

RIVER NORTH DESIGN DISTRICT HOSTS 9TH ANNUAL FALL GALLERY WALK SEPTEMBER 6

Presented by Sherwin-Williams



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The River North Fall Gallery Walk is back and it's our biggest year yet! Twenty-one design showrooms and galleries will come alive with art from some of the brightest talents on the scene, paired with vignettes from Chicago's top designers. The result? Insta-worthy feasts for the eye to inspire anyone who wants to make their home a beautiful haven.

(Chicago May 14, 2024) The River North Design District proudly announces this year's annual River North Fall Gallery Walk on September 6. The walk is comprised of 21 locations with special events throughout River North, featuring 34 artists and 20 designer vignettes. The Gallery Walk's philanthropic partners include the Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation and Humble Design, both of which will receive a portion of the proceeds.

The walk is free and open to the public except for the opening night kickoff and afterparties. Showrooms will have extended hours on September 6 and will offer food and libations (details below). The vignettes will be on display until October 7.

The event's host committee includes Dina Bair, WGN Newscaster; Daniel Kinkade, Daniel Kinkade Fine Art; Randy Fifield, Randy Fifield Modern Living; Jeffrey Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson Pictures; Nicole Flevaris, Kinzie Chop House; and Nina Mariano, Nina.

"As we mark our 11th year of creativity and innovation since the founding of the River North Design District, we are ecstatic to unveil a truly spectacular evening at our Gallery Walk. This evening promises to be an immersive celebration, uniting industry luminaries, devoted art aficionados, and visionary designers alike. Prepare to be dazzled as we showcase an eclectic array of esteemed artists hailing from every corner of the globe, alongside some of Chicago's most revered design talents. Beyond merely serving as design hubs, we are proud to reaffirm our role as collaborative stewards, actively nurturing and elevating the vibrant art community nestled within the dynamic heart of River North." — Mike Cao, President, River North Design District

*The walk begins with a VIP Kick-Off Party at The Luxury Bed Collection, 120 West Hubbard St, from 4:30-6pm where guests will embark on a sensual journey embracing the roles of weavers, sculptors, and designers, threading tales of intimacy and emotions into every fabric. Artwork by Bobbi Meier and Seonyoung Lee reveal innermost desires. Guests will enjoy NavyBlacks' curated beats, luscious cocktails, and exquisite culinary delights as The Luxury Bed Collection provides the perfect setting for the risque.

**An immersive safari themed After Party, with a silent auction consisting of artist decorated illuminated Seletti primates will be held at the walk's conclusion at Lightology, 215 West Chicago Ave, from 8-11 pm. All auction proceeds will benefit Humble Design. A designer vignette, a collab with Yamini Design and Interiors by Francesca, will be on display along with art exhibitions featuring work from Sam Goble and from Alma Art + Interiors Nancy Natow-Cassidy, Yvette Kaiser Smith, Jackie Kazarian, and Darren Oberto. The event includes special performances, live music, food, and libations.

Kick-Off and After Party tickets are \$55 each if purchased in advance. Tickets will go on sale in July. Check the [website](#) for periodic event updates.

The River North Design District is proud to be working with the following partners: Sherwin-Williams, Heritage Auctions, MDA Lites, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co, Euro-Marble, LG Group, Ferguson Bath Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, Hardly Water, Mammoth Distilling, Modern Luxury Interiors Chicago, Chicago Gallery News, Kennicott Brothers, Art Encounter, Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID IL), The Merchandise Mart, River North Residents Association, National Association of the Remodeling Industry, BIACG, SOAR, and WCA.

"The Gallery Walk opens the doors wide to a diverse tapestry of individuals, welcoming all to immerse themselves in the enchanting realm of art and design. In a world where exclusivity often prevails, this event stands as a beacon of inclusivity, offering free access to all who seek inspiration and beauty. The showrooms serve as dynamic canvases for boundless creativity, inviting every visitor to envision their own unique artistic journey within their home sanctuaries. Here, amidst the myriad displays and installations, anyone can discover the transformative power of art, infusing their living spaces with personal meaning and aesthetic resonance." — Jill Maremont, Executive Director of River North Design District.

Participants include:

*Navy Black Studio featuring Bobbi Meier and Seonyoung Lee at **The Luxury Bed Collection**

•Stone Textile Studio featuring Melissa Herrington and Sara Schneckloth of Gallery 1871 at **Artists Frame Service**

•Bridgette Haulenbeek Interiors featuring Steven Haulenbeek and Studio Heron's Dee Clements at **bulthaup**

•Xcēd Design Build featuring Sonya Benham and Dan Nelson at **Studio41**

•Hailey Lauren Designs featuring Grace Federighi, Anai Singer, and Yvette Lenzi of City Haus Chicago at **TOTO**

•Epic Interiors featuring Pamela Staker at **Kohler Signature Store by Studio41**

Interiors by Francesca and Yamini Designs featuring Sam Goble and Alma Art + Interiors featuring Nancy Natow-Cassidy, Yvette Kaiser Smith, Jackie Kazarian, and Darren Oberto at **Lightology

•DIFFA Art for Life Pop Up with Samantha Haring, Jeff Cote, and Ramin Takloo Bighash curated by Oliver Aguilar at **Altalia Furniture**

•Zach Hayes Design featuring Diana Noh at **Molteni&C**

•KP Home featuring Fontaine Scarelli at **Poliform**

•En Masse Architecture and Design with Adriana Miranda at **Rimadesio**

•VF Interiors featuring Jonathan Pliego at **Roca Tile**

•Elizabeth Krueger Design featuring Opame Pop Up with artist Kansai Noguchi at **O'Brien Harris**

•Unpatterened featuring Brenda Jackson at **Farrow & Ball**

•the workshop design studio featuring Donna Drapeau at **Mobili Mobel**

•Adina Hall Design featuring Michiko Itatani of Jean Albano at **Heritage Auctions**

•Tom Stringer Design Partners featuring Marketa Sivek of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at **Oscar Isberian**

•KBS Interior Design featuring Magdalena Krzak of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at **ARMAZEM.design**

•Beige by Michael Morganti featuring Laurie Kwo at **Daltile**

•Megmade featuring Yaha at **California Closets**

•Honsen Interiors featuring artists Michael Alan Kaskel and Martina Nehrling at **210 Design House**

Event Recap

Opening Night: Friday, September

All showroom events are FREE (except for the Kick-Off and After Party) and open to the public from 5 pm-8 pm.

***Kick-off Party hosted by The Luxury Bed Collection**

120 West Hubbard St, from 4:30-6pm.

Tickets available at: <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rnnd-fall-gallery-walk/>

****After Party hosted by Lightology**

215 West Chicago Ave, from 8-11 pm

Tickets available at: <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rnnd-fall-gallery-walk/>

Please visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rnnd-fall-gallery-walk/> for more information, updates, and to purchase tickets. Space is limited.

FULL SCHEDULE OF OPENING NIGHT EVENTS:

Designer hi-res images:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/46cfv4u3971fh7j3membh/AMgBDDd1GNEVE3eyjHESJcw?rlkey=3myf3pqfek4ohju1f60d2j223&st=mszqipmn&dl=0>

Catch the trolley (featuring live art statues) from the north end of RNDD to the south end of RNDD, courtesy of Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies and Euro Marble Supply. Trolley locations are indicated on program book maps. Trolley runs from 5:00-9:00 pm at these stops:

The Luxury Bed Collection | 120 West Hubbard St

210 Design House | 210 W. Illinois St.

Altalia Furniture | 410 W. Grand Ave.

****Lightology** | 215 West Chicago Ave

***Navy Black Studio featuring Bobbi Meier and Seonyoung Lee at The Luxury Bed Collection**

120 West Hubbard St

***Trolley Stop

Step into a tantalizing realm where rebellious threads entwine with daring creativity. Join us in an immersive journey where we embrace the roles of weavers, sculptors, and designers, threading tales of intimacy and emotions into every fabric. Let Bobbi Meier and Seonyoung Lee be your guides as we embark on an electrifying adventure, accompanied by NAVYBLACK's curated beats, luscious cocktails, and exquisite culinary delights. Welcome to The Luxury Bed Collection—an experience where every touch whispers secrets, every glance reveals hidden desires, and every moment is an invitation to indulge in the art of sensuality.

Stone Textile Studio featuring Melissa Herrington and Sara Schneckloth of Gallery 1871 at Artists Frame Service
433 N. Wells St.

Explore the art of storytelling at Artists Frame Service - River North with a chic vignette inspired by a Parisian art magazine editor's office from Stone Textile Studio by Elizabeth Mollen. Dramatic artwork from gallery 1871 artists Melissa Herrington and Sara Schneckloth will be complemented by signature French-inspired cocktails and light bites.

Bridgette Haulenbeek Interiors featuring Steven Haulenbeek and Studio Heron's Dee Clements at bulthaup
313 W. Superior St., Suite 109

Mixing Passion with Purpose: Making an impact while combining craft, fine art and everyday essentials is top of mind for Bridgette Haulenbeek and designers Steven Haulenbeek of SHDC and Dee Clements of Studio Herron. These artists' mastery of the Art of Materiality - whereby common or scrap materials are reimagined into intricate woven, sculpted, and carved fine objects and functional art - is analogous to Bridgette's interior design technique. Join this dreamy team at bulthaup kitchens to experience how they challenge barriers between fine art and the quotidian.

Xcēd Design Build featuring Sonya Benham and Dan Nelson at Studio41
225 W. Hubbard St.

The Kaleidoscope Experience: Skip into a journey of color, light and texture with our featured artists, Daniel Nelson and Sonya Benham. With each twist, our Xced Design Build creative team will take you through colors that dance and blend in intricate patterns. The nostalgic tunes will ignite your child-like creativity and evoke feelings of joy, fascination and awe as you move through the luxurious showroom of Studio 41 Hubbard Street. Enjoy light bites and creative cocktails along the way.

Hailey Lauren Designs featuring Grace Federighi, Anai Singer, and Yvette Lenzi of City Haus Chicago at TOTO
500 N. Wells St.

Join TOTO, Hailey Lauren Designs and City Haus Chicago for an evening inspired and curated by female empowerment with works by Grace Federighi, Yvette Lenzi and Anai Singer. Enjoy signature cocktails and light bites while emerging yourself in the beauty and celebration of women.

Epic Interiors featuring Pamela Staker at KOHLER Signature Store by Studio41
322 W. Hubbard St.

Explore a mixed-media sculptural experience inspired by recycling and transforming everyday materials into something more transcendent at KOHLER Signature Store by Studio41 - River North. The vignette designed by Epic Interiors featuring a large-scale suspended sculpture by artist Pamela Staker creates an organic, hand-wrought aesthetic pleasingly contrasted against the showroom's solid architectural surfaces.

****Interiors by Francesca and Yamini Designs featuring Sam Goble and Alma Art + Interiors featuring Nancy Natow-Cassidy, Yvette Kaiser Smith, Jackie Kazarian, and Darren Oberton at Lightology**
215 West Chicago Ave
***Trolley Stop

Safari Soiree: An Immersive Afrotrropic Experience. Step into the African rainforest with our Safari Soiree, an artistic exploration where guests will be transported to an enchanting rainforest landscape surrounded by modern art and captivating lighting. Immerse yourself in vibrant colors, rich textures, and the sounds of the wilderness as you embark on a journey through the untamed beauty of the rainforest. You will be welcomed with a bespoke cocktail as you explore the space, and you will enjoy the artistry and play of light that evokes the magic of the wild. Join us for an evening filled with tribal rhythms, dance, and celebration, where art, lighting, and design converge to awaken your senses, ignite your curiosity, and inspire a newfound appreciation for the beauty and diversity of our planet's most captivating landscapes.

DIFFA Art for Life Pop Up with Samantha Haring, Jeff Cote, and Ramin Takloo Bighash curated by Oliver Aguilar at Altalia Furniture

410 W. Grand Ave.

***Trolley Stop

Discover Artisan Fusion at Altalia Furniture, where creativity meets elegance. Featuring artists Ramin Takloo-Bighash, Samantha Haring, and Jeff Cote, our event blends Contemporary Art with luxury amidst our collection of fine Italian furniture brands. Enjoy beats by our DJ, sip our signature cocktail (the Artisan Sparkle), and savor delectable hors d'oeuvres. Join us for an unforgettable night celebrating art, design, and sophistication.

Zach Hayes Design featuring Diana Noh at Molteni&C

311 W. Superior St.

Beauty in the Breakdown: Rather than hide her struggle as a native-born American growing up in a traditional Korean household, artist Diana Noh literally rips, burns and tears apart those painful memories only to reassemble them into something greater than the sum of their parts. Molteni&C and Zach Hayes Design invite you to indulge in deconstructed delicacies and libations, and to experience how breaking down emotional walls can create something utterly breathtaking.

KP Home featuring Fontaine Scarelli at Poliform

445 N. Franklin St.

Step into a unique temporal nexus at Poliform, where the lines between past, present, and future dissolve into an extraordinary showcase of artistic expression curated by Kristen Pipal of KP Home in collaboration with Fontaine Scarelli of Scarelli Fine Arts. Indulge in refreshments and hors d'oeuvres as you embark on a journey fueled by curiosity, exploring a realm where time intertwines with boundless possibilities. Prepare to think beyond the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary.

En Masse Architecture and Design with Adriana Miranda at Rimadesio

225 W. Illinois St.

Sample nostalgic Chicago bites with an Italian influence as you discover the materials and process that Adriana Miranda brings to her layered and storied pieces in Rimadesio's beautiful minimal showroom. Experience the gritty, dynamic, and nostalgic work of Miranda with this look behind the scenes at an artist's studio and methods.

VF Interiors featuring Jonathan Pliego at Roca Tile

215 W. Illinois St.

Join us for an evening at Roca Tile where every hue tells a story and every dimension sparks imagination. VF interior's vibrant vignette takes center stage while Jonathan Pliego's art showcases textural and dimensional artwork. Against a backdrop of lively music, savor signature cocktails and indulge in delectable bites that flawlessly complement this artful and immersive experience.

Elizabeth Krueger Design featuring Opame Pop Up with artist Kansai Noguchi at O'Brien Harris
501 N. Wells St.

Join us for an intimate evening with Kansai Noguchi. Be the first to see renowned, Japanese artist, Kansai Noguchi's one-of-a-kind paintings and ceramics. Immerse yourself in his work, inspired by the Japanese prehistoric Jomon period, while indulging in gourmet bites, specialty cocktails, and a luxurious atmosphere created by Elizabeth Krueger Design and O'Brien Harris.

Unpatterened featuring Brenda Jackson at Farrow & Ball
449 N. Wells St.

Inspired by the Midwestern landscape—both natural and industrial, rural and urban Brenda Jackson's textural paintings set the tone for an evening immersed in color and pattern. By pairing Farrow & Ball's handcrafted painted paper and Jackson's art in eclectic vignettes, Unpatterened invites viewers to find the calm amongst the everyday chaos. Soak in the Midwestern vibes while enjoying light bites and refreshments at Farrow & Ball.

the workshop design studio featuring Donna Drapeau at Mobili Mobel
300 W. Superior St.

We invite you to dive into the whimsical world of artist Donna Drapeau, where playful dots and humble flowers serve as a metaphor for our bodies' dance with time and environment. Designer Kaila Kirkpatrick of workshop design studio draws inspiration from Donna's interpretation of the quirky evolution of our lives, translating that into an immersive space featuring some of Mobili Mobel's most unexpected pieces.

Adina Hall Design featuring Michiko Itatani of Jean Albano at Heritage Auctions
222 W Hubbard St.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of visionary art and creative design at Heritage Auctions, crafted by acclaimed interior design firm Adina Hall Design. Passionate about craftsmanship, Adina Hall Design creates an interior that exudes daring elegance by seamlessly blending decorative arts with a rich tapestry of cultural influences. Step into an immersive space, where every detail tells a story, featuring art by celebrated artist Michiko Itatani, courtesy of Jean Albano Gallery. Experience Itatani's mesmerizing and ethereal use of color and perspective, and discover the fusion of art and design as Adina Hall Design weaves its magic, creating an enchanting ambiance that imbues the art of living. Live music, delish bites, and sparkling drinks complete this experience, curated for elevating all of your senses.

Tom Stringer Design Partners featuring Marketa Sivek of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Oscar Isberian
120 W Kinzie St.

Through an airy terrace window, a rare look inside an in-town apartment treats the senses to a deft fusion of old and new; a burst of color and whimsy where contemporary art meets traditional surroundings in exotic materials, patterns, and textures. Join Tom Stringer Design Partners as they showcase Oscar Isberian's most coveted rug collections paired with the work of artist Marketa Sivek.

KBS Interior Design featuring Magdalena Krzak of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at ARMAZEM.design
212 W Superior St.

An Illusion Between a Home and a Woman's Emotions: Immerse yourself into this utopia with lush greenery and an elegant ambiance that mirrors the beauty of women's emotions and the struggles of everyday life. The installation at the Armazem showroom becomes a harmonious fusion of design elements and artistic expression, providing a captivating and thought-provoking experience for viewers.

Beige by Michael Morganti featuring Laurie Kwo at Daltile

316 W Hubbard St.

Color your world: Set against a luxurious backdrop by Daltile, artist Laurie Kwo explores a colorful relationship with vintage home furnishings from Beige. Large scale mixed media paintings, natural stone and ceramic tiles, all blend together seamlessly with home furnishings from decades past through the use of color. Join us for bites and cocktails, and add a little color to your world!

Megmade featuring Yaha at California Closets

740 N Franklin St. #110

Want to have your cake and eat it too? At the MegMade x California Closets design experience, you can have it all. Whether it's reviving an old piece of furniture, adding life into an already existing room through color and pattern or creating a completely custom storage solution for your home, you'll get a taste of all that they can do. Our abstract artist, Yaha will have custom commissions throughout, weaving color, texture and inspiration from the world around her throughout her work. Join us for food and drinks, and become a part of the party. And, as Marie Antoinette would have wished—let us eat cake!

Honsen Interiors featuring artists Michael Alan Kaskel and Martina Nehrling at 210 Design House

210 W. Illinois St.

Perfect Pairings: Honsen Interiors sets the stage at 210 Design House for an evening of exquisite pairings with artists Mike Kaskel and Martina Nehrling. Known for seamlessly blending old and new, traditional, and modern, and employing both subtle and bold uses of color, Honsen Interiors will transform 210 Design House into the perfect setting for showcasing these diverse art collections. The evening will highlight Mike Kaskel's moody Postmortem Collection, exploring life and death through his evocative photography, juxtaposed with Martina Nehrling's boldly rendered acrylics on canvas and sculptural mobiles, which redefine scale and contour. Join us as we bring these perfect pairings to life as they are layered with custom furnishings and florals and enjoy classic libations and delectable bites.

Artist Information

Artist hi-res images:

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Pamela Staker

Pamela Staker is a Chicago-based abstract painter and sculptor who transforms everyday materials like wire, cardboard, spray paint, gold leaf, and screen mesh into suspended sculptural forms. She holds a BFA in painting from the University of Illinois, and her award-winning work is featured in numerous private and corporate collections, including The Sophy Hotel, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Vanderbilt University. Pamela collaborates closely with art advisors, interior designers, architects, and individual clients to create site-specific commissions and enhance spaces with her vibrant, abstract pieces. Her joyful and energetic process integrates urban symbols, geometric shapes, figurative elements and natural accents, resulting in animated fragments of modern life.

Sonya Benham

Sonya Lee Benham is a Chicago-based fiber artist exploring the opposing ideals inherent to the medium. Her work is both art and craft, retro yet contemporary, playful but deliberate. These tensions and the assumptions they are based in are what she finds so compelling about fiber art. In her practice, Sonya blends traditional macrame with sculptural wrapped fiber, weaving, sewing, and decorative knotting to create unique wall decor. She uses a wide variety of materials including rope, yarn, string, twine, metallic cord, and leather to create work that is full of texture and contrast. The combination of urban and organic structures is yet another dichotomy that serves as the primary inspiration for her creations. Other influences include the work of fellow artists particularly in ceramics, sculpture, and painting.

Ramin Takloo-Bighash

Ramin Takloo-Bighash is an Iranian born and Chicago-based multi-disciplinary artist. In his work, Ramin explores immigration, war, trauma, isolation, and imprisonment—experiences that are very personal to him. Ramin searches for that elusive “it” that gets eliminated from one’s life when a person has been subjected to trauma over long stretches of time. Persian calligraphy, and its incarnations in painting, sculpture, and cartography, forms the core of Ramin’s artistic practice. His practice also includes writing, photography, and film. Ramin received an MFA in art from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2023, and he’s a member of the Agitator Art Collective in Chicago. He is a professor of mathematics at UIC.

Dee Clements

Dee Clements is a process-based artist with interests in materials, craft, and ethnography. She holds an MFA in 3D Design from Cranbrook Academy of Art and a BFA in Fiber and Materials Studies and Sculpture from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago. Her practice examines women’s roles in society and their unseen labor through the lenses of craft and art, feminism, ethnography, and patriarchy. The curvaceous, often matronly, saggy, lumpy, bulbous forms of her woven vessels and *objet d’art* are metaphors for what women hold and how their societal roles relegate them to specific crafts that have historically been deemed “Women’s Work.” Her work is represented Nina Johnson Gallery in Miami, FL.

Jeff Cote

Jeff Cote sees structure everywhere, even in what others perceive as chaos. The most elemental beginnings of everything fascinates him and he endeavors to understand those elements; how they work together, how they complement, oppose, or rely on each other, and what happens if they are broken apart. In his work, regardless of the medium, he finds himself asking “what if...?” Though he finds it difficult to step away from structure, in every sense, he finds freedom and creativity in that chaos. After retiring at 50, he pursued the creation of art with a private mentor, and today feels happily consumed by art, its various expressions through a range of mediums and a true desire to invoke an emotional response from the viewer.

Donna Drapeau

After receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and completing a rewarding residence at Oxford University, Brookes College, Donna could never have predicted the exotic adventures that lay ahead: years upon years in corporate America. She’s out of the business world now, and her relationship with art has resumed its proper place, she says: in her mind, in her heart and, most importantly, in her daily routine. Through gallery shows and continual exploration with materials and expression, she’s seen her paintings evolve from small shadow-boxed canvases with tight brush strokes and metallic stitching, to large canvases with delicate, fluttering brushwork and vibrant photos with oil pastels playfully scarring the surface. It’s the moments she seeks to explore—how our personal challenges, our transitions and our rebirths interact with the revolving world around us.

Grace Federighi

Grace’s figurative work reflects women’s strong and beautiful complexities which emanate mystery, edge, and sophistication. Her contemporary approach merges abstract strokes and textural layers to ignite feelings of modern romanticism and sensuality. Combining a variety of techniques and mediums, her figures result in timeless elegance of bold work. Grace’s process begins with photographing her models in various poses guided by images she has seen from life’s everyday encounters. Once Grace decides on the image, she adapts a message influenced by the movement of the captured pose or the way a shadow falls on skin. This connection

continues to evolve as she paints the figure with intuitive and adventurous execution, at times adding charcoal. Currently Grace is developing new work with nature and spirituality guiding her creative journey.

Sam Goble

Sam Goble, a mixed media artist with a background in ceramics and painting, merges his skill in furniture and object design with a passion for interior design to create pieces that redefine the concept of home comfort. Through the interplay of ceramics and painting, he crafts narratives of nostalgia and innovation, inviting viewers into a realm where form and function harmonize effortlessly. Sam's work captures the essence of domestic bliss, serving as a bridge between aesthetics and functionality.

Samantha Haring

Samantha Haring is an artist and educator from Des Plaines, Illinois. Haring earned their MFA from Northern Illinois University and her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. They spent a summer in Italy at the International School of Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture; it was there that they fully developed their commitment to light, color, and observational painting. They teach drawing and design courses in the School of Design at the University of Cincinnati, and they have been a Resident Instructor at Manifest Drawing Center since 2016. They are represented by Gallery 19 in Chicago. Their studio practice is currently based in Cincinnati, where they spend an inordinate amount of time staring at the color of dust.

Steven Haulenbeek

Steven Haulenbeek is a Chicago based artist and industrial designer. He received his bachelor's degree in drawing and sculpture from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in 2002 and his master's degree in Designed Objects from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago in 2006. After working professionally as a furniture designer, he founded his independent design practice in 2010 with an interest in experimental, material, and process-based objects for the home. Steven Haulenbeek Studio is represented by Carpenters Workshop Gallery in Paris, London, New York, and Los Angeles. Steven's work seeks to invent unique production methods by which objects emerge organically. By interjecting uncontrollable variants within his techniques, Steven experiments with the balance between design and serendipity. "Ice-Cast Bronze" is one process within this spirit that utilizes the ephemeral to create permanence, uniting the freezing climate of the Chicago winter with the lost-wax casting process to create uniquely textured objects and furniture in cast bronze.

Melissa Herrington

Melissa Herrington is a contemporary abstract artist currently living and working in Los Angeles, California. She has called Southern California home since 2005 when she received her MFA from Otis College of Art and Design. Prior to that, she spent most of her early career in Atlanta, Georgia and has a BFA from Florida State University. Melissa's aim is to create abstract paintings that are contemplative and evocative, examining the theme of transformation. The organic quality of her textured marks lends an ephemeral feeling, with images that imply fluidity. She uses transparent stains and the opaqueness of color. She explores spontaneous, gestural marks and subtle forms through abstraction. Layers are integral to her imagery and process, using underpainting, graphite lines and subtractive techniques to infuse a work with multiple surfaces.

Michiko Itatani

Michiko Itatani's artmaking process starts with gathering various fragments from experiences, events, documents, literature, history, science, myths, customs, etc. She catalogues those fragments, mutates them, makes images, and lets them interact with each other. Michiko's painting is a diagram of some of the possibilities, consisting of painting vocabularies that are both fascinating and painful at the same time: it is incomplete, fragmented and under inquiry.

Brenda Jackson

Brenda's art is an expression of what she sees in the world every day. She is an observer of the beautiful and mundane aspects of everyday life. Painting gives her a way to be a part of nature and connecting to it gives her a sense of belonging to the world. Her abstract paintings are like puzzle pieces that may appear as fragmented spaces finding their way together -- a place where nature meets humankind. The parts are sometimes difficult

to fit together; they're not perfect and are joined in odd, conflicting ways. Her choice of shapes, colors and marks depict the imperfections, energy, chaos, and order that painting brings into her life.

Michael Alan Kaskel

Michael Kaskel is an established interior design magazine photographer who works for both residential interior design magazines and interior designers and architects. When Michael has time off, he likes to work with creating still life photographs that cause the viewer to pause and think about the relationship between death and beauty and how it can be shown visually in a beautiful and artistic manner. He only works with deceased animals/insects that have been ethically sourced and that can be shown artistically and respectfully. His work has received the attention of numerous gallery showings and contests.

Jackie Kazarian

Jackie Kazarian (b.1959, Libertyville, Illinois) is a Chicago-based abstract painter. She received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and holds a BS in Zoology from Duke University. Jackie has exhibited her work in galleries and museums worldwide and her work is in many private and public collections. She has served an art envoy for the U.S. State Department in Kuwait and Syria and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Armenian Behavioral Science Association (2019).

Magdalena Krzak

Born in Tarnow, Poland, Magdalena Krzak graduated from art school in her hometown before furthering her education at the University of Rzeszow. Her paintings showcase a unique blend of abstract and figurative forms, with a focus on human nature, particularly that of women. Working spontaneously, she allows her emotions and everyday observations to guide her creations. Her portrayals of women are delicate and feminine, often depicted as nude and vulnerable yet exuding strength. Using outlines filled with vibrant colors and textures, her subjects seamlessly merge with the background while still possessing a captivating presence. The fusion of illustrative and abstract techniques in her work gives it a surreal quality that transports viewers to a different realm. Currently based in Chicago, Illinois, Magdalena Krzak continues to create art that speaks to the power and beauty of the female form.

Laurie Kwo

Laurie is a Hawaiian-born artist based in Chicago, Illinois who is building a following as an abstract painter. Her creative journey, which began at age six, has taken her through the fashion industry and high-end interior design, and sharply attuned her passion for capturing the essence of the world around her. She has produced works for sale in galleries and executed commissioned pieces that are part of private art collections. Her original abstract artwork, sourced from personal experience, is an exploration of classic feminine themes and delves deep into human vulnerability.

Seonyoung Lee

Seonyoung is working on her memories of feelings toward vulnerability. She has self-described "weird skin," with lots of wounds and scars on her body because she gets hurt easily and has difficulty healing. Her profound discomfort with her skin comes in part because it lays bare her own vulnerability. As a weaver, through her skills and material, the goal of her artistic mission is the theme of "overcoming." She recognizes empathy in the emotions tied to vulnerability—feeling weak, incomplete, and sinking into depression when one realizes a lack of strength. She would like to support people in healing their anxiousness, weakness, and distress through her work.

Yvette Lenzi

Yvette's creative spirit, warm heart, and openness to all possibilities has enhanced an undeniable passion for the arts. Growing up in Riverside, IL in a warm family environment formed the heart of the artist she has become today. She has always embraced that art has not defined her; rather her artistic process and how she creates has evolved alongside her life experiences. Her passion led her into a career as an art teacher and now as an independent studio artist behind beloved signature pieces and commission work. Her artwork captures the calm and wild of the world that collectors love because it is serene, balanced, and emotional.

Bobbi Meier

A first look at Bobbi Meier's sensuous sculptures often elicits an amused reaction, but underneath the seemingly lighthearted facades are dark hints of the tragedy and trauma experienced by so many women. Fiber is bound and contorted, disassembled stuffed toys become provocative bits of fur, things that should be soft are hard, and decorative shapes vaguely resemble creases and folds of the body. She is currently a selected artist in a new exhibition, *Material Tales*, at the Driehaus Museum in Chicago curated by Giovanni Alois. She earned her MA in Art Education (2000) and MFA in Fiber and Material Studies (2011) from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. A long-time resident of River Forest, IL, she now splits her time between Chicago and Miller Beach/Gary, Indiana. The series of works presented in this installation were created as a push-back to anxiety, distress, and feelings of helplessness. She offers the viewers a rare chance to touch the art and play with it, engaging their senses and hoping for an interaction that may be emotionally healing, fun, and most likely a little bit awkward.

Adriana Miranda

Adriana was born in Phoenix, AZ and moved to Oak Park, IL with her family at age five. At age 15, she received a scholarship to attend the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where her professor Katherine Jost opened her eyes to the true value that art holds in her life. Adriana's style focuses heavily on nostalgia and humor. She often jokes that Steve from Blue's Clues inspires her, but that the attitude of her work comes from street and graffiti artist, David Choe. Her biggest inspiration, though, comes from her two children, Avi and Uli. Being a mother fuels the lightheartedness of her work. Today, Adriana has begun to shift her artwork on the roots of her education in impressionism and neo-expressionism.

Nancy Natow-Cassidy

Nancy Natow-Cassidy (b.1956, Detroit, Michigan) is a Chicago and Indiana Dunes based artist. She learned to draw at an early age and went on to get a degree in painting from the University of Michigan, while also studying African and modern dance. Her influences range from Tina Turner and Ann-Margaret to Monet, Fosse, Dali, sixties fashion and Marimekko. She's worked in graphic design, prop styling and co-owned a photography studio. Her work is in private and corporate collections across the country.

Martina Nehrling

Martina Nehrling is a Chicago-based artist who received a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and an MFA from the University of Chicago. Her work is exhibited internationally and is part of many public and private collections. She has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Lake Forest College, and for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Chicago Arts Program. Awarded grants by the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council, she has presented her work at the Art Institute of Chicago Artists Connect Lecture Series and has large scale work featured in public installations in Kingston, New York, and her hometown, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dan Nelson

Dan is a Chicago artist living in The Edgewater community. He paints stories and moments in time using color and humor. His inspiration comes from people, how they move and how they interact with the world around them and how simple things can bring a smile. He paints the world inside of himself, a world that is happy, fun, joyful, integrated and includes what brings most people joy: their pets. His hope is when someone sees his paintings it triggers their imagination and they come up with a story about what they see. He believes that if he made you smile then his paintings are a success.

Diana Noh

Diana Noh is an interdisciplinary artist working with photography, fiber, and installation. Her practice celebrates reconstruction of distressed photographs of architectural spaces and landscapes, exploring themes of trauma embedded in her family relationships and cultural in-betweenness. Diana has exhibited pieces in Asia, North America, and Europe, at venues including Eastern Market, in Detroit, MI; Editart in Geneva, Switzerland; The Art Center Highland Park, in Highland Park, IL; Hudson Valley MOCA, in Peekskill, NY;

Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, MI; VisArt in Rockville, MD and Ara Art Center in Seoul, South Korea. Her work is collected in the collections of Jennifer and Dan Gilbert, Kyungil University, and numerous private collections. Diana currently resides in Chicago, IL. She holds a B.F.A. from Kyungil University (South Korea) and earned an M.F.A. at Cranbrook Academy of Art (Bloomfield Hills, MI).

Kansai Noguchi

Born on the tranquil shores of Shikano Island, Japan, Kansai's journey as an artist began amidst the whispers of nature and the timeless rhythms of the sea. Drawn to the electric energy of New York City, he found inspiration in the eclectic tapestry of cultures and ideas that define the city's landscape. There, amidst the bustling metropolis, Kansai discovered his true passion—to explore the intersection of music, visual art, and traditional craftsmanship. The potter's wheel became Kansai's canvas, a medium through which he channels the essence of his artistic vision and breathes life into clay. Yet, it was in the fluid strokes of the brush that he found his voice. Inspired by the elegant simplicity of calligraphy, he began to explore the possibilities of painting, using each stroke to evoke emotion and tell a story. Through his art, Kansai seeks to capture the essence of Japanese aesthetics—its delicate balance of beauty and imperfection, tradition, and modernity.

Darren Oberto

Darren Oberto (b.1978, Ann Arbor, Michigan) received a Bachelor of Fine Art degree from Kendall College of Art and Design in 2001. Following his formal education, Darren relocated to the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. He then entered into an apprenticeship with Christopher Molloy, who fostered a creative niche at the Alley Gallery in Evanston, where Darren is now co-owner and resident artist. His work is multidisciplinary but radiates from a nucleus of traditional painting.

Jonathan Pliego

Jonathan Pliego is a Mexico City born, multidisciplinary creative and artist with an eye for interior design. His artwork explores the juxtaposition of modern minimalism and expressive abstract maximalism through texture, form, color, and movement. His artwork lives in collectors' galleries and homes across the US and abroad in cities like Chicago, NYC, LA, Houston, Miami, and London. In addition to his work as an artist, he is also an award-winning advertising creative director with awards and recognition at Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, Design and Art Direction Awards, AdAge Magazine and more.

Fontaine Scarelli

In his work as a contemporary abstract expressionist painter, Fontaine Scarelli draws inspiration from post-apocalyptic films such as *The Twilight Zone* and *The Outer Limits*. As an only child, his unique perspective was shaped by a solitary upbringing, fueling an unconventional painting style that allows him to perceive the world in an extraordinarily different manner. For Fontaine, creativity transcends the boundaries of the known into the realm of the unknown. He delves into the unexplored territories of time relativity, weaving a tapestry of dark perspectives illuminated by the flickers of positivity found within the strokes of his brush. Painting, he believes, is not merely a visual expression; it is a therapeutic journey, a cathartic process that transforms the abstract chaos into a coherent narrative of self-discovery. Through his art, he invites viewers to explore the intricate interplay between the shadows and the light, encouraging them to find solace and beauty in the enigmatic landscapes of the mind.

Sara Schneckloth

Sara Schneckloth's studio practice is motivated by the question of how science, imagination, and the body inform one another through the activity of drawing. By combining the visual languages of biology, geology, and physics into large-scale, mixed-media, and interactive drawings, she creates images that speak to the physicality of mark making, the embodiment of memory, and our interpretation of natural systems and phenomena. As it bridges the concerns of traditional illustration, sculpture, and new media, her approach seeks to discover ways in which drawing operates as a site of trans-disciplinary inquiry.

An Associate Professor in the School of Visual Art and Design at the University of South Carolina, she currently resides in both Columbia, South Carolina, and rural New Mexico.

Anai Singer

Anai Singer, a multifaceted artist based in Chicago, showcases her talent as a fine art painter, fashion designer, and photographer. With a master's degree with honors from the Academy of Fine Arts in Poland, she has garnered international recognition for her work. Anai's artistry extends beyond borders, as her artworks have found their place in private collections across the United States and Europe. Each painting exudes motivation, uplifting viewers with good energy, and affirming their individuality. Typography holds a special place in Anai's artistic endeavors, allowing her creativity to flourish with its versatility. She skillfully manipulates font styles, appearances, and structures to evoke specific emotions and convey targeted messages. Signature to Anai's artistic style are compositions that intertwine letters, becoming a distinctive hallmark of her artistic expression.

Yvette Kaiser Smith

Yvette Kaiser Smith (b.1958, Prague, Czechoslovakia) is a Chicago-based artist inspired by numbers, known for her large-scale crocheted-fiberglass geometric forms. Her current works with industrial felt and acrylic sheet combine languages of sculpture, embroidery, and weaving. Since receiving an MFA in sculpture from The University of Chicago in 1994, she has exhibited extensively at regional museums, art centers, universities, and alternative galleries worldwide. Her work is included in numerous public, corporate, and private collections throughout the US and abroad.

Marketa Sivek

Marketa's journey started in a small town in communist Czechoslovakia during the Cold War. Growing up in communism and the constant presence of never-ending propaganda and fear made it challenging to find freedom in creating or even to understand what it means to create freely. She understood this even as a small girl and felt somewhat rebellious in her determination to paint and write poetry. Before her journey took her to America, she studied at the Faculty of Philosophy at Charles University in Prague. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1992 and continued her artistic journey there. Her work has been featured on the Rachael Ray Show, and in many publications such as Elle Decor, American Art Collector, Chicago Interiors, and Fine Art Connoisseur, and has been part of many corporate and private collections such as Deloitte and the private collection of Oprah Winfrey. She works in her Lakeview studio in Chicago, which she also calls home.

Yaha

Yaha is a Colombian-born artist living in Chicago. She specializes in abstract art and looks to evoke joy in each she creates. In addition to having completed multiple commissioned pieces, she was featured in HGTV show, Renovation Goldmine, where her paintings were the centerpiece for many designs throughout family's homes. Yaha looks to celebrate life, color, and the landscape around her for each piece she imagines.

All showrooms and galleries will have extended hours and be open for the Gallery Walk from 5 pm-8 pm Friday. Temporary exhibitions in the showrooms are on display through October 7th. The event is free and open to the public. After Party tickets are \$55 each if purchased in advance. After August 6th After Party tickets are \$75 each. Tickets go on sale in July. Proceeds benefit the not-for-profit River North Design District and fund yearly programming. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit The Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation and Humble Design.

About River North Design District

The River North Design District, founded in 2013, is a local community that boasts interior design offerings accessible to both designers and consumers. The showrooms carry everything to create a one-of-a-kind haven—from lighting, tile, plumbing, rugs, and kitchens to furnishings. The participating showrooms pride themselves on providing a shopping experience that is unique and personalized. Nearly every showroom is on the street level, allowing customers to stroll and enjoy the neighborhood. Please visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com> for more information.

About Ryan Light Sang Bipolar Foundation

Founded by Joyce and Dusty Sang in memory of their only child, Ryan Licht Sang, who passed away at the age of 24. At age five, Ryan began exhibiting symptoms of bipolar disorder. At the time of his death, however, Ryan was in the most productive and promising phase of his life. The Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation is dedicated to fostering awareness, understanding and research for Early-Onset Bipolar Disorder. QUEST FOR THE TEST™ is an initiative aimed at funding research to develop an empirical, biomarker test for bipolar disorder so that children and adolescents with bipolar disorder can be diagnosed by means of a simple clinical test which will make early detection and intervention a reality. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

About Humble Design

A house isn't a home without a warm bed and a place to gather with family. Our home makeovers change an entire mindset, generating an immediate focus on self-empowerment and long-term stability. Humble Design sets families on a course towards a bright and hopeful future. Restoring hope and dignity has a life-changing impact both for the people we help and the volunteers who make it possible. Humble Design impacts families and the environment, as well as our community of volunteers. Together we can end homelessness. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

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