

# The Art[ful] Experience

A Resource For All Who Love Art & Community

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Summer: The perfect chance to travel for art!



Traveling and art go hand-in-hand. Why not build your next trip around a visit to a specific work of art, an installation or a museum?

Some super cool things you can see during your travels:

- A set of Monet's haystacks all together in the same room, so you can see what the painter was trying to do while studying the differences in light as each hour passed. (Chicago Institute of Art)
- A tower of blankets, stacked over two stories tall as part of a community collaboration conceptualized by Marie Watt, each with its own story and as part of a bigger story. (Denver Art Museum)
- A musical instrument that is played by the ocean! Architect Nikola Bašić designed the Zadar Sea Organ in 2005 and it is a sight—and sound—to behold. (Croatia)



## - Our Town -

Spotlight on Local Art Treasures



Who are these two people, and how are they connected?

Hubert Julian Stowitts (L) was born in Nebraska in 1892, and came to fully realize his love for the arts in his 20s and 30s. He was a dancer, a circus performer, a designer, and a painter.

Pakubuwono X (R) was a beloved Javanese ruler in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

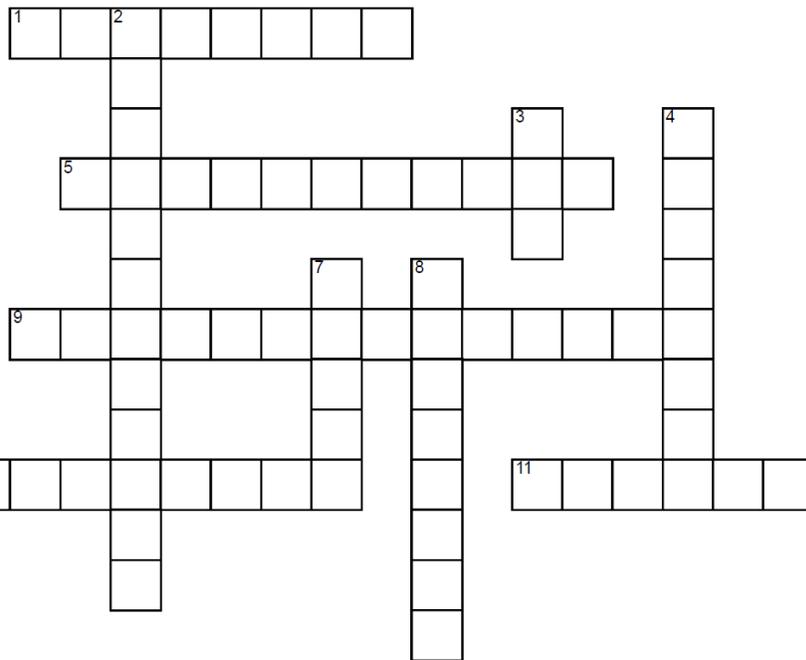
Stowitts traveled to Asia in the 1920s, where he lived in Indonesia for a year. In 1928 he had the chance to paint Pakubuwono X, although the story is unclear as to how the opportunity came about and why.

The completed painting is in Fort Collins(!), at the Gregory Allcar Museum of Art at Colorado State University. A prominent feature of the painting is Stowitts' use of gold leaf as a backdrop to a portrait of Pakubuwono in a strong, stately pose.

Go see it in person! Not only is Pakubuwono life-sized and regal, but the gold shimmers. The painting is a shining star in the museum's Hartford-Tandstad Collection. AND you can help fund the painting's conservation effort by purchasing a detail magnet from the museum's gift shop.

<https://artmuseum.colostate.edu/>

## The Golden Armchair Traveler



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### Is gold leaf *actually* gold??

In fact, gold leaf *is* made of gold! It is sometimes mixed with other metals to give it strength, and hammered in a process called *goldbeating* to a width of ~.1mm. It's surprisingly not as expensive as you'd think, even though the mostly commonly used gold is 22 karat.



## The Golden Hour: The Best-Ever Light

Sunlight in the early evening is some of the best light we creatives have at our disposal, inspiring beauty in poetry, photographs, and paintings.



### ACROSS

- 1 A solid gold toilet made by this Italian artist was installed in a Guggenheim Museum bathroom (for actual use) in 2017. Its story includes a theft and is called *America*.
- 5 A locally famous Indonesian ruler of the 1920s, whose portrait's background is a swath of gold leaf.
- 9 One of Gustav Klimt's famous works, located in the Neue Gallery in New York City, and covered in gold leaf.
- 10 Van Gogh was a huge fan of golden hues, and this floral painting may be one of his most famous, on view in Amsterdam.
- 11 This golden fruit was featured in a piece during Art Basil Miami 2019, called *Comedian* and by the same artist as #1 Across.

### DOWN

- 2 A famous, bling-y room built in 18th Century Prussia. It was dismantled and eventually disappeared during WWII. Not to worry, though: a reproduction was created for the Catherine Palace, in Pushkin, Russia.
- 3 The Sutton \_\_\_ Helmet is made of iron, bronze, tin, gold, silver, and garnets. It was discovered in England in 1939 and is now in the British Museum in London.
- 4 This Byzantine empress continues her regal stare from the walls of the Basilica di San Vitale in Ravenna, Italy.
- 6 This painting, \_\_\_ *In Black And Gold*, was made in just a few hours. The artist, James Whistler, was taken to court for charging so much when he spent "so little" time on it. (The court ruled in his favor. ☺)
- 7 You don't need a lot of gold to make a big impact. Over the centuries, Jesus, Mary, and saints of all types have been depicted and marked as holy with the thinnest golden \_\_\_ above their heads.
- 8 A Japanese mending technique in which cracked or broken pottery is repaired and elevated with gold leaf.

## Introducing Kestrel Fields Studio & Art Residency



*The Art[ful] Experience* is a publication of Kestrel Fields Studio. We are here to enrich your life with art! Kestrel Fields Studio & Art Residency is a studio space that creative people can rent in Fort Collins, Colorado in order to work on projects, have thinking or rest time, host a show or an artist talk, put on a reading or teach a class. It is quiet, spacious (700 sq ft), and provides time and space for your creativity. Plus, TONS of golden hour light each evening! ☀

In addition to renting the space for your personal residency or event, we offer art coaching, a service that will both empower and encourage you as you develop your career or personal life as a creative person.

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