

TO: Rahr-West Art Museum Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Vadney, Director
DATE: July 1, 2026
SUBJECT: Director's Report

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Antiquity Unveiled: David Roberts' Artistic Expedition, 1838-1839

John West Gallery

April 12 – August 2

Special Lecture by Curator John Olbrantz

Thursday, July 16

Selections from Permanent Collection

May 30 – Sept. 13

Ruth West Gallery

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE LOAN

Manitowoc City Attorney Nycz confirmed what Board Member Able had said during last month's meeting: the language of our Collections Management Policy ("Loans of this nature must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the full Board of Directors") means that the 8 votes are needed to approve. Because our June meeting was attended by 7 members, even though the vote to approve was unanimous it is not approved. The loan is still up for approval contingent on board attendance.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Rawley Point Advisers have offered to meet with committees to assist in crafting the concrete goals to ensure realistic timelines and shared responsibilities. Committee members should prioritize strategic planning in upcoming meetings.

MUSEUM COMMITTEES

The museum committees are intended to provide the museum staff with collaborative assistance and guidance. Each committee is designed to include staff, board members and select members at large, but the original design of these committees was to give board members an opportunity to be more involved and supportive. Committees are encouraged to adjust schedules and meeting parameters to board members preferences.

DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION TIFFANY GLASS LOAN

The Rahr-West has been approved by the Driehaus Foundation to receive a 5-year, renewable loan of Tiffany glass. The loan will include two Tiffany windows housed in

custom cabinets with LDE backlighting. Driehaus is providing the glass and custom cabinets. Rahr-West Art Museum intends to exhibit the glass in our Porte Cochere landing. We will be adding electrical outlets and an additional camera to the area to better cover the loans. The museum will be insuring the glass and we will pay for ground transportation from Chicago.



SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Abigail Herring and Amelie Doneff began work during the week of June 15. Interns will be conducting a variety of projects, including collections management, marketing and website assignments. They will continue their work through mid-August.

ERIC WIND ART OF CONVERSATION

On Sunday, June 7 the Rahr-West hosted Eric Wind for a lecture on vintage watch collecting. The event was exceedingly successful, drawing an attendance of about 165. Eric graciously donated a display case he used for his presentation to the museum.