

Flourishing Through Arts & Science Initiative 2026

Collectors for Connoisseurship (C4C) Arts Weekend

Schedule of Public & Private Events

Denver, Colorado

November 5-7, 2026



Adrienne Stein, *Flourish I*, 2026, Oil on canvas, 48 x 36

After the successful launch last year of the public arts campaign to promote human flourishing through the arts, Windows to the Divine announces the 2026 Flourishing Through Arts & Science Initiative and the annual Collectors for Connoisseurship Arts Weekend, a series of events set forth below to be held in Denver from November 5-7, 2026.

Public and private events will be hosted by Windows to the Divine and other members of the *Flourishing Through the Arts & Science Council* established in 2025. Chaired by Shannon Robinson, the Council members include [Jane Hunt](#), Artist Representative and Flourishing Advisor and representatives from the [Art Students League of Denver](#), [Colorado Ballet](#), [Denver Art Museum](#), [Denver Botanic Gardens](#), [Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#), [Denver Museum of Nature & Science](#), [Gallery 1261](#), [CU Anschutz Center for Bioethics and Humanities](#), and [Windows to the Divine](#).

Thursday, Nov 5: Opening Science Day

Locations: Benson Hotel, Center for Bioethics & Humanities at Anschutz Medical Campus, Gallery 1261, and Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

❖ 9:30am-11:15am: Public Tours of Benson Hotel Art Collection

Sponsored by Windows to the Divine Foundation & Benson Hotel.

The Benson Hotel & Faculty Club
13025 E Montview Blvd., Aurora, CO.

Commissioned by the hotel and curated by William Matthews Studio, the collection contains works by 32 artists, the vast majority of whom are based in Colorado.

Tours will be led by artists whose works are in the hotel collection and whose new works are featured in the *Flourishing Through Beauty* Exhibition at [Gallery 1261](#).

RESERVATIONS Free and Open to the Public Subject to Capacity.

❖ Noon-1pm: Panel Discussion *Neuroscience & the Arts: Pathways to Wellness*

Sponsored by CU Anschutz Center for Bioethics & Humanities, Windows to the Divine Foundation & Flourishing Through Arts & Science Council.

CU Center for Bioethics & Humanities, Gossard Auditorium, Fulginiti Pavilion,
Anschutz Medical Campus, 13121 East 17th Avenue, Aurora, CO.

Introduction of Speakers, Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, FACP, Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Colorado School of Public Health, Director, CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

Moderator, Shannon Robinson, J.D., Chairperson, Flourishing Through Arts & Science Council, President of Windows to the Divine Foundation.

Panelists:

- **Dr. Shirley Mueller:** Dr. Mueller is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Neurology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is an internationally known collector and scholar of Chinese export porcelain, as well as a physician board-certified in Neurology and Psychiatry. She has published numerous articles and is the author of *Inside the Head of a Collector: Neuropsychological Forces at Play*.
- **Dr. Helena Winston:** Dr. Winston is the Medical Director, Psychiatry Adult Inpatient Unit, Denver Health and Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine whose work intersects with the arts, humanities, and mental health. Previously, she was an art-book editor for the Guggenheim Museum in New York. She has an MSc in material anthropology from Oxford University and an MPhil in art history from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

- **Nan Ellin:** Nan Ellin is Dean Emeritus and Professor of Urban Design at the University of Colorado Denver. She is the co-convener of Design/HEALTH, aiming to improve design at every scale – from the home to the biome – to enhance the health and wellbeing of all people and our planet. Dr. Ellin holds a PhD from Columbia University, and her writings have been translated into thirteen languages.

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❖ **11:30pm-5:00pm: Design/HEALth Exhibit**

Sponsored by CU Center for Bioethics & Humanities, CU College of Architecture and Planning, and CU Environmental Design.

Fulginiti Pavilion and Gallery, CU Anschutz Center for Bioethics & Humanities
Parking: 13080 East 19th Avenue, Aurora, CO.

Design/HEALth is a University of Colorado cross-campus initiative to enrich the health + wellbeing of people, places, and the planet through design. This exhibition showcases Design/HEALth work by students from the College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver and the Department of Environmental Design at CU Boulder.

❖ **4:30pm-6:30pm: Flourishing Salon & Opening Reception for Arts & Sciences Community and *Flourishing Through Beauty* Exhibition**

Sponsored by Windows to the Divine Foundation, Gallery 1261 & CU Anschutz Center for Bioethics & Humanities.

Gallery 1261, 1261 Delaware Street, Denver, CO.

Flourishing Salon:

Dr. Shirley Mueller, the featured speaker for the Salon will engage the audience in a 30-minute presentation about the neuroeconomic processes that take place in our brains when we acquire and collect objects, including art. She will explain how and why the decision process brings both pain and pleasure and in the broader sense the explanation for what society often calls “retail therapy.” The Opening Reception will follow Dr. Mueller’s presentation.

***Flourishing Through Beauty* Exhibition Artists:**

The following thirty-five (35) renowned artists from the U.S. and abroad will exhibit original works in the 2026 exhibition from Nov 5-14, 2026, at Gallery 1261 in Denver:

Suchitra Bhosle, Kelly Birkenruth, Greg Block, George Carlson, Raj Chaudhuri, Robin Cole, Scott Conary, Tony Curanaj, Dianne Massey Dunbar, Kim English, Scott Fraser, Greg Gandy, Ann Gargotto, Uli Gleiter (Germany), David Grossman, Stephanie Hartshorn, Ron Hicks, Quang Ho, Jane Hunt, MaryBeth Karaus,

Andrea Kemp, Agnieszka Kotarska (Poland), Jeff Legg, Kyle Ma, Serge Marshennikov (Turkey), CW Mundy, Carla Paine, Jill Soukup, Daniel Sprick, Jen Starling, Adrienne Stein, Kazuya Ushioda (Japan), Vincent Xeus, Vladislav Yeliseyev, and Elizabeth Zanzinger.

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- ❖ **7pm: Film Screening**, Sturm Infinity Theater, Denver Museum of Nature & Science (DMNS), 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO.
Sponsored by the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Built Beautiful: An Architecture and Neuroscience Love Story

The DMNS will host a film screening and conversation with architect and author Don Ruggles about human flourishing and the important role of architecture in the growing field of neuroscience.

RESERVATIONS Ticketed event through DMNS.

The Collectors for Connoisseurship (C4C) Arts Weekend will also include private invitation-only events on Friday, Nov 6 and Saturday, Nov 7 hosted by Windows to the Divine for artists, collectors, and Flourishing Through the Arts Initiative partners.