

# Director's Circle Winter/Spring 2026 Calendar

## IN THE GALLERIES

**State Fairs: Growing American Craft**  
August 22, 2025 – Sep 7, 2026

**Justin Favela: Capilla de Maíz**  
Ongoing

**Shazia Sikander: The Last Post**  
July 3, 2025 – July 12, 2026

**Grandma Moses: A Good Day's Work**  
October 25, 2025 – July 12, 2026

**Nick Cave: Mammoth**  
February 13, 2026 – January 3, 2027

## JAN

22 Thursday | 7PM

Join artist **Shazia Sikander** and **Saisha Grayson**, SAAM Curator of Time-Based Media, for a virtual conversation about the artist's multimedia practice, including *The Last Post*, recently acquired by the museum and now on view. Register online.\*

## FEB

4 Wednesday | 6:30PM

Conversation with artist **Sir Isaac Julien** and **Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson** about his moving image installation, *Lessons of the Hour* and how contemporary art intersects with history. Register online.\*

12 Thursday | 7PM

**Nick Cave: Mammoth Preview Reception.** Invitation under separate cover.

21 Saturday | 1PM

SAAM Family Day: Mammoth. An afternoon of family friendly drop-in activities to celebrate the opening of *Nick Cave: Mammoth*. \*

## MAR

1 Sunday | 3PM

**SAAM Director's State of the Museum Presentation.** Hear insights about the museum from 2025 and a look at what's to come later in the year and beyond, including a first look at the upcoming show by **Bisa Butler** in 2027. Light reception afterwards. Register online. \*

5 Thursday | 6:30PM

*State Fairs: Growing American Craft* Conversation Panel with artists and scholars about the emerging area of study around state fairs, craft, agriculture, and rural America. Moderated by **Mary Savig, Renwick's Fleur** and **Charles Bresler Head Curator-in-Charge**. Register online.\*

28 Saturday | 11:30AM

Annual Cherry Blossom Family Day to celebrate springtime in DC with crafts, an art scavenger hunt and performances.\*



21 Saturday | 10:30AM

**Director's Circle Trip: Baltimore**  
Join fellow Director's Circle Members for a day trip to Baltimore, with a special tour of **Amy Sherald's, American Sublime**, group lunch at the BMA, and more. Invitation under separate cover.



## APR

23 Thursday | 5:30PM

*Grandma Moses: A Good Day's Work* gallery talk with **Katherine Jentleson**, Senior Curator of American Art and Curator of Folk and Self-Taught Art, High Museum. Register online.\*

28 Tuesday | 6PM

(Director's Circle exclusive) After-hours tour of *Nick Cave: Mammoth* exhibition with **Sarah Newman, Acting Head Curator, SAAM**. Invitation under separate cover.

## MAY

12 Tuesday | 5:30PM

Converse with a Conservator: Grandma Moses. **Amber Kerr, Head Conservator, SAAM**, will discuss treatment of paintings by Grandma Moses. Register online.\*

21 Thursday | 6PM

(Director's Circle exclusive) **At Home with American Art** – A special evening with fellow Director's Circle members sharing their private collections and work. DC members Terry and Carol Busby welcome members to their home and share their personal collection, focused on photorealist painters. Invitation under separate cover.

20–22 Wed–Fri | 1PM

Annual SAAM Fellows Lectures. The 25–26 class present their research findings while here at SAAM. Register Online.\*

## JUN

6 Saturday | 11:30AM

SAAM's annual Family Day celebrating Pride in DC.\*

17 Thursday | 6PM

(Director's Circle exclusive) Meet **Meredith Holmgren**, SAAM's newest addition to our curatorial department. Hear all about her work researching artist James Hampton's *The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations' Millennium General Assembly*, and her earlier career as a curator at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Invitation under separate cover.

## Get Crafty

Sign up for one of our popular workshops or Handi-Hours. RSVP online or reach out to [lavisds@si.edu](mailto:lavisds@si.edu) for help reserving your spot.

Feb 1	- Beyond the Studio Workshop: Capital Stitch Co
Feb 11	- Handi-hour
Mar 8	- Beyond the Studio Workshop: Paper Cutting
Apr 8	- Handi-hour
Apr 12	- Beyond the Studio Workshop: Linocut Cherry Blossoms
May 4	- Beyond the Studio Workshop: Punch Needle
May 29	- State Fairs Craft Demonstrations
Jun 25	- Handi-hour

## Time to Renew?

Don't miss out! Be sure your membership is up-to-date. Your membership dues help SAAM fulfill its mission all year long.

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