Sanctuary, and together provide a contemplative space for viewers.

WATER BROUGHT THE TREES
Pamela Ayers was invited to create an ephemeral sculpture, Water Brought The Trees. The boat-shaped installation, composed from materials found in nature, seems to float through the wildflowers growing around the trailhead.

CHRIS OLSZEWSKI
Foundation Studies professor at Savannah College of Art and Design and active member of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation, Chris Olszewski visited Michigan Legacy Art Park as part of his “Vision Quest” project, “an ongoing investigation into cultural identity and the ever-changing landscape.” He led public hands-on art programs and spent four days working with hundreds of area students as part of his week-long residency at the Art Park.

EQUATION/BARR PARK
Equation, a sculpture by Art Park founder David Barr was recently donated to the park from the City of Novi. This beautiful work will be displayed on loan at the new Barr Park at Crystal Mountain.

CASS CORRIDOR COMES NORTH
An exhibit of work by Detroit artist Robert Sestok will be installed at the Art Park this June. Sestok is one of several artists who came to prominence as part of the Cass Corridor movement, which is considered by many as the only major 20th century art movement to emerge from Detroit.

A 2017 Kresge Visual Arts Fellow, Bob’s work is held in numerous collections and has been exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Museum of Contemporary Art (Chicago), Cranbrook Museum of Art, and Marianne Boesky Gallery (New York City), among others. Over three decades of his work can also be seen at City Sculpture Park, a public art space he opened in 2015. Sestok’s work will be on display at Michigan Legacy Art Park through spring 2020.

POURING INTO THE NEXT GENERATION
Marquette artist Theresa Smith completed a highly successful residency at the Art Park this past fall. In addition to time spent on her own artwork, Theresa visited five area high school art classes, including Brethren, Frankfort, Kingsley, Mesick, and the Leelanau School. She was able to teach the students about the iron casting process, its history, and the science behind it. The students used simple tools to scratch their own designs into square molds and then had the opportunity to see the molds poured with molten iron at a spectacular iron pour event.

Many people from the community came to see this dynamic process in action. Dozens of volunteers helped with everything from preparation, pouring, and breaking away the molds once they were cast. This artist residency was a perfect demonstration of the lasting impact that happens when various components of the Art Park mission are integrated into a single program.

This program was an impactful enrichment activity for my students because it connected art, history, career opportunities, and so much more.

— Kristine Harvey, Art Teacher, Frankfort-Elberta Public Schools

INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE DAY
On April 28, seven artists—including Artistic Director, Kaz McCue—visited the Art Park for a special International Sculpture Day tour. It was extremely interesting and insightful to hear stories and processes firsthand from Kaz, Dewey Blocksmans, David Petrakovitz, Sergio De Guisti, Kathy Rose Pizzo, Bill Allen, and Eric Troffkin.
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Committees are planning projects, guides are leading tours, postcards are mailed, trails are maintained, and the mission of the park is put into action every single day by the hard work and priceless passion of Art Park volunteers.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Troy DeShano: troy@michlegacyartpark.org

Meet Patricia Innis

Behind the field trips, workshops, and education programs is Education Director, Patricia Innis. Patricia has a long history with the Art Park, and in addition to her valuable work as Education Director, she is the artist behind four environmental installations in the park: Robins!, Hemmingway Haunts, Serpent Mound, and Hemmingway Haunts. Patricia has a long history with the Art Park, and in addition to her valuable work as Education Director, she is the artist behind four environmental installations in the park: Robins!, Hemmingway Haunts, Serpent Mound, and Hemmingway Haunts.

This spring—thanks to funding from the Jewell Arts Program—Patricia spent four days with Kristine Harvey’s students at Frankfort-Elberta Elementary. The students love learning about themselves and nature while creating pine cone birds and nests, and constructing their own "special place" models from found materials.
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From sculpture installation and maintenance, to concerts and youth education programs, your gifts directly benefit mission-driven activities. Thank You!

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