



NEW EXHIBITION OPENS AT KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART

“New Year / New View” opens Jan. 22 with new, never displayed works

Denver, January 14, 2021 – To celebrate moving into a new year, Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art features newly-acquired and never-before-seen works from the Colorado & Regional Art collection in the upcoming exhibition [*New Year / New View*](#) which runs Jan. 22 through March 14 in Temporary Exhibition Gallery 12. Special exhibitions are included with Museum admission and do not require a separate ticket.

“We’re excited to turn the corner on 2020 and start with a fresh look at our collection—things you’ve never seen before,” says Deputy Curator Christopher Herron. “These pieces represent our continuing commitment to collect, research and display Colorado art.”

New Year / New View features 33 works by 31 artists, all connected to Colorado and acquired since 2014. Nine of the artists have not previously been shown at Kirkland Museum.

The works are all from Kirkland Museum’s Colorado & Regional Art collection and include paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures, mobiles and a solar etching. The artworks range from realist portraits and still lifes to pure abstractions. Examples include well-loved artists previously in the collection such as Edward Marecak, Al Wynne and Nan and James McKinnell, and artists never-before shown at Kirkland Museum like Lynn Wolfe and Edward Goldman.

Kirkland Museum has never presented an exhibition of new acquisitions and the word “new” was the driving force in choosing works for *New Year / New View*. The idea of a renewal, a fresh start, a rebirth after last year.

As part of the Museum’s mission of showcasing Colorado & regional art, Kirkland Museum Founding Director & Curator Hugh Grant continues to build on a collection of almost 8,000 works by about 850 artists, spanning two centuries of work in a variety of media created by the state’s visiting and resident artists.

In connection with the exhibition, the Kirkland Museum Store features a collection of ceramics by Nan Bangs McKinnell (1913–2012, American) and James McKinnell (1919–2005, American) on sale starting Thursday, Jan. 21.

Kirkland Museum is operated in accordance with guidelines established by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and the City and County of Denver. The following visitor safety measures remain in place at Kirkland Museum:

- Timed tickets are required for entry. Tickets can be [reserved online](#) or by calling 303.832.8576 x201 in advance of visits with a limit of four parties per 15-minute time slot.
- In order to implement a touchless experience, all Kirkland Museum brochures and gallery guides are accessed on the [Visitor Resources page](#).
- All staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings and to maintain social distancing between groups.
- Enhanced sanitization and frequent daily cleaning have been implemented throughout the building.
- The Museum building, built in 2017, features a state-of-the-art dual-air HVAC system designed to constantly create a mix of outside and inside air.

Though excited about *New Year / New View*, Kirkland Museum recognizes the need for engagement from home. The public can:

- Visit the Museum from the comfort of home with a [360 Degree Tour](#)
- Explore the Museum's [Virtual Exhibitions](#)
- Shop the [Online Store](#) with both shipping and pickup options available
- Like/friend/follow the Museum on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Kirkland Museum has three principal collections, all shown together in salon style, allowing visitors to time travel through about 150 years of art. The evolving collections contain over 30,000 works by more than 1,500 artists and designers. The collections are: international decorative art from about 1870 to the present, with examples of every major design period from Arts & Crafts through Postmodern; a retrospective of Colorado painter Vance Kirkland (1904–1981) and the work of other Colorado and regional artists.

For more information, please visit kirklandmuseum.org. A digital press kit is available at kirklandmuseum.org/about-us/press/.

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About Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art:

Kirkland Museum is dedicated to enriching lives by presenting art and design in a unique and approachable way. The Museum is rediscovering, documenting, collecting, preserving and exhibiting works from over 150 years, beginning in the mid-19th century, of Colorado's distinguished art history, international decorative art and the works of Vance Kirkland (1904–1981). The Museum serves the general public and scholars through exhibitions, the loan of works and public programs.