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• Summer into Fall at the Museum •
 A Place Remembered
 The Paintings of Diane Tesler
 July 17 - October 4
 Special Gallery Talks by Award Winning Artists
 37th Eikhart Juried Regional
 OPENS Friday, October 9

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A Place Remembered *The Paintings of Diane Tesler* through October 4, 2015

Diane Tesler began her painting career in Hawaii, drawn to the quality of the light and a compelling subject: the abandoned cars scattered around the island. These discoveries — the power of light to reveal form and the beauty of the discarded — have remained a constant in her work ever since.

After relocating to Virginia, Diane joined the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, where she began and continues to be a painting instructor at the Art League School.

In late August of 1986, Diane accompanied a friend for a short painting trip to the Kewanna/Grass Creek area of northern Indiana. Within the space of several days, she fell in love with the open skies and austere beauty of the landscape. This, along with the abandoned houses found hidden in the fields of corn and soybeans, brought her back every summer to gather as much material as possible to tide her over for the rest of the year.



"International Autumn", oil on linen, 48" x 68"

By 1991, ready to make a larger commitment, she purchased an old house in the town of Kewanna that she used as studio space. This made it possible to work for longer periods of time in the field and develop friendships with people in the area. Some of them found their way into her paintings.

Her love of old buildings led her to acquire the town's IOOF (Odd Fellows) Lodge Hall in 1998 and the former Masonic Hall in 2008 for use as studio, classroom and exhibition space. During the month of August, two one-week painting workshops sponsored by the Art League are available for those artists who would like to work with Diane on location.

In 2012, after commuting back and forth from Virginia to Indiana for over 20 years, Diane pulled up stakes and moved to Kewanna full time, with the intention to live and work in the world she loves to paint. The artist now owns three buildings, including a recent purchase of an old Baptist Church, and an additional three houses. She has encouraged other artists to buy homes in Kewanna and some have done so.



"Dusty's World", oil on linen, 27" x 54"



"Winter Moon", oil on linen, 30" x 36", Collection of Melinda Zeder & Bruce D. Smith, Santa Fe, NM

The 37th Elkhart Juried Regional is coming this Fall... see more details inside this issue.

37th Elkhart Juried Regional

The Largest Awards Show in the State! Over \$25,000 in Awards in 2015

The 37th Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition opens on Friday, October 9, and will continue through Sunday, December 6, 2015. This year the total awards to be given to artists will be **over \$25,000**, with the \$1,200 Best of Show Award donated by Jack & Karen Cittadine. For the sixth year a special Purchase Award for Photography for the MMAA Permanent Collection will be awarded in Memory of **Ronald C. Miazga** by Tom Soper & Lucy Zimmerman of Sturgis, Michigan. For the twelfth time the **Mary Feddersen** Memorial Award for Photography will be chosen for the Permanent Collection.

In addition to the above, many individuals and corporations help to make the Elkhart Juried Regional the largest (monetary awards) competition of its kind including the following **Purchase Award Sponsors**: Steve & Traci **Bollero**, Brian & Jeanelle **Brady**, James & Patty **Brotherson**, Dr. Terry **Bryant** and Dr. Liz **Elliott**, Dr. Rick and Cindy **Burns**, Drs. Daniel and Linda **Burns**, Jack and Karen **Cittadine**, Stan and June **Disher**, John & Sharon **Feddersen**, Connie **Fulmer**, Joe **Greenlee**, Dr. Brian & Summer **King**, Bill & Mary **Kuhn**, Jim & Bev **Haas**, Dr. Wesley **Mark** and Dr. Mary **Harder**, Braden & Katie **McCormick**, Ann **McCuiston**, Scott & Kristin **Mereness**, Jan & Dan **Morrison**, Steve & Jane **Poe**, Dr. David **Regan**, Dr. Bradley & Brooke **Swanson**, **Warrick & Boyn**, **Robert Weed Plywood Corporation**, and Jack & Angie **Welter**.

Merit Awards this year will include the William & Jeanne **Batten** Memorial Award for Sculpture, the Jonas **Howard** Memorial Award for Painting, and the **Ken & Kathy Zienty** Merit Award for Mixed Media.

Jane Stevens, Associate Curator, Illinois State Museum, Chicago Gallery, and **Jacqueline Moses**, Painter, Skokie, IL, will serve as judges.

This exhibition is graciously sponsored by the **Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau**.

Docent of the Year... **Maria Solow**

The Docent of the Year was honored at the Annual Luncheon on July 20 during a field trip to Kewanna and the studio of Diane Tesler. Maria Solow (shown at right with Director Jane Burns) received the honor for the fourth time in her twenty years of service as a museum volunteer. Maria's outstanding dedication in providing tours for all ages during 2014-2015 and providing administrative support at the front desk when staff were called away on other projects were cited as the points of her success. Congrats to Maria! In total, 22 Docents provided 979 volunteer hours during the year.



OPENING RECEPTION for the
37th ELKHART JURIED REGIONAL
Friday Evening, October 9, 2015
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

From the Director

Dear Members, Donors, & Friends,

As you read our newsletter, you'll encounter the exhibits, programs, and activities we've designed with you in mind. The Midwest Museum is an amalgam of our members' dreams and ambitions. We have come very far in 36 years and we hope to continue to stimulate your intellectual inquiry, maintain a social conscience and build public trust.

With that said I am grateful to the generosity and support of our donors who have contributed to our "Matching Funds Grant" from the Elkhart County Community Foundation. We are about half-way through our goal of \$71,000. If you have not seen our outside facade in recent weeks, please stop by and take a turn around the building. The MMAA is one of the area's major assets and we still need to reach our match. Please consider a donation today. A list of donors will be listed in our next newsletter.

Jane Burns, Director

New Murals

There are four new murals now attached to the building created from original paintings in the Midwest Museum's Permanent Collection by Mike Pozzi and his team at Signcrafters in Osceola. On the north side of the building passers-by now encounter a two-story version of Chicago Imagist artist, Art Green's (b.1941-), painting titled, "False Alarm", done in 1979. On the south side (Marion Street) can be seen another famous Chicago Imagist painting, "Trees of Heaven", by the late Roger Brown (1941-1997). In addition two more works were recreated in this vinyl process including the painting, "Sugarin' Time" by Grandma Moses and "Sheaves of Corn" by Grant Wood. These four works were all photographed in high resolution digital color and recreated in panels that had to be applied with heat to activate the adhesive in order to attach them to the building. These murals announce to all who take notice that this is the place where "Art" lives! Special Thanks to David Smith, Director of The Lerner, Adam Fann of the City of Elkhart, and the SOMA Team for coordinating this project



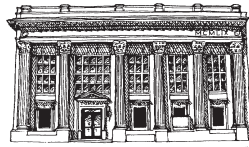
that is the primary component of the SOMA "Play" program and its activation strategy.

NOON TIME TALKS

A variety of **FREE**

Gallery Talks or Films

every Thursday 12:20-1:00pm



AUG 6 Diane Overmyer, Wakarusa, IN

This well-known regional painter updates us on her recent activities including her participation in the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association.

AUG 13 Deb Eiswald, Constantine, MI

This master pastel artist discusses her portraiture, still life paintings, and creating objects for historic reenactments.

AUG 20 Tony Bianco, Chesterton, IN

Award winning regional artist talks about his work and some of the local places, farms & factories that inspire him.

AUG 27 A Place Remembered...

Curator Brian Byrn continues his talks about the current exhibit in the second of three galleries.

SEPT 3 Mary Amador, Goshen, IN

A Concord Middle School Art teacher, Amador has met with recent success, in both the Elkhart Juried Regional and the Best of Show in the MAC Show at the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joe.

SEPT 10 Randy Horst, Goshen, IN

Goshen College Professor of Art talks about how he develops his unusual mixed media portraits.

SEPT 17 Film: The Artist's of Brown County

This important documentary revisits the story of the remarkable Brown County art colony. From the early 1900s through the 1940s, the scenic hill country of Brown County, Indiana, was home to a flourishing colony of artists who migrated there from urban areas of the Midwest. This film utilizes historic photographs taken by Frank M. Hohenberger, live footage of the artists from 1947, & views of the area today. (27 minutes)

SEPT 24 No Gallery Talk due to entries being received

OCT 1 Diane Tesler

The artist speaks about her paintings of Kewanna, Indiana, its inhabitants, and the surrounding area that is the topic of the current exhibit including personal insights into her still life paintings.

OCT 8 Curator Brian Byrn 37th EJRR preview

Discusses the 37th Elkhart Juried Regional giving a brief preview of the first gallery of artists before the official opening evening on October 9. Byrn looks at the statistics and passes along the comments of the two Jurors. This preview is sponsored by the Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

A Gift in Memory of a Cherished Friend or Relative

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by Bill & Mary Kuhn

A Special Series of Talks by Regional Artists

OCT 15, 22, 29 • Nov 5, 12, 19 • Dec 3 **JOIN US!!**

Each week during the 37th Elkhart Juried Regional an award winning artist will discuss their work, its origins of inspiration, and technical qualities. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the artists! Sponsored by the Elkhart County Conventions & Visitors Bureau.