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30th Elkhart Juried Regional

The Largest Awards Show in the State!

The 30th Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition opens on Friday, October 10, and will continue through Sunday, December 7, 2008. This year the total awards to be given to artists will be over **\$25,000**, with the \$1,200 Best of Show Award donated in memory of the late **Alice Skoglund**. For the seventh 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**: **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**, Jack and Karen **Cittadine**, Todd & Christine **Cornell**, Stan and June **Disher**, Mr. Joe **Greenlee**, Craig & Connie **Fulmer**, Ms. Tracy **Jones**, James & Neta **Jones**, Dr. Brian & Summer **King**, Mr. & Mrs. Michael **Kubacki**, Tim & Robyn **Loughran**, Dr. Wesley **Mark** and Dr. Mary **Harder**, David & Cynthia **Marks**, Mr. Darren **Neer**, 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**, and **Bradley Vite Fine Arts**.

Merit Awards this year will include the William & Jeanne **Batten** Award for Sculpture; **D & M Glass Corporation**; and the Christiana Smith **Graham** Award for Painting.

A downloadable entry form can be found on the museum's website, MIDWESTMUSEUM.US; click on the **current events** tab. Submit entries September 13 to September 27..

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

MEMBERS, Guests, & Artists
are invited to attend the
OPENING RECEPTION for the
30th ELKHART JURIED REGIONAL
Friday Evening, October 10, 2008
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM



In 2007, "Green Apples", a "photo-realistic" watercolor by Jacqueline Gnot of South Bend was acquired as The Alice Skoglund Memorial Best of Show Award, in the 29th Elkhart Juried Regional.

Richard Hunt, preeminent American sculptor with over 100 public works to his credit, and noted Baltimore painter, **Richard Roth**, will be the judges for the 30th Elkhart Juried Regional.

Visit MIDWESTMUSEUM.US to learn more about the 30th Elkhart Juried Regional.

Modern Images of Native Americans

*The Art of
Fritz Scholder*

*continues through
Sunday, October 5*



*"Cat Man Flexing",
c.1990, bronze, ed. 12*

*"Indian with Feather Fan",
1970, lithograph, ed. 145/150
by Fritz Scholder (1937-2005)
Collection of Mary Jane McClain, Phoenix, AZ*



Elkhart Sesquicentennial and the Arts

The people of Elkhart have reasons to be proud as we celebrate our 150th birthday. It is a great city for its outstanding entrepreneurial spirit and large level of volunteerism. It was only in 1996 that Elkhart was named the "Outstanding Indiana Community of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce. The Midwest Museum of American Art is delighted to have been a part of Elkhart for the past 30 years and feels the best is yet to be. While the business climate is less than desirable due to the perfect storm created by high energy cost, mortgage loan defaults and the falling dollar, we feel that this is a period when the arts community must tighten its belt. We are not happy to have Genesis funding disappear from the city budget. It has been the greatest boost to many fledgling programs and was start-up money for ideals that needed monetary nurturing. Unlike the

Federal Government which can run deficits, city governments cannot and cuts have to be imposed. With this said, the Genesis funding was less than 1% of Elkhart's budget— .375% to be exact. I question this deficit-reducing arts cut that may rob Elkhart of an opportunity to bring people together to discover,

enjoy and understand the diverse heritage of our city, our state and our country. Every community depends on the arts to bring spirit to its life.

The Midwest Museum of American Art will participate in the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration on **Saturday, September 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**



OCTOBER ARTS and HUMANITIES MONTH

Recent Acquisitions

Since the publication of the first *Catalogue of the Permanent Collection* in 2004 the Midwest Museum has received **over 700 new works**. This raises the number of total works to just over 2,500 pieces. Significant holdings of 20th Century works on paper, paintings, and graphics have resulted. Some works will be featured in a forthcoming exhibit, "Selected Gifts to the Permanent Collection: 1998-2008", in December of this year.

Recently **37 works** by important American artists were donated by Dr. Steven Conant of Indianapolis. Dr. Conant, an Elkhart native, has given nearly 400 works of art. Representative examples by artists such as James Brooks, Byron Browne, Jasper Johns, Rudy Pozzatti, Leon Polk Smith, and Jim Nutt are included. A significant amount of work by Gabor Peterdi, the Dean of American printmakers, has been donated by Dr. Conant. This group of 41 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.



DOCENT of the YEAR

Trudy Basquin, a Charter Docent, recently received the coveted *Docent of the Year* award at the annual Docent luncheon held at the home of Jane Poe, Niles, Michigan. Mrs. Basquin has been leading tours for 30 years and held the position of Administrative Assistant for eight years in the 1980s. Today Mrs. Basquin continues to volunteer her time to the museum for special projects such as Chair of the annual Artist's Attic Sale. During this past year Basquin donated her time for 18 additional work days, 12 Sundays, and several tours.

The Docent Program, which began in 1979, utilizes many retired teachers and others who receive training that they use to lead group tours. This past year Docents prepared for a new *Museum Docent in the Schools Program*. In addition, Docents have been utilized on Sundays during Free Family Day to meet visitors and discuss the permanent collection and traveling exhibits.

Anyone interested in becoming a Docent at the Midwest Museum of American Art can contact staff at 293-6660.

GIVE the GIFT of ART...

Give a Gift Membership

Why not share the **Midwest Museum** with family or friends? Memberships in any category may be given as gifts.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership | \$ 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Membership | \$ 20 |
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NOON•TIME•TALKS

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

SEPT 4 *“The Spirit of Crazy Horse” (60 min.)*

This film is an eye-opening vision of the quest of the Sioux Indians to regain their heritage and their ancestral lands that have shaped the lives of seven generations.

SEPT 11 **Kachina Dancers, Dolls, & Spirits**

Stacy Jordan, Assistant Curator, discusses the Hopi & Zuni rituals as portrayed in the work of John Doyle and in the larger context of Southwestern culture.



SEPT 18 **Norman Ackers (b.1958-)**

Brian Byrn, Curator, leads a discussion about this Oklahoma Native American whose cryptic paintings depict symbols borrowed from his Osage heritage.

SEPT 25 **Charles Schreyvogel (1861-1912)**

Brian Byrn, Curator, presents a talk about one of the three most famous artists of the *romantic West*, Charles Schreyvogel, and his competition with Frederic Remington. The museum’s bronze, “White Eagle” by the artist will be featured.



OCT 2 **Fritz Scholder**
a final note...

This discussion focuses on works to be loaned to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian for the November retrospective exhibit and a final look at Scholder’s work in general.



OCT 9 *“Winds of Change: A Matter of Promises”*

This film carries the viewer to many diverse settings among the sovereign Indian Nations in America.

OCT 16 **30th Elkhart Juried Regional**

Brian Byrn, Curator, presents an overview of this important competition and introduces the roster of artists who will speak during the next six weeks.

OCT 23 **30th Elkhart Juried Regional Artists Series**

An award winning artist speaks about his/her work. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear what’s on the minds of regional artists.

OCT 30 **30th Elkhart Juried Regional Artists Series**

An award winning artist speaks about her work.

30th Elkhart Juried Regional Artists Series will continue into the month of **November**.... Don’t miss these talks by some of the most interesting artists in the region!

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

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by Byron M. Brady
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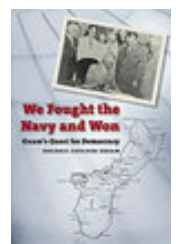
Patricia Wilson

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Special Lecture & Book Signing

The Midwest Museum will host a **Special Lecture & Book Signing** by Doloris Cogan (Elkhart) on **Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 PM**. The University of Hawai’i Press, Honolulu, has recently published her book entitled, *“We Fought the Navy and Won: Guam’s Quest for Democracy”*. Cogan’s book is a carefully documented yet impassioned recollection of Guam’s postwar struggle to elevate itself from possession to territory.



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#Denotes Member for 10 Years



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