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MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART



New year, new location, and more new things to come!

The MONA team hopes that this letter finds you well and looking forward to the new year. Reflecting on 2021, we are humbled by what a remarkable year it has been in the history of our museum.



First, we are extremely grateful for the support that the Capital Campaign has received thus far. We are pleased to report that we have reached just over \$21 million in pledges and gifts including the \$7.5 million in funding via LB141 from the Nebraska Legislature. We are extremely proud of the support we have received from a multitude of generous donors, foundations, and government institutions and will work diligently to honor these donations.



Your gift has had a significant impact on our momentum. While we are still in the "quiet" phase of the campaign, we continue to work on securing lead gifts, applying for grants, and cultivating more financial opportunities. For example, we are eagerly waiting to hear what financial support Nebraska LB566 might potentially offer.



On December 10, 2021, we celebrated a major campaign milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony attended by MONA members, Kearney city and Nebraska state officials, esteemed donors, and honorable board members past and present. It was a wonderful event that energized us all and provided an opportunity to share publicly what a revitalized MONA will become.



Through all of this, staff was busily working in the background planning, packing, and sorting more than forty years of history to be relocated to our temporary office space. Now that the boxes have been unpacked, we are working on developing online exhibitions, offsite programming opportunities, and ways to connect with our members and those across the state during the closure.



Our other exciting news is MONA will be hosting its biennial art auction, *SPIRIT: A Celebration of Art in the Heartland, 2022* in April. This year's, *SPIRIT* will feature an online auction of more than 130 works by a select group of Nebraska artists. The auction website will be available for viewing beginning in March. Formal bidding for the auction will commence on Saturday, April 2 and close on Thursday, April 7. To view the list of artists and the artwork now, visit us at mona.unk.edu.

Finally, we are truly indebted to you for your support. We extend our best wishes and hope you are blessed with good health, happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Nicole Herden

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Executive Director

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