
VMFA
*Council
Connections*

10.2.23



Explorations in Charlottesville

Monday, October 30, 2023 - 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Registration is now open.

Cost: \$170

Click [Here](#) to Register

Come explore the **Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection**. Groups of 10 will rotate between the Focus Gallery, Special Gallery, Storage and Study area or Gift Shop. Groups will be guided by Jaimeson Daley, Manager of Education & Programs, Eleanore Neumann, Associate Curator, and Nicole Wade, Collections Manager. The museum is closed to the public on Mondays so our visit will be very personal and allow us access to areas not normally available.

Following the tour of the museum, a seated luncheon will be held in the Lower Gallery of **The Quirk Hotel, Charlottesville**. After lunch participants will split into three groups that will alternate visits to the Workshop of **Gabriel Ofiesh Jewelry** and the Downtown Mall (I suggest you stop by **Caspari** while you are there). Gabriel Ofiesh's jewelry is featured in the VMFA Shop. It has historically been one of the best-selling jewelry lines since coming to the Shop.

Gabriel has been selected by a jury to be featured in the upcoming **Smithsonian Craft & Design Show in Washington DC** and in the **Richmond Craft & Design Show at Main St Station**. He will also have a trunk show at the VMFA Shop December 8 -10, 2023 (11-7 on Friday and 11-4 on Saturday). This chance to meet him and visit his studio, to learn about his vision for jewelry design and to see the pieces as they are created is a VERY SPECIAL treat for The Council! - *MaryMoss Walker* -



This trip requires walking during each stop (10 minutes at a time), please wear comfortable shoes.

Wine Seminars

Thursday, October 19 OR October 26, 2023

Birch Douglass Room - 4:00 - 5:30 pm

These events are now open to Council Members' Guests.

VMFA's Level 3 Sommelier, Nikia Lemaire, will guide you through the art of tasting wine and building the muscle memory of your senses.

Ticket price (\$47) includes instructions, materials, wine tasting and light hors d'oeuvres.

Click [here](#) to register for October 19.

Click [here](#) to register for October 26.

COMING SOON . . . VMFA TEA ROOM

40 Council Members will have the opportunity for an exclusive sneak peak of VMFA's newest dining concept in the Pauley Parlor on Monday, November 13, 2023 from 12 – 3pm.

Registration will open October 17.



The Council President Wants YOU!!

Join us and help create a dynamic team to deliver friendly, informative, fun and informal orientation sessions for new Council members. We are looking for outgoing, organized, and enthusiastic team members who enjoy welcoming new Council members and sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge of The Council and VMFA! This is TRULY a super fun volunteer opportunity!

I look forward to hearing from you. Please email me at: nan.boyd@vmfa.museum

Thank you!
Nan Boyd

*President - The Council of VMFA
2023-2025*



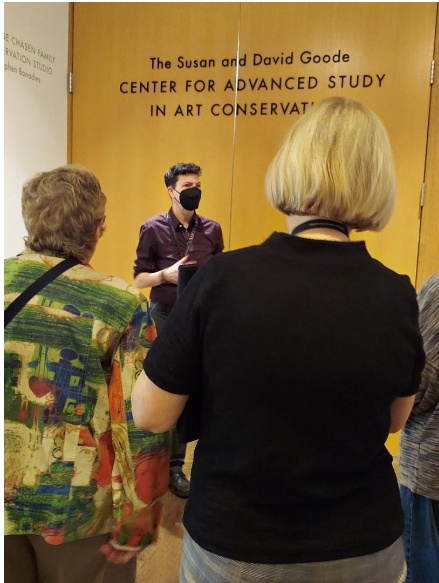
COUNCIL TOURS OF VMFA CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

On September 28, twenty-four Council members (2 groups of 12) enjoyed a tour of VMFA's Conservation area. They also met the staff who work there including Carol Sawyer, the long-time employee who designed the Painting Conservation lab as part of the 2010 expansion. The Conservation area is divided into three labs: Objects, Paintings, and Works on Paper (which includes photographs). There is also an Examination and Documentation Suite which contains state-of-the-art equipment.

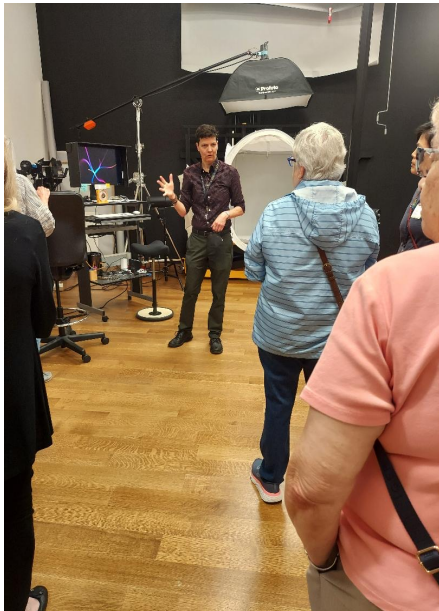
The primary focus and priority of the department is the preservation of the art. The Conservation Team reviews paintings proposed for acquisition and paintings that come out of storage before they are displayed. In addition to seeing the various conservation projects being worked on, the staff explained the various types of equipment used in the conservation process.

Many thanks to Debbie Linn, Interim Chief Conservator, for arranging and coordinating these Connect and Learn educational tours.

- Diane Barbour -



Introduction



Equipment Area



Objects Conservation Area



Painting Conservation Area

Learn About Updates in Volgistics

On Thursday, September 28 a new look and feel was rolled out in Volgistics, along with some assignment name changes.

You're invited to a Zoom *Overview of the Volgistics Updates* on Wednesday, Oct 4, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

[Click to LOGIN to the Volgistics Updates Zoom](#)

The link to the meeting can also be found in the email you received on September 19 from **The Council of VMFA**.

Jan DePratti
Technology Management - Volgistics



Leveraging Technology in a Human World Hybrid Conference

Join us as we explore how to prepare our volunteer programs to leverage technology in an inclusive, responsible, and creative way.

www.eventbrite.com

Kim Frola shared a GRAVA (Greater Richmond Association for Volunteer Administration) Evite in case any Council Members would like to attend this event in person which will be held at VMFA. This hybrid conference presented by Al!ve (Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement), Better Impact, and Volunteer Management Professionals of Canada (VMPC) is now in its ninth year, with this year's focus on the quickly changing landscape of technology, especially artificial intelligence (AI) Wednesday October 18, 2023 8:30 – 4:00 pm \$65

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

***Please log in to Volgistics here and
enter your volunteer hours today!***

Thank you!

If you have an article to include in the next issue of **VMFA Council Connections**, please contact Linda Gill (lagill@verizon.net) or Diane Barbour (dbarb9214@aol.com) by noon on Thursday, October 12, 2023.
