

# Alumni Gathering Event Information

Thank you for registering for the **Arts/Industry Alumni Gathering beginning Thursday, October 24 to Saturday, October 26.** We look forward to having you!

Your personal itinerary was sent via Jotform and includes the specific events and tours you signed up for. Your personalized itinerary will be sent again as the event approaches. **The following information includes details pertaining to the entire Alumni Gathering.** You are welcome to sign up for any event or tour at any time. Please contact Siara Berry (sberry@jmkac.org) if you would like to register for additional events or tours.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions! More information can also be found at [www.jmkac.org/alumni-gathering](http://www.jmkac.org/alumni-gathering) or by scanning the QR code in the upper right corner.

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<b>Art Preserve</b>	<b>(920) 453-0346</b>
<b>Kohler Design Center</b>	<b>(920) 457-3699</b>

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

You are welcome to visit the below locations at any point during operating hours, regardless of your registration schedule.

### John Michael Kohler Arts Center and Art Preserve

Tue, Wed, Fri: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Thu: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Sat and Sun: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Kohler Design Center

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m  
Sat and Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m

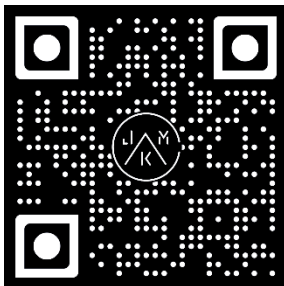
### Arts/Industry 50<sup>th</sup> Collective

Mon-Wed: Closed  
Thurs and Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m  
Sun: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TIME	Thursday, October 24	Friday, October 25		Saturday, October 26
9:00	Kohler Design Center Factory Tour	Factory Demonstration Day **		
10:00	Kohler Design Center Factory Tour			
10:30				Arts/Industry Panel Discussion at JMKAC **
11:00				Arts/Industry Community Day ** at JMKAC (See below for detailed itinerary)
12:00				
1:00	Arts Center Tour with JMKAC Curator	Arts Center Tour with JMKAC Curator		
2:00	Arts Center Tour with JMKAC Curator	Arts Center Tour with JMKAC Curator		
3:00	Self-Guided Art Preserve Tour with Docents (3:30)	Self-Guided Art Preserve Tour with Docents (3:30)		
4:00				
5:00	Welcome Toast at Art Preserve **	Arts/Industry Alumni Reception at JMKAC **		
6:00				
7:00				
Evening	Suggested dining options can be found at <a href="http://www.jmkac.org/alumni-gathering">www.jmkac.org/alumni-gathering</a> or our FAQ page! We suggest making dinner reservations during this time.			

**\*\* Indicates check-in locations.**



Itinerary information can also be found by scanning this QR code.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

### Kohler Design Center – Self Guided Tour

101 Upper Rd, Kohler, WI 53044

No Registration Required.

- + Design Center is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- + There is free parking on-site and free entry.
- + No registration or reservation required.

### Kohler Design Center Factory Tours

101 Upper Rd, Kohler, WI 53044

9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Approximate walking duration: 3 hours

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

*Take a tour through the vast expanse of the Kohler Co. factory. From the heat of the cast iron to the sights of the enameling, you will experience the rich history of the products and workers that have made Kohler a giant in the plumbing industry. Register for an enriching three-mile tour through the facility guided and narrated by knowledgeable retired employees.*

- + Meet in the lobby of the Kohler Design Center with your group.
- + Guests must wear close-toed shoes and bring gov't ID.
- + Those who arrive late for the 9:00 a.m. may join the 10:00 a.m. tour.

### John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Tour with JMKAC Curator

608 New York Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081

1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

No Registration Required.

*To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Arts/Industry, the Arts Center has dedicated nearly all galleries to displaying our Arts/Industry collection, current residents' work, artwork from associates, and many more! Interested in learning more about the work? You can find exhibition information [here](#).*

- + Guests will meet a JMKAC curator in the lobby of the Arts Center.
- + Those who arrive late for the 1:00 p.m. tour may join the 2:00 p.m. tour.
- + Parking on-site.

### Art Preserve – Self Guided with Docents

3636 Lower Falls Rd, Sheboygan, WI 5308

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

No Registration Required.

*Explore the wonder of the Art Preserve- a site dedicated to artist built environments. Guests may wander through the expansive collection and when curiosity strikes, guests can connect with an on-site docent to answer any questions they may have.*

- + Guests may arrive at any point during the Art Preserve's regular hours (10:00 – 5:00 p.m).
- + Docents will be stationed on each floor to offer insight or information from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- + Parking on-site.

**Welcome Toast at Art Preserve**  
**3636 Lower Falls Rd, Sheboygan, WI 53081**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

*Meet and mingle with fellow Arts/Industry Alumni as we kick off the celebration. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.*

- + Guests will gather on the ground level of the Art Preserve.
- + Upon arrival, please register at the front desk.
- + Parking on-site.

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## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**Factory Demonstration Day**  
**Meeting Location: ARTS/INDUSTRY COLLECTIVE @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**765K Woodlake Rd., Kohler, WI (next to Bold Cycle)**  
**On-site parking.**  
**Walking duration: Max. 15 minutes between departments.**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

*In the spirit of "4 Weeks at Kohler," the pilot event that started Arts/Industry, Alumni are welcomed back into the Factory to revisit the studios, participate in demonstrations by Kohler Co. associates, and learn about Kohler's advanced resources for artists.*

9:00 – Guests meet at the Arts/Industry 50<sup>th</sup> Collective

**9:45 – Shuttle will leave promptly for the Factory.**

10:00 – Factory Day begins

12:30 – Lunch and presentation

1:30 – Factory Day continues

2:00 – Hands-on activity in Foundry

3:00 – Depart Factory

- + Guests must wear close-toed shoes and bring gov't ID.
- + Light breakfast and coffee will be served.
- + Guests will be provided with all necessary PPE.

- + Guests will be standing for moderate periods of time; some seating will be available.
- + Please notify Siara Berry, 262-573-9759 if you are running behind.

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**Arts/Industry Alumni Reception  
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5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

*Time to celebrate! Arts/Industry Alumni, former and current Kohler associates, friends of the program, and current residents are welcome to reconnect and reflect on their time in the factory. Refreshments and heavy appetizers will be provided, as well as music by Haven Falk.*

- + Guests will register at the front desk upon arrival.
- + Parking available: Partial JMKAC lot, former Wells Fargo lot (behind Arts Center), and street.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

### Panel Discussion

**John Michael Kohler Arts Center Theatre**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**608 New York Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081**

**No Registration Required.**

*Join artists Mary Jo Bole, Willie Cole, Azza El Siddique, and Beth Lipman as they discuss the importance and impact of art and industry integration, working in nontraditional environments, and how they've maintained practices adjacent to industry. Panel will be moderated by JMKAC Chief Curator Jodi Throckmorton.*

[Mary Jo Bole](#) – Pottery 1998, Foundry 2007

[Willie Cole](#) – Pottery, 2000

[Azza El Siddique](#) – Pottery, 2022

[Beth Lipman](#) – Pottery 2003, Foundry 2015

- + Guests will gather in the JMKAC Theatre.
- + Please note: The panel discussion will be recorded.

### Arts/Industry Community Day

**John Michael Kohler Arts Center**

**12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**608 New York Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081**

**No Registration Required.**

*Join in our Community Day celebration of Arts/Industry's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and of the past and present artists-in-residence who have created new works of art in the Kohler Co. factory over the years.*

*Activities for all ages will be hosted by Arts/Industry alumni, including gallery talks, a live iron pour, a family fiesta, and more! Thanks to JMKAC's Arts/Industry Alumni Gathering happening October 24–26, this is an unparalleled opportunity to engage with artists who have participated over the years.*

*Help us kick off the next fifty years of this incredible program.*

- + Free and open to the public.
- + No registration or entry fees required.
- + Events happening inside and on the grounds of the Arts Center.

### **Lunch Break: Artist Talk with David Ross Harper**

**12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

The *Lunch Break: Arts/Industry in Between* exhibition celebrates the special kinship between factory associates and resident artists. The work featured exemplifies the cooperative learning that takes place in the factory. David Ross Harper (Pottery, '12 & '14) will discuss his series of mask-like

forms titled *A Fear of Unknown Origin*. Harper will touch on the process of mold making, lessons learned in the factory, and how the work came to be.

### **Iron Pour**

**12:00–4:00 p.m.**

Watch a live iron pour! Guests will have a front row seat to the same process Arts/Industry residents use in the Kohler Co. Foundry—employing resin-bonded sand molds and molten metal to create beautiful works of art!

### **Workplace: Hands-On Activity**

**12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Rooted in a thorough research practice related to medical history, Martha Poggioli (Foundry '20 & '24) shares her creative process in the exhibition *Workplace*. Her artwork is firmly situated at the intersection of arts and industry. Over the past decade, Poggioli has researched the history of medical inventions, creating an ongoing digital library of images and text. Visitors can explore these ideas through hands-on activities, such as sewing and casting, utilize techniques and materials used by artists and medical professionals alike.

### **Justin Favela's Family Fiesta**

**12:00–4:00 p.m.**

Join artist Justin Favela (Foundry, 2024) and his relatives at Family Fiesta. Enjoy food, games, dancing, music, and piñatas! Bring your kids, your parents, your neighbors, and your friends to this fun-filled community event!

Family Fiesta is modeled after the family barbecues and celebrations Favela attended in his youth and into adulthood. Favela's artwork is featured in *Clocking In: 2024 Arts/Industry Residents*. Be sure to visit the gallery,

### **Workplace: Artist Talk with Jerry Toerpe**

**1:00 p.m.**

Artists entering the factory are often greeted by experienced Kohler Co. associates who know the ins and outs of production. Jerry Toerpe has worked with artists and makers in the Pottery for fifty years as a Kohler associate and carpenter. Hear how Jerry developed unique casting equipment and tools that Kohler associates, and artists, use to this day.

### **Slip Cast Demo with Arts/Industry Technician Nicole Woodard**

**Saturday, October 26**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Ever wonder how artists and artisans create ceramic ware at Kohler Co.? Join Pottery technician and artist, Nicole Woodard, as she demonstrates the slip casting techniques used by Arts/Industry artists in the Kohler Co. Factory. Learn tricks of the trade while you watch clay go from a liquid to a solid within minutes by using special molds and processes. Nicole will also walk through various finishing techniques, factory resources, and offer expert insight into some of the works on exhibit.

### **Mad Dash: Artist Talk with Tom Uebelherr**

**2:00 p.m.**

The *Mad Dash* exhibition showcases work created by Arts/Industry residents over the program's fifty-year history. Artist Tom Uebelherr (Foundry, 1993) will discuss his work, *Pink Barrel Stove*, and the story behind each detail. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from an Arts/Industry alumnus about how the program influenced their practice.

**Sandy Sachse Gratitude Fountain: Artist Talk with Lily Cox Richard**

**3:00 p.m.**

Nestled on the Arts Center grounds is the newly installed Sandy Sachse Gratitude Fountain, created by Arts/Industry alumnus Lily Cox-Richard (Foundry. '22 & '23). Cox-Richard will share her process, inspiration, and how the work was created in the Kohler factory. Illustrated field guide notebooks will be available for guests to take home!