Beautiful Weather
Exquisite Art

Paint Out

April 23 - 29, 2017

Upcoming Exhibit:
Summer of Love:
Reflections on Pulse
May 9 - Sept. 3, 2017

Image: “Sunny Knowles”, Manon Sander
by the numbers

41,137 visitors

New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey

United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Canada, Brazil, France

Docent-led Tours

1,144
Polasek Residence

104
Capen House

108 volunteers

5 gallery exhibits

9 programming events

4,420 hours worked

6,636 followers

$55,594 private donations

$117,194 estate gifts

The Capen House at the Polasek

46 rentals

The Winter Park Paint Out

16 events and demos

Our Mission:
To promote the legacy of internationally known Czech-American sculptor, Albin Polasek, and to enrich lives through the power of inspiration conveyed by this story, setting, and art.

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2016 Year in Review at the Polasek

Restoration of the Emily Courtyard was completed with a grant from Orange County and matched by individual donors. The decaying tile courtyard was recreated with materials that mimic Polasek’s original artistry but improve drainage and safety.

New LED lighting was added to the historic home and gallery, brightening the environment and better highlighting the collection while keeping indoor temperatures more stable.

A new sculpture, Girl with a Wreath, was added to the garden thanks to a generous gift from Michael J. and Aimee Rusinko Kakos. A plaster casting made in 1945 was in storage, unseen by the public for 71 years, until this new casting was made in 2016.

Thank you! See a list of our 2016 donors and supporters at polasek.org/support.

How You Can Make a Difference in 2017

Stations of the Cross Bronze Castings
Ten of the fourteen Stations of the Cross are made of deteriorating fiberglass that urgently need to be cast in bronze. This is a naming opportunity!

To make a gift, mail us a check or visit polasek.org/support. Contact development@polasek.org or 407-960-4718 with any questions.

Butterfly Water Feature
We hope to add this to the garden as a water feature in 2017 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of its first public showing.

Administrative Needs
New or used items to make an immediate impact on our daily operations include an HP Color LaserJet printer, Nikon DSLR camera, and archival scanner.

Garden Upgrades
Plants and gardening tools are needed to upgrade sections of our garden, particularly the Victorious Christ garden area.
Winter Park Paint Out 2017

This free week-long fundraising event celebrates the art of painting done *en plein air* (a French term meaning “in the open air”). For more information, visit winterparkpaintout.com.

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, April 23
- Michelle Held Demo 10 a.m. - Noon
- Open House 1 - 4 p.m.
- Chalk Walk with Gary Rupp 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Patrick Noze Demo 2 - 4 p.m.

### Monday, April 24
- Open House 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Suzanne Morris Demo 10 a.m. - Noon

### Tuesday, April 25
- Open House 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Harold Frontz Demo 10 a.m. - Noon
- Cory Wright Kerouac House Demo 6 – 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 26
- Open House 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Patricia Maguire Demo 10 a.m. - Noon
- Sunset “Paint In” 6 – 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 27
- Open House 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Bill Farnsworth Demo 10 a.m. - Noon

### Friday, April 28
- Open House 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Morgan Samuel Price Demo 10 a.m. - Noon
- Natalia Andreeva Happy Hour Demo 5 – 8 p.m.

### Saturday, April 29
- Open House 9 a.m. – Noon
- Garden Party 6 – 9 p.m.

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**Chalk Walk**

Know any talented students? Help them register and develop designs for our upcoming “Chalk Walk” during the Winter Park Paint Out.

This is their chance to shine and have their artwork featured in one of the premiere festivals in the region!

To register, please visit winterparkpaintout.com
Become an Art Patron!
Support the Albin Polasek Museum and the Winter Park Paint Out while enjoying these exclusive benefits:
- Package value is 100% redeemable for art purchases
- VIP seating and early entrance to events
- Recognition on website, program, and banners
For more information, please call 407-960-4719 or visit winterparkpaintout.com

Garden Party
Saturday, April 29, 6 - 9 p.m.
This highly anticipated culminating event is the chance to mingle with the artists while enjoying fine food, drink, and entertainment. Browse and purchase one-of-a-kind artwork at the same time!
To purchase tickets, please visit winterparkpaintout.com

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What’s Happening

Plein Air Painting with Pastels: A Two-Day Workshop with Gary Rupp
March 27 and April 3, 2017
Register at polasek.org/museumevents

Earth Day Quick Draw Competition
Sunday, April 9, 2017; 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Register at polasek.org/quickdraw

Florida Plein Air Painter’s Panel Presentation
Tuesday, March 28, 2017; 7 P.M.
Register at polasek.org/museumevents

Artful Book Club
Monday, April 10, 2017; 10 - 11:30 A.M.
Register at polasek.org/exhibitevents

Polasek Museum Names Four New Board Members

The Polasek Museum has named four new members to its Board of Directors for 2017. Mildred Graham, Chris Leary, Lawrence Lyman, and Nyma Whitmire will join the 12-person board to serve three-year terms each.

We bid a fond farewell to longtime board members Carolyn Bird and Judy Duda who finished serving nine years on the Polasek Museum Board of Directors in 2016.
By Rachel Frisby

What a joyous time! I can feel the excitement of spring in the air and the momentum for the Winter Park Paint Out is tangible. “Spring” or “rebirth” was a common theme used by Albin Polasek throughout his career. “Spring,” as an allegorical subject, is represented in many of Polasek’s Slavic deities such as “Vesna,” and also featured in a more classical piece “Awakening Spring.” On the side of the Gallery building you may also observe an infant’s head sprouting forth from a floral base. The title of this bas-relief sculpture, “New Baby” hints at the cyclical nature of the renewal of life. Originally placed over the garage of his home, Polasek designed the bas-relief as a sundial feature. The baby’s face would be kissed each morning as the sun rose in the East. It was his philosophy that one should begin each day as if it were a new life, forgetting the mistakes of the previous day.

It is in the spirit of Spring that I introduce another new baby to the Polasek Museum. Recently, we received an incredibly generous donation, Albin Polasek’s “Butterfly” sculpture gifted by Marcey Reyes of Chicago, IL. This baby is not only a reminder of Spring in its young form, but also suggests a renewal with the addition of the butterfly wings.

Sculpted in clay in 1915, Albin Polasek’s “Butterfly” has been cast nine documented times. We are fortunate that we already own one dark brown patina casting, but the donation of this second casting, boasting a light green patina, will allow us to add “Butterfly” to our growing sculpture gardens. Because Polasek designed the piece as a fountain figure, it is fitting that we will now be able to create a water feature to showcase this piece.

The model for the “Butterfly” baby is named David. David Fairbanks was the young son of Albin Polasek’s friend and American Academy in Rome Fellow, Frank Fairbanks. Little David was also the inspiration for the Polasek portrait, the “Bust of David Fairbanks,” which was created when David was just days old and can now be found in our Museum’s collection. The “Butterfly” fountain figure depicts David as a toddler, standing and grasping a turtle in his pudgy little hands, sporting a pair of butterfly wings on his back. The turtle, with a mouth spout, was designed to shoot a stream of water upward, showering the little boy figure. “Butterfly” was included at Polasek’s one-man exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1917. It is my hope that sometime in 2017, the 100-year-anniversary of its first public showing, we will be able to unveil this work to the community as a new water feature in the Polasek Sculpture Gardens. Warm thanks to Marcey for her donation, and also to her father, who demonstrated excellent taste in purchasing the Polasek sculpture at auction. We will treasure this bundle of joy!

“Butterfly”, Albin Polasek

Donor Marcey Reyes and father
Currently on exhibit through April 16 is Contemporary Visions of Frantz Zéphirin: Haitian Mystic.

Frantz Zéphirin is one of the leading contemporary artists working in Haiti today. A self-taught artist born in Cap Haïtien in 1968, Zéphirin has been described as a visionary, a surrealist, a visual satirist and an “historic animalist.”

Visit the exhibition to contemplate his visually stunning paintings, laden with Caribbean pattern and vivid color that feature diverse subject matter on history, politics, the environment, Christianity, and Haitian Creole culture.