



ART TOURS

1. More Than Paint: Design-Focused Tour of *Embodied: Human Figures in Art* led by Veronica Vela, Exhibition Designer

Discover the secrets behind the exhibition planning process while delving into the journey of designing and constructing the *Embodied* gallery space in 2021. Uncover the wayfinding strategies, artful integration of global themes across diverse permanent collections, and other innovative approaches of the Gallery Revisioning Project. Be among the first to learn about exciting exhibition updates planned for 2026 in a Q&A session with Exhibition Designer, Veronica Vela, and cap off your tour with an insider's peek into the Design Studio.

2. Future Soon: A Sneaker Sneak Peek led by Lauren Pollien, Curatorial Assistant, & Tascha Horowitz, Director of Content and Interpretive Engagement

Join our exhibition team for a brief introduction to *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting Edge Kicks* which will open on September 27. In partnership with the Bata Shoe Museum in Canada and the American Federation of Arts, *Future Now* is a groundbreaking new exhibition that features nearly 60 futuristic footwear designs that push the boundaries of what footwear can be. The tour will focus on the exhibition team's unique interpretative approach and how this project was developed to connect with the Indianapolis community.

3. What's Behind That Door? led by Robin Cooper, Manager of Curatorial Affairs

Have you ever wondered where the Indianapolis Museum of Art stores its world-class collections? Are you curious to learn about the thousands of artworks that are housed and cared for within the museum? This tour will take you behind the scenes and into art storage, where the ins and outs of managing masterpieces as well as the special requirements considered for each unique artwork will be explored.

4. TINY PRINTS led by Anna Stein, Associate Curator of Works on Paper

It's time to appreciate the little things! In this tour, you'll be getting out a magnifying glass to inspect some of the most petite prints and diminutive details in the IMA collection. Sometimes works this small can get lost on gallery walls, but this tour will give you a chance to get up close and personal with works that flourish in a more intimate and unglazed setting.

5. Exhibition First Look: *Threads of Resurgence* led by Sarah Trew, Curatorial Assistant, & Carlos Rolón, the artist behind the exhibition

Join Curatorial Assistant, Sarah Trew, and Contemporary Artist, Carlos Rolón, for a preview of *Threads of Resurgence* before it opens to the public on August 23. This exhibition explores questions of inclusion, aspiration, and cultural identity. The large-scale artworks are constructed from repurposed tarps that were once used as makeshift roofs in Puerto Rican communities impacted by climate disaster. Rolón transforms them into powerful symbols of survival and endurance that confront the realities of Puerto Rico's complex relationship with colonialism and economic hardship.

6. Pit Crew led by Michael Vetter, PhD, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art

Delve into the rich imagery and profound symbolism woven into Shinique Smith's breathtaking new masterpiece, *Torque*, and discover the fascinating process of commissioning a living artist for the Efroymsen Family Entrance Pavilion. Through her distinctive blend of calligraphy and fluid gestures, Smith's site-specific artwork resonates with the inspiring saga of Indianapolis' racing history. *Torque* pays homage to the city's pivotal role in motorsports, intertwining it with the narratives of fashion and freedom along speedways and pathways.

7. Dalí: The Surreal Deal led by Jonathan Berger, Vice President of Marketing and External Affairs

Step into the surreal wonderland of Salvador Dalí at *THE LUME Indianapolis* and experience firsthand the mesmerizing genius of the Spanish artist, renowned for his captivating dreamscapes featuring melting clocks and enchanting creatures. Explore Dalí's unparalleled creativity and dive into the depths of his surreal visions that continue to intrigue and inspire audiences worldwide.

8. Alien Vision: Seeing through Paintings with Infrared Imaging led by Greg Smith, PhD, Otto N. Frenzel III Sr. Conservation Scientist, & Roxy Sperber, Clowes Conservator of Paintings
Secrets hidden beneath the surface of paintings can provide clues as to their authorship, authenticity, and condition. In this tour, you'll join Otto N. Frenzel III Sr. Conservation Scientist, Greg Smith, and Clowes Conservator of Paintings, Roxy Sperber, as they turn their new imaging camera at artworks, using the penetrating nature of infrared radiation to see what lies beneath.

NATURE TOURS

9. Weathering Change: The Future of Outdoor Sculpture led by Allison Slenker, Assistant Conservator of Objects

Newfields' 152-acre campus holds art, gardens, historic sites, and an impressive collection of outdoor sculptures. These sculptures, integral to the Newfields experience, constantly face the harsh realities of time and weather. Join Allison Slenker, Assistant Conservator of Objects, as she discusses the condition of these sculptures and the conservation efforts needed to preserve them. Learn about ongoing projects and future initiatives that ensure these artistic treasures continue to inspire for many generations.

10. Planting for the Future led by Jaime Frye, Assistant Curator of Living Collections, & Chad Franer, The Tom and Nora Hiatt Director of Horticulture

Join Tom & Nora Hiatt Director of Horticulture, Chad Franer, and Associate Curator of Living Collections, Jaime Frye, on a stroll through The Garden as they explore Newfields' heirloom tree program. What is an heirloom tree? How does their work affect this exceptional landscape over time? This tour will focus on some of the historic tree canopy's youngest members and their bright futures. You'll get the first peek at prestigious plants in their infancy (some in their awkward teenage phases) and learn some of the key concepts considered when selecting species and sites for long-term residents.

11. Summer Sensations led by Irvin Etienne, Curator of Herbaceous Plants and Seasonal Garden Design

While hardy perennials and woody plants are key to gardening success, it is the annuals and tropicals that bring the sizzle to summer design. With just a few well planned selections your backyard can be a South Pacific Island getaway every day. We will look at and discuss a variety of plants with bold foliage and vibrant flowers that can work magic in your home garden. This will be a full sun stroll so wear something that keeps you cool or bring your sun parasol.

12. Bubbles, Borders & Bounty: A Garden for the Ages led by Jonathan Wright, Ruth Lilly Director of The Garden & Fairbanks Park

Join us in celebrating the revitalization of Newfields' iconic Lilly Allée with the introduction of the Glick Fountain. Made possible by the generous support of the Glick Family Foundation and David and Jackie Barrett, this transformational gift enabled the restoration and renaming of the historic Oldfields fountain. Mosey down the Katharine B. Sutphin Border Garden and fawn over some gorgeous flora on this fun outdoor tour.

13. Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse: From Past to Present led by Sue Nord Peiffer,
Greenhouse Manager

Explore the rich history and vibrant beauty of the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse, an integral part of the historic Oldfields estate. Join Greenhouse Manager, Sue Nord Peiffer, as she leads you through the Greenhouse's evolution and the horticultural wonders it houses. If the thought of strolling through rooms of orchids, cacti, and other unique flora sends you into a frenzy, this tour is for you.

14. A Bird's-Eye View of the Wild Birds Unlimited Native Pollinator Meadow led by Lisa Milton, Director of Natural Resources

Lisa Milton, Director of Natural Resources, will lead a tour of the Wild Birds Unlimited Native Pollinator Meadow as seen from Lilly Terrace. This tour will survey the site on which the meadow was installed and discuss the design and planting of the meadow, as well as the maintenance and future planning for the space. You'll also learn about the history of The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park and current land management practices and projects.

15. Growing Garden: Gene and Rosemary Tanner Orchard and Meadow Ramble led by Marian Keith, Horticulturalist

Join Horticulturist, Marian Keith, for a turn around the beautiful Gene and Rosemary Tanner Orchard. On this tour, you'll say hello to the honeybees, learn how the horticulture team is working to produce beautiful apples organically, and about the construction and evolution of the wild, romantic meadow that enhances this special and historic part of The Garden.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

16. Behind the Book led by Anastasia Karel, Archivist and Interim Library Director, & Marina Ito, Librarian

Join Archivist and Interim Library Director, Anastasia Karel, and Librarian, Marina Ito, for a show-and-tell presentation of some of the Eleanor Evans and Erwin Cory Stout Reference Library's rarest books. On this tour, you will get to explore some of the more hidden parts of the library, including a walk-through of the stacks and other spaces that are being brought back into regular use.

17. The Art of Culinary led by Patrick Russ, Director of Culinary Arts and Executive Chef, & Lindsay Jo Whirley, Assistant Director of Culinary Arts and Certified Cicerone

Join us in the Beer Garden for light bites and drinks with our culinary arts experts. Over the last two years under the leadership of LJ and Chef Patrick, the Culinary Arts Department has expanded the impact of culinary programming within the institution. Chef Patrick will share his theories on menu design and curation, as well as what is cooking in the future for the Culinary Department at Newfields. LJ will talk all things beer, wine and spirits, as well as current partnerships underway for seasonal projects. No questions are off the menu!

18. Insider's View of the Venue: Fun Facts, Wow Factor, & Logistic Wizardry led by Rachel Hudziak, Business Development and Events Manager

Details nerd? Join Business Development and Events Manager, Rachel Hudziak, in Pulliam Family Great Hall as she shares a behind-the-scenes look into the logistics and planning process the events team uses to successfully host over 350 events a year!

19. Stories of Connection led by Clarence Cannon, Community Engagement Manager

Led by Community Engagement Manager, Clarence Cannon, this tour will explore the rich connections between our museum and the diverse communities we serve. Hear Clarence's favorite stories of collaboration and learn about Newfields outreach initiatives and commitment to inclusivity. Become an expert in how Newfields enriches lives through exceptional experiences with art and nature.

20. Festival Fun led by Erin O'Rourke, Director of Festivals

Step into the wonderful world of festivals with our Festival Project Director, Erin O'Rourke, as she guides you through the magical realms of *Harvest Nights*, *Winterlights*, and *Art in Bloom* at Newfields. In this tour, you'll take an enlightening journey through the seasons at Newfields and learn how each festival has unique surprises that aim to delight and inspire.