

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND: ART ODYSSEY 2014

Tuesday, October 28 – Sunday, November 2, 2014



Those who have travelled with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) recognize that we offer authentic art experiences combined with exceptional value. Escorted by NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates with able assistance from Karen Caesar-Smith, GSU's Director for Special Events, this journey will open your eyes to the beauty of art in the natural world.



Geoff and Karen

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Join friends and fellow art enthusiasts for an unforgettable excursion through New England's Berkshire Mountains at the height of their autumn splendor. Our **2014 Art Odyssey** will open your eyes anew to sculpture, painting and the natural world. You'll experience the drama of a bronze pour, encounter remarkable artworks, immerse yourself in the bounty and the majesty of the Hudson Valley Region and more.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR TOUR:

Day 1

The group will rendezvous at Chicago's Midway Airport to board Southwest Airlines' Flight 168, departing at 1:25 p.m. We'll touch down at Boston's Logan International at 4:45 p.m..

After we settle into the upscale Verve Hotel in Natick, the group will gather for a cocktail reception and three-course dinner. Director Bates will deliver a welcome and orientation for the week's activities over dessert.

Day 2

Our tour begins with the ancient process of bronze casting during a demonstration visit to the New England Sculpture Service. After lunch, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum Director Dennis Kois will escort us through their dynamic presentation. That night, we'll spend the first of two nights in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the historic 18th Century Red Lion Inn. Stockbridge is a quintessential New England town. You'll have an evening to roam stores and boutiques after dinner on your own.

Day 3

Norman Rockwell's broad oeuvre is being revised upward as the art world recognizes what a superb technician he was and how truly iconic many of his images remain. After breakfast on our own, we will tour the Norman Rockwell museum and then gain special insight into the "Rockwell, the man" when a Stockbridge resident who was a model for the artist addresses the group "one on one."

After lunch on the bus, we will arrive in North Adams, home to the cavernous Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary



Art (MASSMoCA). Begun with a vision in 1984, MASSMoCA has become a prime example of "The Bilbao Effect" – when you place a dynamic arts organization into the middle of a depressed community, the socio-economic results can be miraculous. Cutting edge contemporary art forms – sculpture, installation, dance, music – all contribute to this remarkable facility's success. We will have a guided tour of MASSMoCA and then you will be free to explore the site and the remainder of the North Adams business district on your own. We'll return to the Red Lion Inn for hors d'oeuvres and wine, discuss our progress and look ahead to the remaining three days. Dinner will be on your own at the Red Lion Inn or one of several upscale establishments nearby.

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Day 4

Day four of the Odyssey will begin and end with art – with food and spirits tucked in-between.

After an early breakfast on your own, we'll hop on the bus for a short trip through the heart of Massachusetts' Berkshire Mountains on our way to William Frederick Church's "Olana." This opulent, early 19th-Century Persian-motif home situated on 250 acres overlooking the Hudson Valley will be resplendent in autumn color. American landscape painting began with Church and other Hudson River School painters.



Lunch will be in Hyde Park at the Culinary Institute of America, the nation's premier culinary arts school. We'll enjoy a 4-course luncheon of superbly produced, beautifully presented, upscale seasonal delights. During the meal, you'll have a chance to chat with student servers about their restaurant dreams. Save a little room for our next stop, the Tuthilltown Distillery.

Housed in a former grist mill, this boutique maker of spirits was mentioned as a "must" stop in a New York Times survey of Hudson Valley destinations in a July 2013 article.

We'll close the day with a tour of the DIA Beacon. Another example of "The Bilbao Effect", this former Nabisco cardboard box factory welcomes over 75,000 people a year and generates \$12.4M for the Hudson River Valley economy. Make time to visit with Richard Serra's three "Torqued Ellipses" on the west side of the building or explore the village of Beacon. We'll make our way to Poughkeepsie for the night where dinner will be on your own at our Hampton Inn or one of the nearby restaurants.



Day 5

Our last full day will be spent at Storm King Art Center, a 500+ acre center for monumental sculpture in the landscape. After an introductory tour and history of the site, you'll have all day to roam this captivating presentation of art and nature.

We'll wrap up the week with dinner at The Artist's Palette/Canvas, a boutique restaurant owned by Charles Fells. Taking full advantage of autumn's bounty, the menu of locally-sourced dishes will be paired with commentary and wines from local Millbrook Vineyard. It will be an incomparable way to close our week together.

Day 6

After breakfast and an early start, we'll have time for one more, surprise visit to a major collection along the Hudson River Valley before we make our way to Newark International Airport and our flight to Midway.





Pricing

We have room for only 50 travelers on this exclusive, customized tour of New England. It is open to the general public for the exceptional value of \$2,089 (double occupancy) and \$2,389 (single occupancy).

It is available to Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Pathfinders at the \$100 level and above for only \$1899 (double occupancy) and \$2,199 (single occupancy). See our sidebar on how to become a Pathfinder and receive a discounted price over the general public fee.

Your fee will include:

- All bus and plane transportation and transfers.
- 5 nights' accommodations.
- Travel on luxury motorcoach.
- Admissions to all museum and sculpture sites.
- Tour fees for all sites.
- Breakfast for 3 mornings.
- Welcome cocktail party (cash bar) and 3-course dinner.
- Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Red Lion Inn.
- 4-course luncheon at the Culinary Institute of America.
- 3-course gourmet wrap-up dinner and wine tasting, The Artist's Palate/Canvas.
- 3 gourmet box lunches.
- Spirit tasting at Tuthilltown Distillery.
- A \$200 tax deductible donation to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Register now for a trip of exceptional beauty at an extraordinary value!

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Cellphone _____

Phone _____

NOTE: Because of the complexity of this trip, deposits are non-refundable ***We are strongly recommending the purchase of travel insurance.*** We will provide a brochure on a recommended travel insurance company when you send your deposit.

You can make your deposit one of two ways:

- Send a deposit check for \$500 for each traveler you are registering made out to :
GSU Foundation – NMSP Odyssey
Governors State University - D34067
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484
- Contact Gina Ragland, Development Assistant at **708.235.7559** and provide her with your credit card and registration information.

Payment Schedule:

Your second \$500 payment must be made by Monday, June 2, 2014

Your final balance must arrive at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park office no later than Monday, September 15, 2014. We will remind you of your balance at least one month ahead of the deadline.

Traveler's Name(s) - please let us know if there is someone with whom you plan to share a room, or if you are seeking a roommate.

Roommate name: _____

- I am seeking a roommate.
- I will be traveling by myself.

It pays to be a Pathfinder!

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Pathfinders at the \$100 level and above receive discounts and special consideration for many events and activities sponsored by the park. Your \$100 tax-deductible Pathfinder membership will provide a discount NOW and benefits in the FUTURE.

Yes! Make me a Pathfinder!

Name(s): _____

Please let us know how you would like your name(s) listed in our publications.

Pathfinder Level: _____

Levels:

- Grassroots Supporter \$100+
- Premier Partner \$500+
- Sculptor's Forum \$1,000+
- Collector's Circle \$5,000+
- Visionary \$10,000+