

# HICKORY MUSEUM OF ART 2023/2024 Field Trip & Teacher's Guide



**Hickory Museum of Art puts the “A” in STEAM for your students! Experience an art-filled, educational year of activities for your students where the birth of a creative thought becomes a tangible object. HMA offers students interactive, engaging tours that test their observation skills, critical thinking, and expression of ideas.**

**Tours support the N.C. Common Core and Essential Standards.**

## questions?

Contact Karla Starnes at 828-327-8576, ext 207 or [kstarnes@hickoryart.org](mailto:kstarnes@hickoryart.org).

## FOUNDATIONS

December 9, 2023 – June 9, 2024 | Coe Gallery



Frederick Ballard Williams, *Burke Mountain, Vermont*

In anticipation of the Museum's upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 4, 2024, we will have a permanent collection take-over of our galleries that pays homage to our roots and celebrates where we are going. 80 years of collecting will be anchored by HMA's foundational artists – artists who helped make the museum a reality – Paul Austin Wayne Whitener, Wilford Seymour Conrow, and Frederick Ballard Williams.

For eight decades, Hickory Museum of Art has been a cornerstone of artistic expression, a source of inspiration, and a learning environment for all ages. To honor this milestone, we have curated an exhibition that provides insights into our entire collection which has grown to over 2,700 works through the years. Treasured fan-favorites such as Jane Peterson's *The Windowseat* and George Pearse Ennis' *The Beachcombers* will hang with never-seen-before works including new acquisitions by Jeffrey Gibson – who was recently selected to represent the U.S. in the 2024 Venice Biennale!

Text panels will highlight collection stories, including the recent conservation of four new acquisitions by the first woman artist in HMA's collection – Ella Richards, the painter of *The Violinist*, collected by first director Paul Whitener in 1950. Visitors will see the documentation of a century's worth of grime removed from the surface of her paintings, and glimpse the paintings restored to their full glory.

FOUNDATIONS will be up for several months which will allow us to refresh artwork throughout the exhibition's run. It is our goal to show as much of our collection as possible.

**Elementary | North Carolina landscapes, communities**

**Middle | North Carolina landscapes, different cultures, conservation of resources**

**High School | Different cultures**

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## collectHMA

Ongoing



collectHMA features works from Hickory Museum of Art's extensive collection of American Art. Artwork on this floor will be rotated regularly. Fine art and folk art are presented in dialogue with one another. What you can see now:

- Susanna Allen Hunter quilts in conversation with a Hmong Storycloth and a monumental mixed media work by Jose Fumero
- A portrait by Gilbert Stuart with portraits by Eddy Mumma
- Floral Still Lifes by Jane Peterson, Paul Whitener, Clementine Hunter, Minnie Reinhardt and Sterling Strauser
- Bronze and aluminum sculptures by Anna Hyatt Huntington in dialogue with assemblages by Harold Rittenberry and Charlie Lucas

## 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Whitener Student Art Shows

March 9 - March 30, 2024: Middle and High School Division

April 6 - April 21, 2024: Elementary Division

Our annual event, started by the Museum's founder and first director Paul Whitener, provides an opportunity for local students to exhibit in the Museum and for family members and school representatives to demonstrate their support.



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## book a tour!

**Option 1:** \$5 per Student for a 1.5 Hour Visit & Art Activity

**Option 2:** \$3 per Student for a Docent-Led 1-Hour Tour Only

**Option 3\*** FREE Self-Guided Tour for School Groups

\*Accompanied by teachers and chaperons.

## culture kits

Expand cultural awareness and diversity through art! HMA lends cultural kits FREE of charge. These are great for multicultural festivals. Available Kits: Native American, Folk Art, Hmong, and Latin American.

### Native American Kit

Hopi Kachina doll, mandella, art print, Navajo wool blanket, books, lesson plans, Cherokee basket, arrowheads, stone pipes, and ceramic canteen.



### Folk Art Kit

Contains original artwork, lesson plans, children's books, introduction to HMA's folk art (DVD), and artist biographies.



### Latin American Kit

Contains books, posters, Aztec calendar stones, artifacts, textiles, and more.



### Hmong Kit

Contains books, story-cloths, clothing, posters, a DVD and additional items about the Hmong cultures.



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