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**Goodbye Winter! Hello Spring!**  
Barbara Aubin: Hidden Messages  
*continues thru* February 26  
Youth Art 2017 *opens* March 5  
The Northern Indiana Artists 75th Anniversary  
*exhibit opens* April 7

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# MIDWEST MUSEUM BULLETIN

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## Youth Art Month 2017

### March is National Youth Art Month

The Midwest Museum of American Art presents a Youth Art Month exhibition of selected work by high school students from Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Concord, Northridge and the Elkhart Area Career Center beginning **Sunday, March 5**, and continuing on view through **Saturday, April 2, 2017**. This event has been held annually for the past thirty-seven years.



For the thirteenth year, there will be a **\$500 Scholarship Award**, named in honor of **Phillip Monteith**, given by the Elkhart Evening Optimists. Finally for the twelfth year, Kathy & Ken Zienty, will present the **Robert & Mary Boyer Awards** to four students for excellence in their art.

The Opening Reception for students, teachers, parents, and invited guests will be held on **Sunday, March 6, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Museum Members are invited to attend as well.

Sponsors for **Youth Art in Elkhart 2017** include Elkhart Luncheon Optimists, Elkhart Evening Optimists, June Holloway of Oklahoma City, Abby Thomas, Elkhart, Ken & Kathy Zienty with the Robert & Mary Boyer Memorial Art Fund, and State Farm Insurance—Rocky Enfield.



left: Students viewing a previous Youth Art exhibit; above: Kelly Harrington, Art Educator, Elkhart Central

This Bulletin is dedicated to our late Docent & former Administrative Assistant **Trudy Basquin**



## The Northern Indiana Artists

### *Envisioning a Future, Remembering a Past* 75 Years Creating, Exhibiting, & Educating the Public about Art

The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to present an exhibition of The Northern Indiana Artists group to commemorate its 75th Year of existence. The all-media exhibit opens on **Friday, April 7** and will continue on view through the museum's 38th Anniversary and conclude on **Sunday, July 9**.

Over eighty works representing a large contingency of the NIA's overall membership has been selected by Curator Brian Byrn for this exhibit. Many of these artists have been producing professional works of art for decades in Michiana but several are younger artists at the beginning of their careers. A variety of approaches and styles are indicative of the ongoing dialogue of aesthetics in our region. Landscapes and figures are certainly a part of this exhibit but also a new breath of abstraction has been included. Chronologically, the works stretch back as far as five years. The exhibit does not attempt then to represent an historical overview of the group's activities but rather a contemporary viewpoint. See more on line at [NIA-art.org](http://NIA-art.org)

We are excited to present this exhibition to our membership and to the general public during the 38th Anniversary of the Midwest Museum of American Art and its mission to *Acquire* unique and original works of American Art, *Exhibit* artwork from its own permanent collection and traveling shows, *Educate* the public about American Art and how it relates to our cultural heritage, and *Preserve* its collections for future generations.

Join Us for  
**Our 38th Anniversary & Reception**  
of the  
**75th Anniversary of the**  
**Northern Indiana Artists**  
on **Sunday, MAY 7 from 1-4PM**  
*Artists will be present. Refreshments served.*

**NOTICE: Looking for additional artworks...**  
The Curator is looking for any posters, photographs, or ephemera that feature "Marilyn Monroe" as the subject.  
**Contact Brian Byrn before April 15.**

Also...anyone who collects or owns original works of Outsider, folk art, or art by self taught artists including, "Tramp Art" or other artifacts pertaining to this theme, and is willing to place these on loan to MAAA, please **contact Curator Brian Byrn before May 15 for review.**

## Barbara Aubin: Hidden Messages

exhibit continues thru February 26...

Join us on **Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 PM** to hear Jane Stevens, Associate Curator of Fine Art, Illinois State Museum Chicago Gallery, and author of the book "Barbara Aubin: A Lifetime of Art, 1928-2014", speak about the artist. This talk was previously postponed from December due to weather.

### Museum News...What's happening at Your museum?

•To commemorate **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** (January 27) we have mounted a spotlight exhibit of works from the MMAA Permanent Collection. **Adam Grochowski Grant (1924-1992)** survived Auschwitz and Mauthausen concentration camps due to his innate abilities as an artist to entertain and subdue the wrath of his captors. He later arrived in America, changed his name, and tried to fulfill his aspirations to become an artist and help others see the world through the healing powers of art. He became a well known Toledo-based artist along with his wife **Peggy (Brennan) Grant (b. 1932- )**. Adam's work today is heralded by his native country of Poland and has become a part of the Auschwitz Museum collection. You can see the painting, "Harlequin & Model", 1979, by Adam Grant, and a portrait of the artist and their first-born son, Tom, titled, "In the Studio", 1964, by Peggy Grant now on display.

•From the museum's **Tuck Langland Study Collection** comes seven bronze heads the sculptor created as a proposal to commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust. One of these poignant and sensitively modeled heads depicts a portrait of, Anne Frank.

•MMAA will be the site for a 12-day exhibit of an informational display about the Anne Frank story as a collaboration with the Elkhart Community Schools and Premier Arts starting **February 17 thru March 1**.

•The MMAA Permanent Collection has grown to over 6,600 works thanks to the generosity of many collectors and artists in 2016.

•Have you seen the light(s)? Or, at least the lamp posts on Second Street that is. Snippets of images from the museum's collection are wrapped around the bases thanks to another downtown initiative led by the Planning & Development Department.

•**NEW on VIEW** is a program where staff let you know throughout the year when we've added a significant work to the collection. Watch for future emails and stop by and see the art in person.

## The ARTIST'S ATTIC

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■■■■■■■■■■ cast-off treasures

If you are doing your *Spring cleaning* early... remember the Midwest Museum is looking for donations of "unique junk-tique" for its annual Artist's Attic fund raiser sale. You may call the museum for pick-up of objects, books, furniture, reproduction prints, statuary, ceramics, etc. at 293-6660. The items will be placed for sale **Friday & Saturday, JUNE 2-3 & Sunday, JUNE 4** during the three-day event which benefits the museum's educational and acquisition funds. Remember—one person's junk is another person's treasure!

## NOON • TIME • TALKS

**FREE Gallery Talk every Thursday at 12:20-1:00 PM**  
**Films begin at 12:15... get an early seat!**

### FEB 5 FILM: *Joan Mitchell* (54m)

This film highlights the Abstract Expressionist painter who decided to live in France after becoming a part of the legendary New York School. Film starts at 12:15PM.

### FEB 9 Surrealism - Part II

Curator Brian Byrn presents a discussion about *Magic Realism & Fantasy Art* in conjunction with the current exhibits.

### FEB 16 Adam Grant: Figure Master

Curator Brian Byrn discusses the work of this Toledo, Ohio based artist who was a survivor of the Holocaust and the first designer of Paint-by-Number hobby sets in America.

### FEB 23 FILM: *Anne Frank* (30m)

This mini-documentary introduces the Anne Frank story in conjunction with the informational display at MMAA.

### MAR 2 FILM: *Toulouse-Lautrec & Montmartre* (30m)

This film examines Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec who was renowned for paintings & posters inspired by the edgy spectacle of Montmartre in late 19th Century Paris.

### March is National Youth Art Month

A special series of gallery talks by art educators highlights public school programs.

### MAR 9 Art Educator, from an area High School

### MAR 16 Art Educator, Kelly Harrington, Elkhart Central

### MAR 23 Art Educator, from an area High School

### MAR 30 Art Educator, from an area High School

### APR 6 FILM: *Tony Natsoulas* (45m)

This recent documentary follows the California ceramic sculptor around his home environment while discussing his influences, accomplishments, & his approach to large-scale "funk" portraits of friends and colleagues.

### APR 13 75th NIA exhibition

Brian Byrn, Curator, introduces this exhibition and discusses his choices of works for inclusion. Every week thereafter a different artist will be speaking through July 6.

### APR 20 Diane Overmyer, Wakarusa

Overmyer, Past-President of NIA, worked with Byrn to bring the group's efforts to MMAA for this 75th year. She will discuss her current work as a painter.

### APR 27 Jill Heavner & Jean Magrane, South Bend

Aunt and Neice both artists and long-standing members of NIA discuss their artwork.

*(more artists & films continue in May... stay tuned)*

## 38th Anniversary Celebration

**MAY 7, 1-4 PM • You're Invited !!!**

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**Yoga and Tai Chi** continue throughout the Winter.  
Have you signed up? Stretch yourselves!



*"Blowout  
Byway", 2016  
watercolor by  
George Millet,  
Kouts, IN*

*from the 75th  
Northern Indiana  
Artists exhibition  
opening April 7.*