

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

THE MYTH MAKERS Branching Out

Artists in Residence, Tuesday through Saturday, June 21 - 25

Witness the creation of a twenty-foot-tall sculpture of a sandhill crane pair as two Boston artists, known as The Myth Makers, construct a site-specific work using Wausau-area saplings. For *The Dance*, Donna Dodson and Andy Moerlein were inspired by the way the seasonal migration of sandhill cranes to their Wisconsin nesting grounds marks the passage of time.

As *The Dance* extends skyward, observe, ask the artists questions, and consider dropping off – and decorating if you wish – white, tan, or gray plastic bags, which will be woven into the sculpture. The Myth Makers invite visitors to contribute “their own personal meaning and myths, reminding us all of seasonal changes and life’s rhythms” by marking bags to convey special summer family traditions.

Experience The Myth Makers’ collaborative process and work with them during public programs.



June 21 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Extra Terrific Toddler Tuesday

Crane Craft & Striking Poses

Little ones, 18 months-4 years, siblings, and accompanying adults sample art making and movement-themed stations inspired by *The Dance* “under construction.” Also take in a family yoga session led by a 5 Koshas Yoga and Wellness instructor. Let art move you during the sixth year of the Museum’s participation in Let’s Move! Museums & Gardens, First Lady Michelle Obama’s national initiative.



5 Koshas
yoga and wellness



June 21 Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Monumental Sculpture

From Idea to Execution

As *The Dance* takes shape, join The Myth Makers for insights into their site-specific sculpture and a discussion of their creative process. All ages welcome.

June 22 Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Making the Myth

Teen/Adult Creative Writing Workshop

Dodson and Moerlein lead a series of short creative writing exercises, utilizing a range of texts and stories as inspiration. Participants will discuss the origins and meanings of diverse cultural myths and create their own stories with guidance from The Myth Makers.

June 23 Thursday 4:30 – 6 pm

Sculpt with Saplings

All ages drop in to create their own miniature crane sculptures from bendable branches, guided and inspired by Donna Dodson and Andy Moerlein.

June 25 Saturday 10:30 am – Noon

Art Beyond Sight

Individuals with low-vision or blindness are invited to experience the Museum’s new site-specific avian sculpture through conversation, hands-on investigation, and art making with The Myth Makers and Woodson educators.

The Myth Makers’ residency is made possible by a generous contribution from the Genan Foundation.

Call 715.845.7010 to register

See next page for more programs.