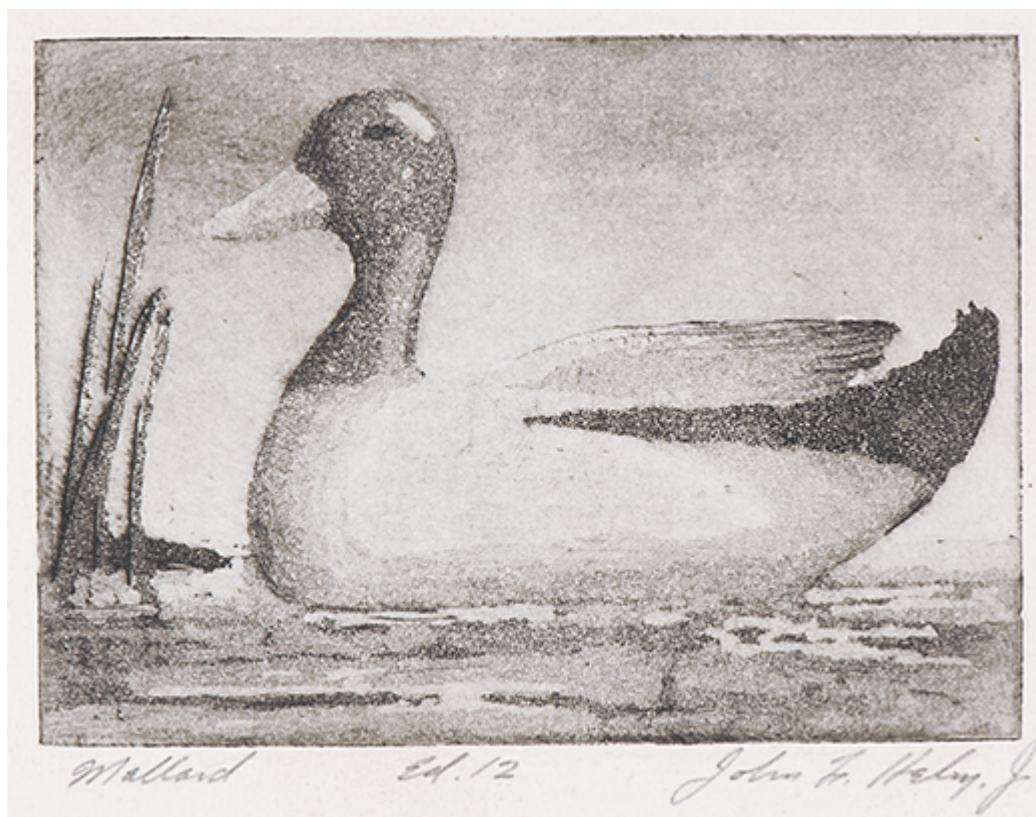


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John Frederick Helm Jr.'s "Mallard," from 1939, is an aquatint with drypoint on paper. The work is part of the museum's new virtual exhibition "Two by Two: Animal Pairs." | [Download this photo. \(/media/images/mar21/helm-mallard.jpg\)](#)

MANHATTAN — The [Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art \(https://beach.k-state.edu/\)](https://beach.k-state.edu/) at Kansas State University has put two and two together to offer a virtual exhibition for kids and animal lovers of all ages.

The museum's "Two by Two: Animal Pairs" opens online Tuesday, March 30, at [beach.k-state.edu/explore \(https://beach.k-state.edu/explore/\)](https://beach.k-state.edu/explore), with a gallery exhibition planned for June 15 through Dec. 18. This exhibition features unique pairings of animals from the museum's permanent collection, ranging from Pueblo pottery to farm animals by regional and international artists. Part of the museum's annual collaboration with the Manhattan Public Library, "Two by Two: Animal Pairs" complements the American Library Association's summer 2021 theme "Tales and Tails."

Animals have long been the subject of myths, legends, histories and art. Noah loads his ark with creatures, two by two, before the great Biblical flood. Animalistic deities populate the ancient world, from the Egyptian god Horus with the head of a falcon to the Greek god Zeus who visits Earth as a swan. In Native American legends, animals personify spirits such as the turtle who represents Mother Earth. Artworks in "Two by Two: Animal Pairs" picture such storied animals as well as farm animals, pets and circus performers. The images provide a chance to learn more about world cultures, literature and science.

The exhibition also offers related programming for area schools and the museum's summer [ARTSmart \(https://beach.k-state.edu/participate/classes/\)](https://beach.k-state.edu/participate/classes/) classes, which are designed for preschool kids and up. This summer's classes will be offered virtually.

Related events with "Two by Two: Animal Pairs," offered through the Beach Museum's Art in Motion series, include:

- Let's Talk Art, a livestream conversation with artist Caroline Thorington at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25. Thorington, a printmaker, will offer an informal discussion of her Natural History Series, which is featured in the "Two by Two: Animal Pairs" exhibition. She'll also discuss her printmaking process. This program is free and offered via Zoom. Register in advance at https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EUv71zUeTyGoet00W40YbQ (https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EUv71zUeTyGoet00W40YbQ). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to join the program.
- "Two by Two" Open House will be offered in person in four sessions on Thursday, July 15: 10-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Activities include a compare and contrast game in the galleries, mask making, origami and collage projects. Each family will receive a free copy of "Becoming a Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery and Rebecca Green. Also offered will be a drawing for a copy of "Counting Creatures" by Julia Donaldson and Sharon King Chai for each session. Each session is limited to seven families and face coverings are required. To sign up, email klwalk@k-state.edu (<mailto:klwalk@k-state.edu>). This event is funded by a USD 383 K-LINK Community Partner Literacy Grant.

Recordings of the programs can be viewed at beach.k-state.edu/videos (<https://beach.k-state.edu/videos>).

For more information on the exhibition and Beach Museum of Art events, visit beach.k-state.edu (<https://beach.k-state.edu/>) or email beachart@k-state.edu (<mailto:beachart@k-state.edu>).

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"Duck effigy bowl" by Rose Chino Garcia is early 20th-century earthenware with pigment and a part of the new Beach Museum of Art virtual exhibition, "Two by Two: Animal Pairs."