



Press release

Special event: The Saginaw Art Museum and the Riverside Saginaw Film Festival present a showing of the critically-acclaimed film “Herb and Dorothy” followed by a panel discussion on the art of collecting art.

When and where: During an After Hours @ at the Museum offering from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the museum, 1126 N. Michigan.

Admission: \$10 donation suggested at the door. Munchies from Pasong’s Cafe and wine included.

SAGINAW -- There is an art to collecting art for your home or apartment, and a couple named Herb and Dorothy Vogel can show the way.

Join them, in spirit, on Friday, Feb. 26, when the Saginaw Art Museum and the Riverside Saginaw Film Festival team up for an After Hours @ the Museum offering starting at 5:30 p.m. at the museum, 1126. N. Michigan.

The evening includes the showing of the 90-minute critically acclaimed film “Herb and Dorothy” followed by a panel discussion on the art of collecting art. Refreshments are included for the suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Herb Vogel, a postal clerk, and wife Dorothy, a librarian, are an ordinary Manhattan couple of modest means who, starting in the 1960s, started amassing an amazing collection of contemporary art -- and who made headlines in 1992 when they donated it to the National Gallery of Art.

The 4,000 donated pieces were valued at several million dollars. Yet at the time the Vogels bought each piece it was affordable to people of their means and was created by a then-unknown artist.

Today the couple is considered among the top art collectors in the world (they continue to buy) and the 2009 film tells their story. Reviews posted on the Rotten Tomatoes website give the film at 96 percent positive rating, calling it entertaining and inspiring.

“We wanted to show this film at our last festival, but decided to wait and team up with the Saginaw Art Museum,” says Janet I. Martineau, the Riverside Saginaw Film Festival project director.

Doors o/pen at 5:30 p.m. with the showing the film at 6:30 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. by the panel discussion on the art of art collecting

Ryan Kaltenbach, the deputy director of the Saginaw Art Museum, has engaged the following panelists:

- * Larry Butcher of Midland, a professor of art at Delta College and an award-winning artist whose shaped canvases and other works are in more tan 400 private and corporate collections.
- * Arnold Kolb of Midland, a former Dow Chemical/Dow Corning employee whose microscopic images of chemical elements are in corporate and private collections worldwide.
- * Michael D. Martin, the coordinator of collections and exhibitions at the Flint Institute of Arts.
- * Jean R. Beach of Saginaw, an award-winning artist, art collector and author of the book “A Century n Canvas: The Lives and Work of Julia Roberts and Henry Leon Roecker.”
- * Bill and Pat Porter, Saginaw art collectors.
- * Dr. Jim Letson of Saginaw, the co-owner of A&J Galleries in Bay City.

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