



Metro Women's Network

Des Moines, Iowa

March 2018

Next Meeting: March 15

Fire Creek

50th & Mills Civic - 224-0500 in the private room



Entrees:

- Flat Iron Steak, 8 oz topped with wild mushroom bordelaise sauce with mashed potatoes OR
- Tilapia, pan-fried coconut encrusted filet topped with cracked peppercorn lime sauce with wild rice OR
- Chicken Marsala - pan-seared chicken breast topped with creamy marsala & wild mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes OR
- Vegetable Pasta - pasta tossed in a white wine and vegetable stock with broccoli, asparagus, roasted tomatoes, and red peppers

All served with tossed salads (ranch, house, champagne vinaigrette), bread/rolls, non-alcoholic beverages (upon request), dessert. Dessert - turtle sundae, Cash Bar

They will also donate a gift card for our drawing.

What do you know about the Des Moines Art Center?

Jill Featherstone, Director of Education, leads the institution's Education Division, developing and executing interpretive programs and materials for the Art Center's exhibitions and permanent collections. Featherstone works closely with artists and scholars on developing supportive lectures, gallery dialogues, film selections, master classes, and interactive workshops, planning and carrying out innovative programs to encourage the highest possible level of understanding by connecting people with objects and ideas. She also develops, executes, and evaluates the institution's docent program, along with public programming for the Art Center and for targeted audiences. Featherstone additionally serves on the Art Center's senior leadership team helping set strategic policy for the Art Center. Featherstone holds a BFA in sculpture and painting from Michigan State University and an MA in museum education from The University of the Arts, Philadelphia. ***Come, join us on 3/15 to learn more!***



RSVP before 3/12 at www.mwniowa.org/calendar. Dinner fee is \$30. Guests are \$35.



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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Earth without Art is EH. Have you seen that bumper sticker? I've seen a few times on my drive into work, and I agree with that. If we didn't have art, life would be pretty boring and dull. I work at Principal Financial Group, and in one of our buildings we have a little art gallery. The art collection was started by one of our presidents who was very much into the art world. We have a statement of his posted in the art area that states, "Art is good. It stimulates creativity and stirs things up." Now I will admit there are some pieces in Principal's collections that I don't care for, but they have certainly stirred things up. There are pieces that have made me pause and think and ponder.

I love to visit the large quilt shows that come to Des Moines in October. That is another form of art, and it stimulates creativity in me. I'll look at quilts and think how beautiful they are, but there are ones that make me say, "What were they thinking?!?" Again, it stirs things up. Whether you agree with the art or not, it stirs things up, brings up discussion and removes the boring and dull. I love Norman Rockwell, but life would be pretty boring if that was the only art we had.

Come to our meeting on March 15 at Fire Creek in West Des Moines and hear our speaker from the Art Center. I confess that I haven't been there to the Art Center to actually tour it. I'm sure listening to the speaker will "stir me up" to go visit and see this treasure of Des Moines.

Joyce Whipps, President

Going for it!

Attend all MWN meetings in 2018 (including our holiday social), and you may win a free membership for next year! Anyone who comes to all scheduled meetings throughout the year will have her name put into a drawing at our December gathering. The winner gets a free membership for 2019. Let's do it!

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MWNIowa/>.

Check out our website at www.mwniowa.org



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Take the quiz to see how much you know about our local treasure!



1. What style of architecture is used on the building?
2. What is the cost of admission?
3. Is the Art Center a non-profit business or for-profit?
4. Is the Art Center affiliated with the Pappajohn Sculpture park?
5. What day of the week is the Art Center closed?
6. Are you allowed to take pictures of the art items at the Art Center?
7. What days are the restaurant open for lunch?

Answers are on page 4. Check it out at <https://www.desmoinesartcenter.org/>.

Upcoming meetings:

March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21
July (no meeting)
August 16
September 20
October 18
December 6 (first Thursday)

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year!
We hope to see you at all of them!

Why not invite a friend to the next MWN meeting and share this fun with someone!



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More Interesting Stuff

Memberships can be completed at <http://www.jotform.us/form/91801357671> or in person at our meeting!

Guest, Dues, and Attendee Policy Guests may attend for \$35. Membership annual dues (\$40 by check or pay pal) cover the year of 2018 (January thru December). New members joining after January will pay a prorated amount for the rest of the year. Reservations made but not attended will be expected to pay the dinner fee.

Answers to quiz: 1. International, 2. Free, 3. Non-profit, 4. Yes, it's an extension, 5. Monday, 6. Yes, take pictures, just don't touch, 7. Tues through Sat, 11-2:00.

The officers for 2018:

President: Joyce Whipps
Vice President: Maureen Mitchell
Secretary: Chris Duncan
Treasurer: Barb Hawbaker
At large: Anna Bradley, Janet Seeberger

Also, serving on the Programs committee are Connie Blodgett and Sherri Johnson. Lois O'Donnell will remain on newsletter/publicity.



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MWN Steering Committee Minutes

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Date: March 1, 2018

- I. Email Call to Order: Called by: Joyce Whipps_ Date: March 1, 2018
- II. Approval of Prior Month Minutes: Motion By: Lois 2nd: Connie
- III. Treasurers Report Reported by: Barb Hawbaker - Account Balance: \$1814.88
- IV. Programs Report Reported by: Sherri Johnson/ Connie Blodgett

Upcoming Programs:

Month & Place: March 15: Fire Creek (50th and Mills Civic). Speaker & Topic: Jill Featherstone, Director of Des Moines Art Center. She will be speaking on how the Art Center serves the community "art history" and talk about the work at the Pappajohn Sculpture Park

Month & Place: April 19: Mama Lacona's. Speaker & Topic: Mary Kramer, Retired Republican Iowa Senate President and US Ambassador. She is speaking on sexual harassment in the workplace

Month & Place: May 17: Speaker & Topic: Jan Milroy, Founder of Volunteer Services at Living History Farms. She will be speaking on the history of volunteer programs at Living History Farms

Month & Place: June 21: Speaker & Topic: Kellie Markey, Founder of Dorothy's House. She is speaking on human/sex trafficking in Des Moines

Month & Place: October 18 Sam and Gabes: Woman of the Year (more to come)

- V. Publicity Report Reported by Lois: Facebook has been updated for the upcoming meeting, and the newsletter will be published soon. We'll start sending invitation emails this week to the members and guests.
- VI. Attending email: J. Whipps, M. Mitchell, B. Hawbaker, S. Johnson, L. O'Donnell,

J. Seeberger, C. Blodgett, C. Duncan.

VII. Old Business: Anna Bradley showed us the updated graphic and features of the new website for MWN. She emailed us a link so we could look at what has been put together so far.

VIII. New Business: none via email meeting

IX. Next Steering Meeting Type: Email or In Person TBA Date: April 5

Minutes provided by: Chris Duncan, Secretary



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