History of
The Gallery Group, Inc.

The Gallery Group, Inc., formerly known in 1959 as the “Women’s Committee of Lakewood Civic Art,” was founded by a group of ten women. Their primary purpose was to promote interest in the Lakewood High School Art Gallery. A second important purpose was to create a Spring and Fall Lecture Series. Membership grew rapidly under exceptionally able leadership. The Gallery Group, Inc. programs have enriched minds, shared beauty and provided artistic opportunities to countless numbers in the western suburbs of Cleveland.

The Gallery Group, Inc. has given art scholarships at the elementary, high school and college levels. Income generated over the years has amounted to over $165,150 making these scholarships possible. The Gallery Group, Inc. has provided approximately $80,000 in funds for the Cleveland Museum of Art; $69,000 to the Cleveland Institute of Art Scholarship Fund; Since 1983, $67,400 to the Beck Center Scholarship Fund. Other beneficiaries over the years include: Baldwin-Wallace College, Lakewood High School, The Cleveland Artists’ Foundation, Friends of the Cleveland School of the Arts, Cleveland Playhouse Square Foundation, Gordon Square Art District, Cleveland Public Art, Morgan Paper Making and West Side Market.

The purpose of The Gallery Group, Inc., as set forth in its constitution is fourfold:

1. To promote cultural activity, particularly in the field of the visual Arts of the West Side of Greater Cleveland.
2. To aid and promote the Beck Center for the Arts, Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Institute of Art and, occasionally, other deserving art organizations.
3. To establish grants and/or scholarships for talented art students from the West Side of Greater Cleveland.
4. To promote a Fall and Spring Lecture Series for the enrichment of the membership.

2018-2019
The Gallery Group, Inc. Scholarships to Beck Center for the Cultural Arts
The Gallery Group, Inc. Scholarships to Beck Center provided monies for the visual arts program and students who otherwise might not have access to the arts.

2018-2019
Recipient from Cleveland Institute of Art
Mathew Wendelken - Interior Architectural Major
Cleveland, Ohio
In the late 1960s, the times were "a changin'" and the global trend was for people to value "Self Realization and Spiritual Fulfillment" more highly than the materialism of mass production. Crossing the ocean was the beautiful and non-uniform art called SAORI WEAVING developed by Misao Jo in which you express your true self, developing your mind towards respect for others personalities. SAORI WEAVING breaks with the conventional patterned thinking which values uniformity and evenness. Come join us as we weave colors and textures to create a memory of this gathering. Gail Glagola a retired Art Director from N.Y. brings her loom, yarns and treasures to have you join the joyful experience of "Self Innovation Through Free Weaving"

Following the program CYC will provide a seated luncheon. Cash bar will be provided.

Members: $32.00  Guests: $42.00
Reservations: By Sept. 10th, 2019; Make checks payable to “The Gallery Group” and send to Sue Navy, 12036 Derby Ct., Strongsville, OH 44149

Program Coordinators: Mary Jo Hobe (440) 238-2356
Claire Jenson (440) 212-5101
Sue Navy (440) 238-6441

From Krishna to Caravaggio: Conservation Research and Treatment of Complex Artworks in the Collection of The Cleveland Museum of Art

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Time: 10:00am
Location: Cleveland Museum of Art, Lower Level, 11130 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106

Beth Edelstein, who heads the objects conservation lab, and Dean Yoder, conservator of paintings, will give a joint presentation about current conservation practice and high-profile projects in their respective conservation labs. Following the presentation we will view the exhibit Michelangelo: Mind of the Master. Lunch on your own.

Members: $12.00 ($5 if you have a CMA Membership)  Guests: $22.00 ($15 if you have a CMA Membership)
* If you are a member of the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA), you must provide your museum membership number on your check to receive that pricing.
Reservations: Your check made out to Gallery Group, Inc. Please send to Sally Thomas, 4976 Leafy Mill Ln., North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Program Coordinators: Chris Curtis (440) 333-4917
Laurie Tierney (440) 933-2650
Sally Thomas (440) 915-7911

Art of the Icon - Sister Patricia McHale

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Rockport Room, St. Joseph Center, 3430 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111, Park in lot closest the Rocky River Dr.

You are invited to St. Joseph Center for St. Patricia McHale's enlightening presentation on the history, creation and the purpose of religious icons. Icons originated with Byzantine Catholics but are popular with all Christians. As a child, Sister Pat prayed with icons, but it was after a serious illness that she took a class on iconology and began to create them. Now she shares her devotion to this sacramental with others. Sister Pat taught art and theology for 35 years and has been a member of the congregation of St. Joseph for over 60 years.

Members: $10.00  Guests: $20.00
Reservation Deadline: Friday October 4, 2019
Your check made out to The Gallery Group, Inc. sent to: Marianne Byrne, 21185 South Park Dr., Fairview Park, OH 44126

Program Coordinators: Mary Ann Malinky (440) 835-1449
Marianne Byrne (440) 331-5925

Conversations in Art Styles

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Time: 9:30 am Coffee - Program 10:00am
Location: Music and Arts Building - Beck Center
17501 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107

Visual art departments like those at Beck Center for the Arts offer the community a wealth of mediums for students to explore their interests and hone their skills. Join three members of the Beck visual art faculty as they discuss their respective mediums, and how styles across the art world coexist and overlap. From whimsical comic strips in the local newspaper to bringing unique perspectives to their students every day. Led by Beck’s Assistant Director of Education, Jessica Firing, faculty members Douglas Laubacher, Linda Merchant Pearce and Patricia Hanrahann Sigmier will offer a lively discussion of their artwork, the unique career path of the modern artist, and how art styles - now so diverse - when brought together create new inspiration. Samples of their artwork will be present, along with opportunity for audience interaction.

Members: $5.00  Guests: $15.00
Reservation Deadline: Friday October 3, 2019
Your check made out to The Gallery Group, Inc. sent to: Mary Ann Malinky, 29612 Indian Cove, Westlake, OH 44145

Program Coordinators: Marianne Byrne (440) 331-5925
Mary Ann Malinky (440) 835-1449

Brunch in the Park

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Time: 9:30 am
Location: 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140

The perfect way to start a beautiful day. Join us for a delicious brunch at 9:30 in the lovely Huntington park setting of Bay Arts followed by a presentation and tour of Bay Arts and the new Huntington Playhouse. Bay Arts provides a welcoming lakeside environment to stimulate, encourage and support professional and aspiring artists through collaboration, education and exhibition. We can enjoy the artwork and shop at the gift shop. Conclude your day by taking a walk in the park and along the lake.

Members: $5.00  Guests: $15.00
Reservation Deadline: Friday October 8, 2019
Your check made out to Gallery Group, Inc., sent to Chris Curtis, 5 Hidden Valley, Rocky River, OH 44116

Program Coordinators: Mary Ann Malinky (440) 835-1449
Marianne Byrne (440) 331-5925
Butterfly Gardening

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Time: 11:30 am
Location: Miller Nature Preserve
2739 Center Rd. Avon, OH 44011

Celebrate Earth Day and learn how just in your own backyard you can help butterflies and other pollinators by creating the right habitat. You'll learn about habitat components the butterflies need as well as colorful plants and designs. A little bit of Miller Nature Preserve park history and the conservatory will also be included. After lunch, all are invited to visit the conservatory.

Please choose from ½ wrap turkey avocado (T) w/garden salad or ½ wrap vegetarian (V) w/minestrone soup. Both choices include beverage and dessert.

Members: $15.00  Guests: $25.00  Includes lunch and visit to the conservatory. Limited to 60 people.

Reservations: Your check (Please indicate food choice, T or V) made out to: The Gallery Group, Inc. sent to Muggsy Mason, 3545 Palmer Dr., Rocky River, OH 44116 by April 15, 2020

Program Coordinator:  Rita Stroemple (440) 933-7170

Visit to the Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland Institute of Art

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Time: 11:00 am - Welcome and Introduction remarks by
Grafton Nunes, President and CEO
Location: Cleveland Institute of Art
11610 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106

ELECTIVE AFFINITIES
After the welcome and introduction by Grafton Nunes, President and CEO, we will have a tour of the exhibition led by Nikki Woods, Director of the Reinberger Gallery.

What happens once the artist leaves the haven of formal training and student life? How do artists maintain their generative reserves to make work and construct the support needed for inspiration and longevity? What alternative approaches are necessary for artists to produce their work and for communities to thrive?

Site one: Studio, 1427 East 36th St., Suite 4202 A Cleveland, OH 44114 ( Tyler Village, off Superior Ave. )
Site two: Store, 6706 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102 ( Gordon Square )

Husband-wife duo Jackie and Philip Wachter began Fount in 2014 to pursue their passion in creating quality products that are ethically made here in the United States. What started as a side project in their small Cleveland apartment, turned into making handbags and accessories in a creative studio and now a store in Gordon Square.

Join us to see the operation, hear the rest of the story and visit the store. This is so exciting to see this business developed in Cleveland. Additional maps will be distributed prior to the event.

Members: $7.00  Guests: $17.00. Limited to 40 people.

Program Coordinators:  Sharon Anghilante (440) 835-3961
Stephanie West (440) 871-2493

Fount, Luxury Leather Bags, Made in Cleveland!

60th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2019
Time: 10:00 am Welcome and Fashion Show
11:15 am Program
12:15 pm Luncheon

Location: Avon Oak Country Club
32300 Detroit Rd., Avon, OH 44011

Come celebrate our 60 years of success! We have continued supporting the arts through our scholarships and donations and have learned so much along the way. Take a walk through our archives, enjoy a lovely luncheon and vintage fashion show. There will be an Artisan raffle showcasing some of our members along with other contributing artists. Please join us for this memorable event.

Members: $40.00  Guests: $50.00. Cash Bar,
Reservations: By May 12th, 2020. Your check made out to Gallery Group, Inc., sent to Chris Curtis, 5 Hidden Valley, Rocky River, OH 44116

Program Coordinators:  Ellen Fletcher (440) 333-7845
Pat Platten (440) 333-4125
Laurie Tierney (440) 933-2650
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During the course of the year, some events are sold out and have a waiting list of members. If you need to cancel your reservation, contact the Program Coordinator who will fill the spot from the waiting list. Do not transfer your reservation to someone else.

When meetings are listed as no charge to members and where guests are welcomed, there is a $10 Guest Fee.

*Reservations accepted for the Spring Series beginning March 13, 2020
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* PATRON OVER $75.00
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EVENT GUEST $10.00 plus event fee

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