

WICHITA ART MUSEUM

SCHOOL FIELD TRIP GUIDE

2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR



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for all school groups

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Make WAM your extended classroom

WAM is an educational institution where students and teachers are very important. We want every student to have an enriching, dynamic museum visit. We want teachers to see the museum as an extended classroom to help meet state standards as well as build critical-thinking skills and visual literacy. WAM is here for you!

Art is a powerful way to spark critical thinking and enhance the curriculum content at every grade level and across subject areas. The development of critical-thinking skills is now recognized as an essential component in the education of young students.

WAM encourages teachers to bring students to the art museum as a learning resource and extension of the classroom. WAM offers FREE tours for K-College students, both guided and self-guided.

Discover what WAM can offer! It's a great time to schedule your tour.

Guided school tours for kindergarten through grade 12 focus on WAM's vast American art collection and special traveling exhibitions. Tours for all levels are tailored to the needs of individual groups and generally last one hour. School tour programs are led by trained docents and museum educators.

What students will do while on tour at WAM

- Work in small groups of eight to ten students with a WAM gallery docent
- Make observations and demonstrate original thinking
- Participate in group discussion
- Develop good questions to explore artworks
- Use critical-thinking skills to create and justify interpretations
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Build 21st-century skills



Tours

Tours for all grade levels can be tailored to the needs of individual groups and last one hour.

Learning to Look (grades K–6)

Participate in interactive discussion through the galleries as students learn about basic elements of art, narrative ideas, historical context, and an introduction to looking at a work of art in depth.

Sculptures Inside and Out (grades 3–12)

Explore concepts such as shape, scale, space, and texture by viewing sculptures in WAM's galleries and outside in the Art Garden. There are sculptures around every corner including works such art-world greats as Henry Moore to Tom Otterness and Dale Chihuly.

American Portraits (grades 4–12)

Students will take an exploration of American portraiture by looking at WAM's collection as well as special touring exhibitions. How do artists represent the world around them? How do artists choose to show people and create narrative?

Spaces and Places (grades 4–12)

Students will tour WAM's collection of American depictions of the land, cities, and seas—and special touring exhibitions. This tour will incorporate several exhibitions and various artists for a broad look into themes of the land and environment.

American Voices (grades 5–12)

Discuss themes of personal and cultural identity through using artwork to generate conversation and inquiry. Artists give us a unique window into American life, reflecting the personal, cultural, social, and political climate of the time in which they work. This tour will incorporate both the WAM collections as well as special exhibitions to delve deeper into artwork that address the themes of American identity.

American Art at WAM (grades 9–12)

An introductory exploration of WAM's American art collections. This tour explores some of the major art movements and their practitioners. Topics include colonial portraiture, 19th-century landscape painting, early modernism, regionalism, abstract expressionism, and contemporary glass.

Tour Add-On Options

Art Mix | Looking for extra ways to spark creativity while at WAM? Try a special hands-on activity to expand learning. Students roll up their sleeves and experiment with media, techniques, and concepts of art in projects linked to their gallery-tour experience. Materials cost is \$5 per student. To learn more about how you can schedule Art Mix or discuss more creative ways for students to engage with learning at WAM, please contact us at education@wichitaartmuseum.org.

2021–2022 Special Traveling Exhibitions



B.J.O. Nordfeldt, *Girl Holding a Flower*, about 1934. Oil on canvas, 31 3/4 x 25 3/4 inches. Wichita Public Schools, on long-term loan to the Wichita Art Museum

B.J.O. Nordfeldt: American Internationalist

September 25, 2021 through January 16, 2022

Bror Julius Olsson Nordfeldt (1878–1955) was a modernist of international reputation. As a pioneering modernist, he pushed beyond his classic training to develop his unique artistic and modern voice, and the exhibition surveys this change and evolution. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York staged Nordfeldt's Memorial Exhibition in 1956. During his lifetime, museums including the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Met in New York, Art Institute of Chicago, and Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, presented his one-person exhibitions. Nordfeldt's Kansas connection strengthened through Wichita painter and banker Ed Davison. Davison summered in Taos, and he befriended many notable artists in the art colonies of Taos and Santa Fe. Nordfeldt made extended visits

to the Riverside home of Davison and his wife, Faye. In fact, Nordfeldt was already a friend of Lindsborg artist and fellow Swede Sven Birger Sandzen. With this anchor for Nordfeldt in Wichita, it is important to bring his retrospective to Kansas.

American Art Deco: Designing for the People, 1918–1939

February 12 through May 29, 2022

Art Deco is a wildly popular design movement from the 1920s and 1930s—the Roaring Twenties and Great Depression. WAM will present an exhibition of 140+ iconic artworks—decorative arts, paintings, sculptures, and more—that epitomize this historical moment in American experience. *American Art Deco* investigates the dynamic period when the country went through sharp economic, political, and social as well as artistic transformation. From stylish decorative art objects to industrial design products, from compelling photographs to modern paintings, the range of artworks in this exhibition reflect the glamour of the 1920s and the hard times of the 1930s.



Pedal Car, 1930s. Metal, 25 x 21 x 44 inches, Marshall V. Miller Collection

How to schedule a tour at the Wichita Art Museum

- 1.** Plan the tour choice for your WAM visit based on age level and curriculum interests.
- 2.** Request the tour by filling out the online form at wichitaartmuseum.org/learn/tours. Please make reservations at least three weeks in advance.
- 3.** Tell us about any special needs when you request the tour. WAM is wheelchair accessible.

BEFORE YOUR TOUR

- ★ Prepare your students for the trip with a review of museum manners and expectations. Visit wichitartmuseum.org/learn/tours to print this information.
- ★ Prepare chaperones with guidelines on the museum experience. You will need one adult chaperone per every ten students; chaperones are admitted free.
- ★ Organize student groups, identifying one adult chaperone for every ten students. Each student and adult will need a nametag.



Bus Reimbursement

Transportation to WAM is FREE for schools in the greater Wichita area!

Is the cost of the bus for the school field trip a problem? No longer! WAM provides free bus reimbursement to all Wichita-area schools within reasonable driving distance.

For additional information on applying for bus reimbursement, call 316-268-4917 or email education@wichitaartmuseum.org.

Visit wichitaartmuseum.org/teachers for full details and listings of all our educational programs.



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WICHITA ART MUSEUM MISSION

To bring people, ideas, and American art together to enrich lives and build community.

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesdays–Saturdays | 10 am–5 pm
Sundays | Noon–5 pm

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