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31st Elkhart Juried Regional

The Largest Awards Show in the State! \$29,100 in Awards in 2009

The 31st Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition opens on Friday, November 6, and will continue through Sunday, January 3, 2010. This year the total awards to be given to artists will be **\$29,100**, with the \$1,200 Best of Show Award donated in memory of the late **Alice Skoglund**. For the eighth year, a special Memorial Purchase Award will be given in honor of **Mary Feddersen** for Photography sponsored by Ron & Connie Minzey and Stuart & Paula Barb of Elkhart.

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**: Jennifer **Abrell**, **Baker & Daniels**, Steve & Traci **Bollero**, Liz and Tom **Borger**, Brian & Jeanelle **Brady**, Dr. Terry **Bryant** and Dr. Liz **Elliott**, Dr. Rick and Cindy **Burns**, Drs. Daniel and Linda **Burns**, Ed & Carla **Chester**, Jack and Karen **Cittadine**, Todd & Christine **Cornell**, Stan and June **Disher**, Craig & Connie **Fulmer**, Mr. Joe **Greenlee**, Ms. Mary **Helvey**, Ms. Tracy **Jones**, Dr. Brian & Summer **King**, Mr. & Mrs. Michael **Kubacki**, Vic & Diana **Lawson**, Tim & Robyn **Loughran**, Dr. Wesley **Mark** and Dr. Mary **Harder**, David & Cynthia **Marks**, Jan & Dan **Morrison**, Mr. Darren **Neer**, Steve & Jane **Poe**, Dr. David **Regan**, Paul **Schultz** & Margaret **Forster**, Dr. & Mrs. R. Daron **Sheline**, Dr. Bradley & Brooke **Swanson**, George G. & Abby **Thomas**, **Warrick & Boyn**, **Robert Weed Plywood Corporation**, Jack & Angie **Welter**, and **Bradley Vite Fine Arts**.

Merit Awards this year will include the William & Jeanne **Batten** Memorial Award for Sculpture and the Jonas **Howard** Memorial Award for Painting.

*This exhibition is graciously sponsored by **Lake City Bank**.*

MEMBERS, Guests, & Artists
are invited to attend the
OPENING RECEPTION for the
31st ELKHART JURIED REGIONAL
Friday Evening, November 6, 2009
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Jan Cicero, preeminent Art Dealer from Chicago who recently retired and **Sam Knecht**, Professor of Painting and Chairman of the Art Department of Hillsdale College were the judges for the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional.

*This year a bronze wall relief sculpture entitled, "Gaia", by **Dora Natella** of Granger was acquired as The Alice Skoglund Memorial Best of Show Award, in the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional.*

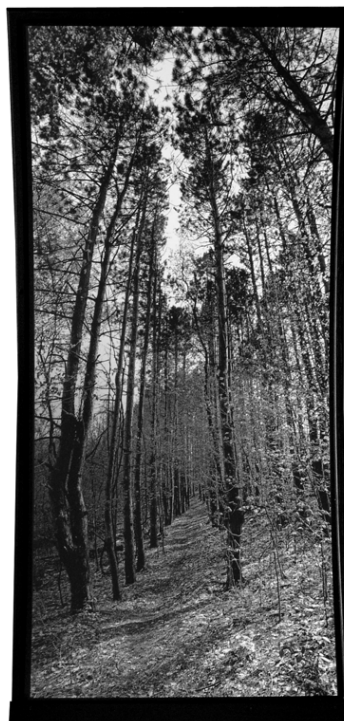
Visit MIDWESTMUSEUM.US to learn more about the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional and the artists who live and work in Michiana.



Mary Feddersen MEMORIAL AWARD for Photography

"Love Creek"
archival digital
color photograph
mounted on curved
armature
by **Roderick Liechty**,
Elkhart, IN

This year **269** Artists entered
474 works of art in all media.
The two Judges accepted **163**
works of art by **128** artists.



Special Notice to Members

In an effort to be more “green” the MMAA Bulletin will move to a **quarterly printing** schedule beginning with this issue. Members will continue to receive updates via emails on weekly events and special programs. If you have not yet sent your email to the museum please do so at your earliest convenience to stay abreast of happenings throughout the upcoming year. mdwstmsmam@aol.com

Coming this Winter January/February 2010

Selected Works from the Permanent Collection

A special opportunity to see new acquisitions and other art from nearly 2700 works acquired over the past 30 years.

Since the publication of the first *Catalogue of the Permanent Collection* in 2004 the Midwest Museum has received **over 800 new works**. This raises the number of total works to nearly 2,700 pieces. Significant holdings of 20th Century works on paper, paintings, and graphics have resulted. Some works will be featured in a forthcoming exhibit, “Selected Works from the Permanent Collection”, in January and February, 2010.



Recently **30 works** by important American artists were donated by Dr. Steven Conant of Indianapolis. Dr. Conant, an Elkhart native, has given **466** works of art to the Midwest Museum since 1993. Representative examples by **Lee Bontecou, Agnes Denes, Fritz Scholder, Arthur Wesley Dow, and Karl Wirsum** are included in this recent gift. A significant amount of work by **Gabor Peterdi**, the Dean of American printmakers, has been donated by Dr. Conant. This group of over 60 works will be formed into a traveling exhibit offered by the museum in the future.

Many thanks goes to Dr. Steven Conant for his continued support and interest in shaping the collection of the Midwest Museum of American Art.



Dr. Liz Elliott talks to her son Ethan, about some of the art at the Patron Award Selection for the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional.

The Director's Statement

At a time when everyday brings news of another museum curtailing its hours or another cultural group closing its doors it is a privilege to report that the Midwest Museum of American Art is not forgoing our mission. We recognize the vital role the museum plays in our area and remain dedicated to assuring that the MMAA is a robust and exciting place for American Arts.

Hallmarks of the MMAA in our 30th year, new programming, new acquisitions, refreshed and reconfigured galleries are the renewed focus on our core mission as a catalyst for appreciation and vitality of art by Americans.

This is not to say we aren't facing fiscal challenges. Like every arts organization we are. But we have approached the challenge of the economic recession as an opportunity to pull together and reassert the essence of who we are. You our members have created the solid growth on which we stand through your memberships and contributions. We encourage you to continue with contributions to the museum as an expression of your commitment to our present and our future. Hard times are nothing new to the MMAA and in difficult economic times the arts are often the first to be cut. Please remember that your support has made our success possible and we do depend on your contributions to create the solid ground on which we stand.

Happy Holidays and many, many thanks, to each of you.

Jane Burns, Director

Special Museum Funds

The Midwest Museum of American Art would like to heighten our public's awareness of the various “Funds” to which they can donate throughout the year.

The **Eva Cole Educational Fund** was established in 1990 by a former 1939 EHS graduate, Christiana Smith Graham. Through this fund the Midwest Museum brings speakers and programs to Elkhart to educate and enrich our knowledge of America's great art heritage. The **Acquisition Fund** was started in 1997 by Eleanor Grieb and Robert Fancil. This fund allows the museum to purchase artworks both from new and emerging artists as well as well known artists. The **Library Fund** was started in 2005 by former residents, John and Janet Von der Heide. Recognizing the need to upgrade and expand the museum's library, the Von der Heides started this ongoing fund as a reminder of the importance research plays in identifying art and artists.

Our current temporary project is the **Roof Fund**. The need to replace the 26-year old, Bay Systems polyurethane insulated roof, has necessitated the beginning of this fund. The local Quester chapters— Christiana #765, LaSalle-Rousseau #441, Michiana Voyagers #1642, plus the Indiana State Questers and International Questers organizations along with the local A-Z study group— have embraced this project and are actively seeking grant funding for MMAA.

We cordially invite you to contribute to any of these funds. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will be acknowledged in our newsletter and a notice is sent to the families of those memorialized.

The 31st Elkhart Juried Regional Purchase Award Patron Selection

Over 80 Purchase Award Patrons arrived to make their selections after the judging had concluded on Sunday, September 27. The \$900 level folks showed up first at 5:00PM followed in succession by the \$700 and \$500 patrons all of whom pledged their support of regional artists in July— sight unseen. Several brought their families and made it an educational and fun experience for all ages. Below are some of the moments during that hectic evening when a frenzy of excitement fills the air of the galleries.



Curator Brian Byrn helps Drs. Terry Bryant and Liz Elliott and their three children find just the right artwork for their collection.



Purchase Award Patrons, Angie Welter (left) and Jan Morrison (right), have fun discussing one of the paintings during the selection process.



Purchase Award Patron Tim Loughran and his children Peter and Anne proudly display a pastel drawing by Diana Fair of Ft. Wayne that was selected for their award. The Loughrans let their daughter Anne make the selection this year. Robyn Loughran (not pictured) will have one of her digital color photographs in the upcoming exhibit.



Purchase Award Patrons, Dr. Brian King and wife Summer, take time out to discuss their two selections. The Kings decided they would have twice the fun of acquiring artwork from the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional.

The Midwest Museum Welcomes its New and Renewing Members

July 1 through November 1, 2009

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NOON•TIME•TALKS

A variety of Gallery Talks or films — FREE
Every Thursday at 12:20

NOV 4 “The Empire of Signs” (60 min.)

Brian Byrn, Curator, introduces this film from the *American Vision* series narrated by Robert Hughes regarding art in post-war (WW II) America. (start time at 12:15PM)

NOV 12 Dora Natella, BEST of SHOW

Dora Natella, Associate Professor of Sculpture at IUSB, will discuss her relief sculpture that captured the Alice B. Skoglund Memorial BEST of SHOW Award and becomes property of the MMAA Permanent Collection.

NOV 19 Bill Kremer, Triple Award Winner

Bill Kremer, Professor of Ceramics at Notre Dame, leads a discussion about his work that won three awards including two Purchase Awards and the William & Jeanne Batten Merit Award for Sculpture.

NOV 26 Happy Thanksgiving (Museum Closed)

DEC 3 Ellen Ridenour, Purchase Award

Artist Ellen Ridenour talks about her award winning mixed media work and her move to a studio in the Old Bag Factory in Goshen.

DEC 10 Ron Monsma, BEST Drawing Award

Artist Ron Monsma discusses his pastel drawing titled, “House by the Lake”, that won Best Drawing Award. Monsma teaches drawing at IUSB.

DEC 17 Jason Cytacki, Purchase Award

Artist Jason Cytacki gives a talk about his two works in the 31st EJRA and his aspiring career as a Graduate Student in Painting at the University of Notre Dame.

DEC 24 & 31 Happy Holidays (Museum Closed)

JAN 7 “The Age of Anxiety” (60min.)

This film, narrated by Robert Hughes from the *American Vision* series, explores how American Art has reflected the upheavals of the last 25 years profiling a wide range of contemporary artists. (start time at 12:15PM)

JAN 14 Selected Work from the Permanent Collection (Part I)

Brian Byrn, Curator, presents an overview of this exhibit containing new donations to MMAA.

JAN 21 Selected Work from the Permanent Collection (Part II)

Brian Byrn, Curator, continues his discussion of this exhibit containing new donations to MMAA.

JAN 28 Claes Oldenburg

Assistant Curator, Stacy Jordan, explores the life and career of this POP artist sculptor.

TRIBUTES

The Midwest Museum of American Art gratefully acknowledges gifts in honor or in memory of special friends. Notes of acknowledgment are sent by the Museum to those honored or to the families of those memorialized. Recent memorials include:

In Memory Of

Russell G. Ashbaugh

by Jane Burns
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**In Honor of Dr. Wesley Mark & Dr. Mary Harder
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enrich our lives...”**

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by Ray & Susan Enfield

Douglas Williams

by Paul & Betty Thomas
Brooke & Dianne Williams



Artwork was placed throughout the museum to be examined by the Purchase Award Patrons. Tracy Jones (far left) is seen here discussing some of the ceramic entries with Director Jane Burns. Jan Morrison (right) and Abby Thomas (far right) talk about some of their choices. Over 474 works were entered and the judges selected only 163 pieces for the exhibit.

The Elkhart Juried Regional has placed over \$350,000 in the hands of Michiana artists over the past 30 years. Only one purchase award was available in 1979-1980. Today (2009) there are 36 Purchase Awards totalling \$26,400. With the Alice Skoglund Memorial BEST of SHOW at \$1,200 and several Merit Awards, the total prize monies come to \$29,100.

**Visit the Midwest Museum often this Winter.
Take in a Gallery Talk, film, exhibit, or concert.
Your Support is vital to the Arts in downtown Elkhart.
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**For more Information about other exhibits and
educational programming
visit the Midwest Museum of American Art Website:
www.MIDWESTMUSEUM.US**

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