



*"The object of art is not to reproduce reality,
but to create a reality of the same intensity."*

~ Alberto Giacometti

2025 - 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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AUGUST 2025

Kick Off Event at Leslie & Brad Bucher Mandell Artspace

Monday, August 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the private exhibition space of Leslie and Brad Bucher, dedicated supporters of Houston's art scene. Their impressive collection features Houston artists like Christian Eckart and Aaron Parazette, alongside global names such as James Turrell, Carmen Herrera and Julie Mehretu, with a focus on Minimalism, Latin American art and major installations.

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SEPTEMBER

Grand Opening at Holocaust Museum Houston

Monday, September 29 | 5:30 p.m.

Experience Jacqueline Kott-Wolle's vibrant exhibition exploring five generations of Jewish life in North America. Through colorful paintings and personal stories, the artist reflects on family, identity, and resilience—from Holocaust survival to modern-day traditions.



OCTOBER

Exclusive Visit to Home & Collection of Emily Kirby & Ben Ackerley

Monday, October 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Experience a special opportunity to view the private collection of Emily Kirby and Ben Ackerley, featuring modern and contemporary works with a strong focus on Texas artists. Highlights include pieces by Vernon Fisher, Howard Sherman, Trenton Doyle Hancock and Vincent Valdez, alongside iconic names like Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and James Rosenquist.



NOVEMBER

Visit to Inman Gallery

Monday, November 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Join Kerry Inman for an exclusive tour of the newly renovated Inman Gallery, featuring an exhibition walkthrough with Houston-based artist Jamal Cyrus. Exhibiting both sculptural and two-dimensional works, Cyrus utilizes the creative strategies of collage and assemblage to explore African diaspora and Black political movements.



DECEMBER

Holiday Gathering at Gallery & Home of Hiram Butler

Monday, December 8 | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening with Hiram Butler, a visionary gallerist who has helped shape Houston's contemporary art scene. Since founding his gallery in 1984, Hiram has championed numerous public art projects, including works by James Turrell, Jennifer Bartlett and Ellsworth Kelly. The gallery is currently working in collaboration with the Barnett Newman Foundation to realize a synagogue that was designed by Newman in 1963, which is now planned for the Emery/Weiner School campus in Houston, Texas.



FEBRUARY 2026

Special Visit to Home & Collection of Amy Kapiloff

Monday, February 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Join longtime Art Circle member Amy Kapiloff for an intimate preview of her dynamic collection, spanning two Bellaire homes. Built with her late husband David, the collection features works by Helen Frankenthaler, Ross Bleckner, Roy Lichtenstein, Dorothy Hood and Christian Eckart.



MARCH

Visit to McClain Gallery

Monday, March 2 | 5:30 p.m.

McClain Gallery invites you to experience Nick Vaughan and Jake Margolin's solo exhibition, featuring a special performance-lecture by the artists. The show highlights their Wind Drawings—ghost-like images of windows and doors from former queer spaces across mid-America.



APRIL

Exclusive Visit to Home & Collection of Tracy & Glen Lerner

Tuesday, April 14 | 5:30 p.m.

Tracy Levit Lerner and Glen Lerner are passionate Houston philanthropists known for championing the arts and cultural preservation. Their vibrant collection—featuring McKay Otto, Claudio Bravo, Cassandria Blackmore, Zhuang Hong Yi and Sharon Kopriva—reflects their bold eye for innovation and deep love for community.



MAY

Season Closing Event at Home of Liz & Steve Crowell

Monday, May 4 | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Liz and Steve Crowell's art-filled Museum District home, featuring works by Jean-Michel Basquiat, John Chamberlain, Jenny Holzer, Robert Mangold and Edward Ruscha – alongside rare Mesoamerican carvings, Chinese terracotta sculptures, medieval maps and African statuary.





Katharine Barthelme Frank is a collector and art advisor living in Houston. She established Barthelme Art & Appraisals in 2014. With extensive educational accreditations in art history and contemporary art, plus over 16 years of experience working with artists, collectors, auction houses and commercial galleries both in the US and abroad, Katharine provides expert advice to private individuals on fine art acquisitions and divestitures to build and manage collections of art.

Katharine Barthelme Frank holds an MA Degree from Sotheby's Institute of Art, London and a BA from Santa Fe University of Art and Design, majoring in Art History with a minor in Photography. She is also a tested, USPAP compliant fine art appraiser and Associate, Appraisal Association of America [AAA]. Currently, she serves on the board of the Blaffer Museum, Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Arts and the Executive Board of Inprint in Houston.



Charlotta Barø-Hill is an Associate at McClain Gallery in Houston, where she works closely with private clients and collectors, supporting acquisitions and representing many Houston-based artists. She brings over 12 years of experience in the art world, with a background spanning major auction houses and commercial galleries in the U.S. and Scandinavia.

Before returning to Houston in 2023, she spent almost a decade working in Norway, specializing in building and managing corporate art collections for Norwegian clients.

She holds an MA in Art History from the University of Bergen, Norway, and a BA in Art History from The University of Texas at Austin. She currently serves on the board of the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce and is a lead organizer of *Making A Mark*, a children's art exhibition program at Texas Children's Hospital.



Ben Johnston, Valerie Baron & Richard Leibman, Lori & Scott Wulfe at the home of Barbara & Michael Gamson, April 2025



Richard Gruen at the home of Ben Johnston & Erich Ploog, December 2024



Barbara Rubenstein, Sandi Seltzer Bryant, Dee Dee Dochen, Karen Dow at the home of Ben Johnston & Erich Ploog, December 2024

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Connoisseur Members:

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Leslie & Brad Bucher	Evelyn Leightman
Liz & Steve Crowell	Tracy & Glen Larner
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Kerry Inman / Inman Gallery	Lori & Scott Wulfe
	Elizabeth & Barry Young

Art Circle is Holocaust Museum Houston's art affinity group that was created to connect HMH members and the Houston community with artists and collectors engaged in social, political, and human rights issues. Art Circle takes members of the group into private collectors' homes, artists' studios and art galleries for incredible behind-the-scenes experiences.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

Memberships are for two individuals

SUPPORTER \$500

- Invitations to private Art Circle events for two people

CONNOISSEUR \$1,000

Benefits of Supporter Membership, plus:

- Invitations to two additional events in magnificent art-filled homes exclusively for Connoisseur members
- Invitation for six to attend a special Behind-the-Scenes Docent Led Tour at Holocaust Museum Houston
- Name recognition in the Art Circle Brochure



*Benjamin & Lauren Hendin
at 4411 Montrose Gallery,
September 2024*

*A current HMH membership is required
to join the Art Circle. Dates, locations,
and speakers subject to change.*



*Jacqueline Hecht & Wayne Dorris at the home
of Elizabeth & Barry Young, February 2025*