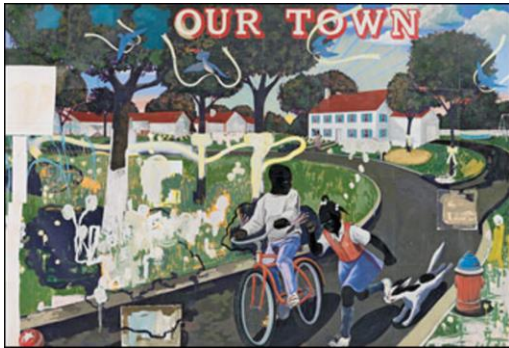


OUR TOWN: RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE



Project Narrative:

This exhibit is a partnership between Professor Lenore Metrick-Chen of Drake University, Humanities Iowa, and the Blanden Memorial Art Museum. It celebrates the works of people whose individual choices and agency have led them to civic engagement and community building. Their initial act may have been solitary, but their contributions have mattered.

“Our Town” is not just a display and showcase of history – it is structured for memory recall with aims of reframing history, producing a new understanding of both the past and present.

The exhibit features video interviews, newspaper articles, and artwork. This exhibit allows the viewer to see and experience community change from different perspectives and appreciate the contributions of all citizens. It will open to the public at the Blanden on October 1 and be on display until November 23.

Once Drake University delivers the exhibit to the museum, the Blanden will be responsible for installing it. Professor Lenore Metrick-Chen will be the speaker. Her talk will be open to the public and scheduled for October – November.

The Blanden uses social media as a primary source for publicity and marketing. In addition to the use of digital media, the museum uses print such as newspapers, postcards, and posters.

Support from the City of Ft. Dodge and the Blanden Charitable Foundation, enables the museum to offer exhibits free to the public. The Blanden has and continues to have a significant cultural impact on the citizens of North Central Iowa. This exhibit will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the growing diversity of that population.