

# MIDWEST MUSEUM BULLETIN

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## *In Search of Norman Rockwell's America*

*"In Search of Norman Rockwell's America"* is a groundbreaking exhibition that pairs the work of American icon Norman Rockwell with images by award-winning photojournalist Kevin Rivoli. It will open at the Midwest Museum of American Art on **Friday, August 21**, and continue through **November 1, 2009**. The Midwest Museum is the first of several stops across the nation as the exhibit begins a two-year tour. The museum's permanent collection is also represented in the exhibit by 10 works by Rockwell. Unprecedented in concept, this exhibition will feature a selection of thirty-five black and white photographs alongside similarly evocative Rockwell originals: paintings, drawings, and limited artist's prints.

Twenty years ago, while working as a photojournalist, Kevin Rivoli began taking "slice of life" photographs—images of family, community, patriotism, milestones, and people enjoying simple pleasures. It was not until many years later that he realized their similarity to Rockwell's work, not only in mood and subject, but often in composition as well.

Rockwell, who was (and remains) immensely popular among the American people, is often dismissed by critics who claimed his work was too idealistic, sentimental and nostalgic. Rockwell was often accused of creating moments that didn't exist, or, as one critic alleged, for "creating an America that never was and never will be." Rockwell disagreed, saying he "was showing the America I knew and observed to others who might not have noticed."

Rivoli's photographs disprove critics' claims that Rockwell created moments that never were. *In Search of Norman Rockwell's America* shows us the same world Rockwell painted—an America that is still alive and well.

right: "Holiday Sweets", 2007, photo by Kevin Rivoli

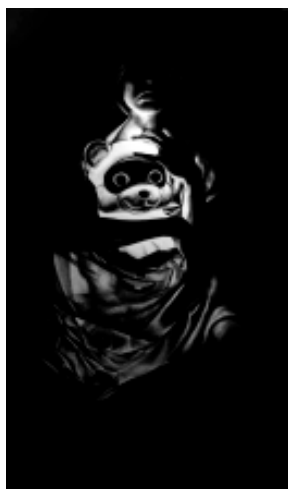


*"Buttercup", 1976, color litho, ed. 136/200, by Norman Rockwell  
Midwest Museum of American Art Permanent Collection,  
Gift of Dr. Warren Hamula, Colorado Springs, Co.*

The exhibition tour follows the release of a book by the same title. That book, published by Howard Books, an imprint of Simon and Schuster, will feature a significantly larger selection of photographs juxtaposed with Rockwell images. The book, available at the Midwest Museum, features an essay by Dr. Andrew Mendelson, chair of the Department of Journalism at Temple University, as well as statements from collectors, friends, and admirers of Rockwell's work, including President Jimmy Carter, Dolly Parton, Dick, Clark, Lee Iacocca, Debbie Reynolds, Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell, Brian Williams, Beau Bridges, and MMAA Director, Jane Burns to name a few.

*In Search of Norman Rockwell's America* will introduce Norman Rockwell and his work to a new generation while providing an opportunity for his existing fans to reconnect with this American icon. By pairing these celebrated, familiar works of art to photographs of real people, the exhibition reminds us to look for those moments of happiness, pride, mischief, courage and patriotism that exist every day, not just in Rockwell paintings.

This exhibition is sponsored in part by Old National Bank, Elkhart.



## ***Made in Michiana*** **30 Years of the BEST of SHOW**

*from the Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibitions  
acquired for the MMAA Permanent Collection*

The Midwest Museum of American Art will be mounting an exciting exhibition of sculpture, paintings, & ceramics from the past 30 years of the Elkhart Juried Regional exhibits. The exhibit will open on **Friday, July 17** and continue through **Sunday, August 16, 2009**.

Every year the Midwest Museum has collected what the judges have chosen as *Best of Show*. This exciting collection of work is an historic survey of how the Michiana art world has changed and evolved. A special series of artist's talks will be held on Thursdays (see Noon-Time-Talks) to catch-up on the current careers of these past award winners.

*Shown above, clockwise are works by: A.J. Nafziger (2008), David Allen (2004), Steve Karla (2005), Brian Manley (2006), & Jacqueline Gnott (2007).*

## ***A Special Thank You...***

The Midwest Museum of American Art would like to thank **Peggy Weed** for continuing the sponsorship of FREE Family Sundays. The museum is open year-round with 52 weeks of Sundays which provide a means of entertainment, togetherness, and education in a nice environment. Thanks to Peggy Weed the museum can continue its mission to bring art and culture to Elkhart citizens and residents of Northern Indiana.

## ***Docent of the Year...***

The Docent of the Year will be honored at the Annual Luncheon on July 20 at the historic farm of Patsy & George Bucklen near Adamsville. Docents are volunteers who help people learn in the museum environment. Anyone interested in becoming a Docent can contact museum staff at 293-6660.

## ***Art Camp II & III for Children***

The leader for both 5-day Art Camps will be **Bonnie Elder**, recently retired Art Educator from Elkhart. Art Camp II will be held at the Midwest Museum beginning **Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17**.

Art Camp II will be held at MMAA beginning, **Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7**.

Students will be involved with the FUNdamentals of art, learning about line, shape, & textures while creating their own exciting compositions!

Day 1: still life drawing; Day 2: landscape; Day 3: portrait drawing; Day 4: 3-dimensional; Day 5: fun with abstract art.

Times for specific age groups are as follows:

Ages 5-7 years meet from 12:30PM to 2:00 PM.

Ages 8-12 years meet from 2:30PM to 4:30PM.

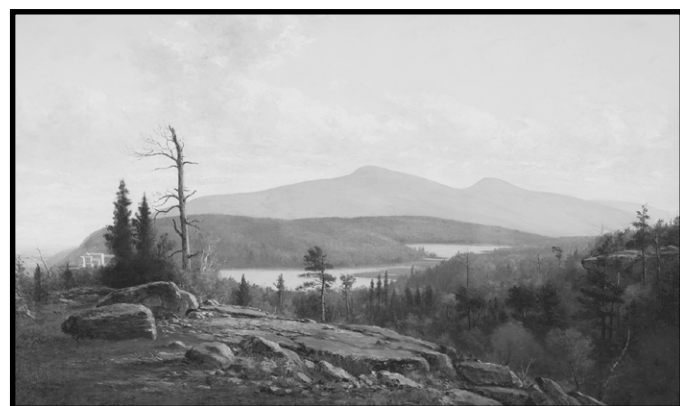
**FEES: \$50./student for the week.** Call 293-6660

## **Notice to Members**

If you haven't signed up yet for special email notices you may call the museum with your email address, write it on your membership renewal form when you return it, or email it directly to us at **mdwstmsmam@aol.com** Museum Staff will be better able to keep you up-to-date on current events as well as reach those members who are farther away than the immediate area zip codes. MMAA plans to continue printing and mailing bulletins and invitations to members without computer access but future cost savings dictate a move toward more effective use of our website.

Visit the official website at **MidwestMuseum.US**

***Junius Sloan continues thru  
JULY 12.... don't miss this exhibition.***



## NOON □ TIME □ TALKS

*A variety of Gallery Talks or Films*  
every Thursday □ 12:20-1:00pm



### JULY 9 JUNIUS SLOAN: A Final Review

Curator Brian Byrn brings together the various elements of the 19th Century artist's life with vignettes from previous discussions about landscape painting in America as a final talk before the exhibition closes.

### JULY 16 MADE in MICHIANA

Curator Brian Byrn discusses some of the works of art that recieved the coveted *BEST of SHOW* award over the past 30 years in the annual Elkhart Juried Regionals.

### JULY 23 TOM RAJKOVICH

This 1990 Best of Show sculptor discusses his work in the museum's permanent collection.

### JULY 30 BRIAN MANLEY

This 2006 Best of Show painter discusses his work in the museum's permanent collection.

### AUG 6 DAVID ALLEN

This 2005 Best of Show painter discusses his work in the museum's permanent collection.

### AUG 13 ANTHONY DROEGE

This 2000 Best of Show painter discusses his work in the museum's permanent collection.

### AUG 20 *The American Vision* (film 36min)

Curator Brian Byrn introduces a classic film on 18th & 19th Century American Art.

### AUG 27 NORMAN ROCKWELL

This film features a look into the life of America's most beloved artist.

In September....look forward to a series of talks on illlustrators of the Golden Age, *plus* more on Norman Rockwell...

## *A Gift in Honor of, or in Memory of, a Cherished Friend or Relative*

### Norah Beck

by Helen Donis-Keller

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by EHS *Class of 1941*

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### Charlotte Guthrie

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### *In Honor of*

**Dr. Wesley Mark  
& Dr. Mary Harder**  
*25th Anniversary*

by Jane Burns

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