

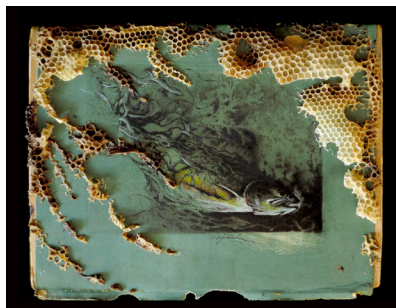
More about... "The Birds & The Bees"...



Fuga Autumna Ornamented by Honeybees
2017, Etching with aquatint and drypoint
beeswax applied by bees in a living hive, 22 x 28 in.

"As we move through the pages of this scripture, we see the growth stages that woodlands undergo when they develop from fire-scarred openings and clear-cuts, slowly over decades and even centuries to become climax forest. Patterns repeat themselves, establishing rhythms that overlap with other rhythmic patterns, echoing the musical language of harmonics and counterpoint in a fugue-like textural concerto of deciduous forms – each species cleaving the heavens with its own familiar signature."

Ladislav R. Hanka



Titmouse (right)
2017, Etching with aquatint & beeswax applied by bees in a living hive, 22 x 28 inches
The tufted titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) is a small songbird from North America, a species in the tit and chickadee family (Paridae). The black-crested titmouse is found from central and southern Texas southwards.

Brook Trout (left)
2017, Etching with aquatint & beeswax 17 x 21 in.



You Are Invited!!
Join the Celebration on Sunday, May 6
from 1-3 PM

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Headlines: Exhibits & Events

The Birds & The Bees A Love Affair with Nature

A new exhibition featuring the work of Ladislav Hanka, Kalamazoo, Michigan, opens April 11 and continues through July 15.



Pileated Head (Woodpecker), etching with beeswax

The artist lives with his wife, sculptor, Jana Hanka, in a world of nature, that involves their passion of bee keeping or apiculture. While Jana's work is involved with the subject of horses, together they have become master apiarists. Lad Hanka collaborates with active hives as the bees create unique beeswax or honeycomb formations over the top of his hand-drawn etchings of birds (he is a trained ornithologist), trees, fish, & images of other insects. As a scientist, Lad Hanka was very involved with field study of nature. But, after obtaining his MFA from Western Michigan University, he decided on the path of artist as his main career. Today his work can be seen in over 25 galleries across Michigan and the Midwest. He has been the topic of a PBS special recently in Pennsylvania. His work has been featured in exhibits in Russia and his ancestral home of Czechoslovakia.



The Flower Show *Floral Artwork from the MMAA Permanent Collection*



Still Life with White Lilies & Pears, 2015, watercolor, by Jacqueline Grott, South Bend, IN

This exhibit opens concurrently with the work of Lad Hanka and presents an opportunity to explore the topic of flowers as seen in the work of eminent artists represented in the MMAA Permanent Collection. The exhibit includes works by nationally recognized artists such as Janet Fish and the regionally renowned work of artists like Jacqueline Grott. Take a walk through the garden before you experience *The Birds & The Bees*. Special floral arrangements have been provided through a collaboration with Matzke Florists to enhance the experience. Thanks to Jenifer, Stan & Linda Rupnow for working with the museum as good neighbors in the Arts & Entertainment District.



These exhibits are sponsored by DONORS from the American Circle of MMAA supporters.



Still Life with Zinnias, 1995, silkscreen, ed. 49/65, by Janet Fish (b.1938-)

JOIN US! as MMAA Celebrates 39 Years! Sunday, MAY 6, from 1-3 PM

Members & Donors are invited to attend a Celebration of the museum's 39th Anniversary on Sunday, May 6, from 1-3 PM. Dessert & wine will be served.

Members can also enjoy seeing the new exhibits and meeting artist Lad Hanka who will be signing books that can be purchased at the front desk. In addition, several cultural leaders from Elkhart's Gateway Mile will be in attendance to talk informally about our shared experiences as major attractions in downtown Elkhart.



Children's Summer Art Camp

FEES for Art Camp \$50 /week (includes all materials)

ART CAMP **June 25 - June 29 (1-week)**
Theme: "Time & Space"

Ages 6 - 7 yrs. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM; Mon-Fri
Ages 8 - 12 yrs. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM; Mon-Fri

Art educator, Kristin O'Dell, Northridge High School, has previous elementary level experience. She will lead students on an adventure in creating drawings, watercolors, mixed media works and collages, while utilizing the museum's permanent collection of American Art for inspiration. **Call 293-6660 for registration.** Payment due immediately following registration.

ART WALKS *extended hours to MMAA schedule.*

MMAA is participating in every downtown Art Walk on the second Wednesday of each month through November from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in an effort to extend evening hours. Half-off admission applies to the general public; Members are FREE. Memberships can be purchased.

Formal Tours can be scheduled with a trained Docent on the Second Saturday of each month at 2:00 PM

One FREE Family Sunday each month starts APRIL 29.

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NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:20-1:00pm



Join us & expand your knowledge of Art & Science!

APR 19 Ladislav Hanka, "birds & bees"...

An 18-minute video recasts the artist's journey with bees; afterwards, Hanka elaborates on the video and answers specific questions about his interest in science linked with his profession as an artist. Hanka will be present on May 6, from 1-3 PM to sign books.

APR 26 Film: *Stuart Davis: In Full Swing*

Davis's exuberant, colorful compositions echo the dynamism of the American scene and the rhythms of jazz, the artist's lifelong passion.

In MAY we present a forum of speakers involved with the Arts in celebration of the museum's 39th Anniversary!

MAY 3 Andy Hughes, Arts Editor, South Bend Tribune

After 22 years, Andy Hughes has seen the evolution of arts coverage in Michiana. Hughes will speak about the historic changes that have taken shape during his tenure at the South Bend Tribune.

MAY 10 Brian Byrn, Director & Curator, MMAA

Having been on the job for over 36 years, Byrn addresses the changes happening at the museum and cast his gaze both at the past and proposals of the future at the institution.

MAY 17 David Smith, Executive Director, Lerner Theater

Smith presents a lively and statistical discussion of the events of the Lerner Theater over the past seven years since it reopened. Smith and MMAA Director, Brian Byrn, will collaborate on a new artist program for the Elkhart Jazz Festival this year.

MAY 24 Steve Gruber, Director of Arts on Main & Founder of the Elkhart County Arts Alliance.

Gruber will discuss his invention of Art Walks and the activities of the ECAA along with stimulating facts about why the Arts matter to cities like Elkhart.

**MAY 31 Eric Garton, Robert & Peggy Weed
Executive Director, Wellfield Gardens**

Garton discusses the changes and growth at Wellfield including the collaboration with MMAA and his upcoming talks, *Sex in Our Gardens!* (Gasp!) *Rated G for Good-Natured!*

**JUN 7 Robert Hohl, Reference & Public Service
Librarian, Emeritus, St. Mary's College**

Bob Hohl talks about the multi-volume Judeo Christian Bible illustrated by Salvador Dali, ca. 1966-68.

JUN 14 Ivan Albright, *Envisioning the Change*
Director/Curator Brian Byrn discusses the work of this important Midwestern artist and his unique observations of life.

JUN 21 Film: *Alexander Calder & The Circus*

JUN 28 Frank Dudley, Dunes Painter

Director/Curator Brian Byrn discusses the work and the importance of Dudley's work to the Indiana Dunes.

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