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## **'Last Ice' Photography and Sculpture Outdoor Exhibit to Open at Ford House** *Show on the historic estate grounds to feature Detroit-based artists*

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES, Mich.** – The icy beauty of the Ford House estate grounds makes a perfect backdrop for *Last Ice*, an exhibition of photography and sculpture exploring the Great Lakes ice culture.

*Last Ice: Amy Sacka and Scott Hocking with Michael McGillis* opens Feb. 13 and includes large photographs and a sculpture focusing on ice fishing and the winter beauty of our frozen lakes.

Amy Sacka, a Detroit-based photojournalist, has been photographing Great Lakes ice and the cultural traditions since 2016, including for *National Geographic*. Ford House will show her works installed outdoors, with the estate grounds and Lake St. Clair as the “gallery.”

The exhibition will also feature “Detroit Ice Shanty,” a sculpture by Detroit-based artists Scott Hocking and Michael McGillis, who created their own version of these portable fishing sheds using Detroit-based materials and ingenuity.

With Ford House’s location situated along the Lake St. Clair shoreline, the estate offers a front-row seat to the effects of climate change on ice cover on the lake, says Sheila Ruen, Director of Education at Ford House.

“By bringing these artists to Ford House, we hope to help spark a discussion on the importance of ice on the lake and the impact of climate change on our region’s culture and economy,” Ruen says.

“Generations of families, including Edsel and Eleanor Ford and their children, have enjoyed the sublime beauty and peace of our frozen lakes. Shortened winter seasons mean many are feeling a sense of loss and displacement.”

To see the exhibition, visit Ford House between Feb. 13-March 27. Entry is included with admission to Ford House, whether visiting for a walk, tour, dining or other event. A grounds pass is just \$5 for adults, and free for children 5 and under. Ford House is open Tuesdays-Sundays.

Ford House is hosting a free, outdoor opening reception at 2 p.m. Feb. 13 on the estate grounds. Space is limited, and tickets are required. Find tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

Sacka will offer a talk at Ford House at 7 p.m. March 24. It is free but advance tickets are required. Space is limited to allow for social distancing. Find tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

In conjunction with the exhibition, Ford House will have a celebration of winter on the lakeshore on Feb. 24 with Ice & Snow Fest, a day of STEM learning and fun for all ages from noon-4 pm. Admission is \$5 and includes snowshoeing demonstrations, campfires, science activities, story times, and more.



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In addition, Gretchen Dorian's ongoing exhibition of iceboat racing photography, *Sailing on Ice*, will continue to be on display in the Teague Gallery inside the Visitor Center through March 27.

*Ford House requires that visitors wear masks inside all our buildings, regardless of vaccination status.*

## **About Ford House**

Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Since 1978, Ford House has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to share in Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving the estate for future generations to enjoy through tours, activities, lectures, exhibits and gardens and grounds events. For more information, visit [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) or call 313-884-4222. Connect with Ford House on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).