I am pleased to invite you, as a Brookgreen patron with an interest in art, our world-renowned American figurative sculpture collection, and our annual exhibitions program, to join a newly-created group at Brookgreen Gardens, the Curator’s Circle.

Designed for enthusiasts and connoisseurs of American art, the Curator’s Circle offers exclusive opportunities to meet with major sculptors, curators, and collectors who share similar interests. Curator’s Circle members participate in an exciting exploration of American sculpture through an annual series of art tours, salons, behind-the-scenes experiences, and Meet-the-Artist events. In addition to receiving these unique privileges, Curator’s Circle members support Brookgreen Gardens’ mission to preserve, interpret, collect, and exhibit American art.

Robin Salmon, Brookgreen’s Vice President for Art and Historical Collections and Curator of Sculpture, has worked at Brookgreen for the past 44 years studying, presenting, and advancing its art and history through installations, exhibitions, publications, and lectures throughout the country. Robin is our perfect guide to lead the Curator’s Circle on this journey of discovery in the arts, bringing her vast knowledge and unparalleled connections in the art world to the creation of many memorable experiences for Curator’s Circle members.

Please review the Curator’s Circle overview in the following pages and become a founding member of this dynamic educational, social, and philanthropic group. Your longstanding commitment to Brookgreen Gardens is so appreciated. Robin and I will be thrilled to welcome you to the Curator’s Circle in the coming months!

Sincerely,

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Robin R. Salmon, Brookgreen’s Vice President of Art and Historical Collections and Curator of Sculpture, will lead our new Curator’s Circle, planning its annual trip and calendar of events, securing featured speakers, and conducting behind-the-scenes programs, special exhibition tours, and visits to artists’ studios and private art collections.

A native of Columbia, SC, Robin has been on the staff of Brookgreen Gardens since 1975. She oversees the acquisition, exhibition, and conservation of Brookgreen’s art, history, library, and archives collections, and the activities of the Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Center for American Sculpture, bringing prominent sculptors to Brookgreen Gardens for residencies, lectures, and workshops. Robin has degrees in history and art history from the University of South Carolina. She is an Allied Professional member of the National Sculpture Society and serves on its board of directors. She is the member of several other professional organizations and has received awards for her work from Brookgreen Gardens, National Sculpture Society, and Artists’ Fellowship. Robin is the author of five books on Brookgreen Gardens, co-author of seven books on other art and history subjects, and she has written numerous essays and articles for exhibit catalogues, magazines, and other publications.

Robin directs Brookgreen’s annual art exhibitions program and oversees the activities of the Wallace Master Sculptor Program, which includes public lectures and demonstrations by nationally-renowned sculptors. In addition to organizing a variety of sculpture exhibits during the coming year, Robin is currently preparing a major retrospective of the work of Brookgreen’s founder, the American sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington, which will open at Brookgreen Gardens during its 90th Anniversary in 2021 and travel to several venues across the country. Curator’s Circle members will be invited to attend events with art patrons in these cities.
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As a Curator’s Circle member, you will be invited behind-the-scenes of our nation’s premier American figurative sculpture collection at Brookgreen Gardens, the first public sculpture garden in America and the largest collection of American figurative sculpture displayed in an outdoor setting, as well as in several indoor galleries located within Brookgreen’s historic property.

Guided by Brookgreen’s celebrated curator, Robin Salmon, and with fellow Curator’s Circle members, you will enjoy special access to renowned sculptors, curators, art patrons and collectors from across South Carolina and the nation. Programs on a variety of topics will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of viewing and collecting modern and contemporary art.

Among the special events and art-related programs Curator’s Circle members will enjoy are;

- Private curator-led or artist-led tours of select special exhibitions
- Meet-the-Artist receptions with prominent sculptors
- Invitation to Annual Curator’s Circle events with distinguished guests
- Invitation to join the Annual Curator’s Circle trip to art destinations (additional charge) and curator-led tours to visit artists’ studios and private art collections
- Salons on a range of art-related topics, including art collecting and connoisseurship

Your annual Curator’s Circle contribution will help provide sustaining funding for Brookgreen’s art exhibitions, lectures and workshops, and sculpture acquisitions. Your gift will support and enhance the Art Collections program of Brookgreen Gardens. Your participation will be recognized on Curator’s Circle listings in Brookgreen’s Annual Report and on its website. The support of the Curator’s Circle members will also be acknowledged in exhibition and program signage throughout the year.

All Brookgreen Gardens members at the President’s Council level and above are eligible to participate in the Curator’s Circle. Participation begins with an annual gift of $1,000 for individuals and $1,500 for couples. To join the Curator’s Circle, please complete the enclosed reply form and return it to the address provided with your payment by check or your credit card information. For more information, please contact the Curator’s Circle team at 843-979-6076.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 – Inaugural Events
March - Santa Fe/Albuquerque Art Tour
April – Meet-the-Artist Reception: Gwen Marcus
September – Artist Talk and Meet-the-Artist Reception: Bart Walter
October – National Sculpture Society 86th Annual Awards Exhibition Reception
November – Artist Talk and Meet-the-Artist Reception: Todd McGrain

2020 – Events Calendar *
January – Private Artists-led Exhibition Tour: Exquisite Miniatures
February – Brookgreen reception at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE), Charleston
April – Artist Talk and Meet-the-Artist Reception: Bruce Munro
May – Private Artist-led Exhibition Tour: Rosie Sandifer Retrospective
June – Colorado Art Tour (6/24-6/28)
July – Behind-the-Scenes visit with Trustee and Sculptor Greg Wyatt and Cathedral apprentices
August – Private Curator-led Tour: National Sculpture Society 87th Annual Awards Exhibition
September – Reception at Private Collection
October – Annual Curator’s Circle Event with Trustee and Sculptor Sandy Scott
November – Private Meeting with Sculptor Grainger McKoy

* Events and dates are subject to change.