**Welcome to the Des Moines Art Center!**

The Des Moines Art Center is a world-class museum in the heart of the Midwest. It has amassed an important collection focused on contemporary art, housed in three major buildings, on the grounds, and downtown in the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park.

We hope you enjoy your visit and will return soon.

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**Free Admission**

(with the exception of some special events)

Donations accepted.

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**Visitor Guide**

**John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park**

Open to visitors since September 2005, the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park is a collaborative effort of the Pappajohns, Art Center, City of Des Moines, the Des Moines Art Center, and numerous sponsors and private donors.

**John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park**

The 4.4 acre park, located on the grounds of the Art Center between the museum buildings, on the grounds, and downtown in the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park.

**Museum Shop**

The Museum Shop offers gifts, jewelry, home décor, and items related to the Art Center. The Des Moines Art Center’s three public buildings feature artwork by 22 of the world’s most celebrated artists. The 4-acre park, located within a major crossroad of the urban grid, creates a pedestrian-friendly entranceway to downtown Des Moines. This accessible setting, coupled with the skilled landscape design and caliber of the art, makes it unlike any other sculpture park in the United States. The Pappajohns’ contribution of works for the park is the most significant collection of art ever made by the Des Moines Art Center.

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**Educational Programs**

Engaging our visitors with the art of our time is at the heart of the Art Center’s mission.

Through a vast array of art and educational programming such as tours, classes, family events, lectures, gallery talks, and films, the Art Center offers many options to make the artwork accessible and meaningful to all.

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**Preservation**

Help us preserve the works of art in our care for future generations by obeying a few guidelines:

- Do not touch the artwork.
- Photographing is permitted in the museum but not in the sculpture park.
- Do not feed or feed birds.
- Do not feed pigeons.
- Do not smoke.
- Do not bring pets.
- Do not bring food or drink.
- Do not lean on railings or sculptures.
- Do not feed or feed birds.
The experience of the Des Moines Art Center actually begins outside the buildings with art that responds to the architecture and the landscape. The Art Center complex consists of three buildings by world renowned architects and outdoor sculpture, indicated by color.  

**Eliel Saarinen Building**
- Building
- Education Wing

**RICHARD MEIER BUILDING**
- Lobby
- Museum Shop
- A. H. Blank Galleries 1, 2, and 3
- John Brady Print Gallery
- Maytag Reflecting Pool
- Courtyard
- Passage to Richard Meier Building and three floors of galleries

**I. M. PEI BUILDING**
- Main Entrance
- Lobby
- Museum Shop
- Anna K. Meredith Gallery
- A. H. Blank Galleries 1, 2, and 3
- John Brady Print Gallery
- Maytag Reflecting Pool
- Courtyard
- Passage to Richard Meier Building and three floors of galleries

All sculptures shown below are part of the Des Moines Art Center Permanent Collection. Refer to the map to the left to locate them on the surrounding grounds.

- **Eliel Saarinen Building**
  - Education Wing
  - Art Studies and Offices
  - Education Entrance
  - Adrienne and Charles Herbert Education Galleries
  - Gail and Stanley Richards Studio 3 / Computer Lab
  - Margaret Brennen Studio 1 (main level)
  - Rusty, Elton and Jim Hubbell Studio 2 (main level)
  - Principal Studio 5 (lower level)
  - Principal Studio 6 (lower level)
  - Ceramics Studio 7 (lower level)
  - Sculpture on the Grounds

- **Richard Meier Building**
  - Sculpture on the Grounds

- **I. M. Pei Building**
  - Museum and Grounds Map

Follow the red dotted walking paths in either direction to all art galleries inside and sculpture outside.

The Art Center sits on two sculptures on the Principal Riverwalk in downtown Des Moines by artists Sally Fotus and Joel Shapiro. They can be found at the corner of 3rd and Grand Avenues, and on the river side of City Hall at East 1st and Locust Streets, respectively.

Greenwood Pond: Double Site located on the river side of City Hall at East 1st and Locust Streets.