

More of Made in Michiana exhibit...
41 Years of the BEST of SHOW awards



New on View
clockwise left to right:

Halcyon Daze, 2003, by Maurice (Moe) Marks

The Young Bride Unmasked in foreground, 1987 by Kathy Zienty

Things Going O.K. So Far..., 2002, by Dana Goodman
background: *Field Formation # 1*, 1993, by Abner Hershberger

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41 Years of the *BEST of SHOW*

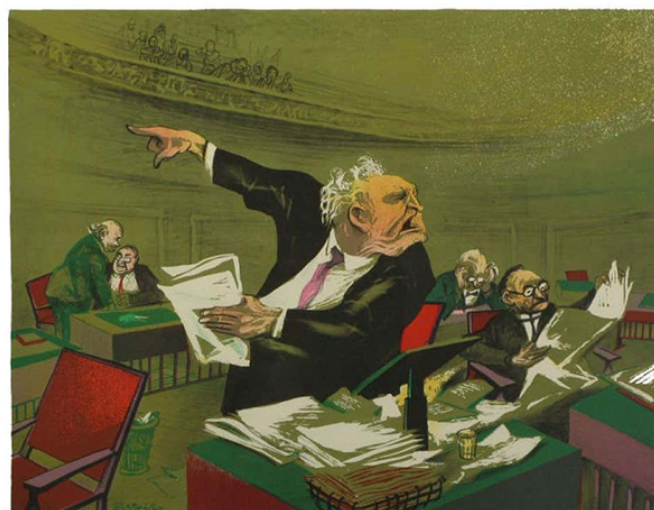
Exhibit Continues Through August 2

For over four decades MMAA acquired a BEST of SHOW from the Elkhart Juried Regional. This amazing collection represents the highest levels of achievement by artists from across Michiana. Don't miss this historical exhibit!

Politics & Religion

Exhibit - August 7 Through October 2

Artists have been speaking out about issues that touch many lives for centuries. In Modern times, artists have taken the role in society as mirror or sounding board to such issues as the environment, political power, social justice, and religious tolerance. For this exhibit, the MMAA has selected meaningful ideas reflected in the works of artists from the past 100+ years. Included will be contemporary works by over 30 artists from Michiana.



Works of art include sculpture, paintings, and drawings from some of the nation's most relevant visual creators. There are also posters to give a real-world perspective of issues as far back as World War II.



New COVID-19 protocols at MMAA. Don't forget your mask and social distance when you visit. See more on our Facebook page and website.



clockwise left to right:
"Mission Accomplished", whirlingig by Robert Hardt, Rolling Prairie, IN;
"Senators", c. 1930s, by William Gropper; "The Rapture" by Don Sizemore, Pineville, KY, John & Sharon Feddersen Collection; "Bumper Cross", c. 1958, by Rev. Ralph Holdeman with "Christ", c. 1965, by Frances Pestow.

This Exhibition is Sponsored by Donors from the Director's Circle

New Michiana MASTERS series



What does it mean to be a *Master*? MMAA continues to recognize artists from a 24-county region that have proven themselves in the wider art world. The artists selected for this recognition have been vetted through the annual Elkhart Juried Regional as *Best* in their respective media.

The second *Michiana Master* to be given this honor is Dora Natella, who has taught sculpture at IUSB for 16 years. Natella is the first woman to achieve *BEST of SHOW* honors three times! Other awards over the past few years have included *Best Sculpture*.



A 'spotlight' exhibit features examples of her work **August 7 thru September 25**.



Artists Attic Sale July 31, August 1 & 2 Find your Treasures!!

This annual sale of 'unique-junk-tique' benefits the educational, preservation, & acquisition funding of MMAA. This year's sale features more art & antiques than ever before plus lots more.

MEMBERS PREVIEW: Thursday, July 30, 1-4 PM



MORE Politics & Religion...

"untitled", 2019, mixed media assemblage by Steve Lerma, Elkhart, IN

Membership Drive

Invite a friend to become a member of MMAA! There are many benefits to be enjoyed as you help sustain the museum's mission. As the museum moves onward into its fifth decade presenting exhibits, offering educational experiences and building collections in downtown Elkhart, we are looking for 50 new members and 50 new donors by January 1, 2021.

Help MMAA by inviting your friends to JOIN in the fun!

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Attention Artists: Call for Entries

42nd Elkhart Juried Regional, September 15 - 26

A new rules of entry form will be available on the MMAA website beginning August 1, 2020. Inquiries can be made by phone at 574-293-6660 or email at info@midwestmuseum.us

Martins in the Field

works by
Karen Bondarchuk
continues through
August 2



above: WMU Professor of Art, Karen Bondarchuk, in her Kalamazoo studio with sixteen works from her series, *Martins in the Field*.

left: *Subterranean Home-sick Blues* (detail), 2019 charcoal, pastel, ink & scavenged object on hand-made gessoed panel.

Noon Time Talks

Thursday • 12:15 - 1:00pm



JULY 2 **Talk: Karen Bondarchuk, Prof. of Art, WMU**
The artist speaks about the *Martins in the Field* series and how it is a metaphor for her Mother's personal journey of dislocation, resilience, and dealing with Alzheimer's

JULY 9 **Talk: 'MADE in MICHIANA'**
Director/Curator Brian Byrn discusses the four decades of *Best of Show* work purchased each year through the Elkhart Juried Regional for the MMAA permanent collection.

JULY 16 **Talk: Dora Natella**
Associate Professor of Art teaching sculpture since 2004 at IUSB, Natella has received three *Best of Show* Awards in the Elkhart Juried Regional. She is the first female artist to earn that honor and be designated a *Michiana Master*.

JULY 23 **Talk: Zach Tate, Ceramic Artist, Teacher, Director, Goshen Community Arts**
Tate has taken on a multi-faceted role as a founder of this visual art program in the Goshen community. His artwork will appear in the exhibit *Politics & Religion* later this Summer at MMAA.

JULY 30 **Film: 'Time'**
Director/Curator Brian Byrn introduces a film that explores time, memory, & the collective conscious.

AUG 6 **Film: Fritz Scholder: Painting the Paradox**
The artistic journey of Fritz Scholder (1937-2005) has encompassed creator, collector, and Shaman at various times. He was the first Native American artist given credibility in the mainstream art world in the late 1960s. This 1997 documentary highlights his activities before crossing into a new millennium with echoes of today.

AUG 13 **Talk: 'Politics & Religion'**
Director/Curator Brian Byrn discusses this thematic exhibit he has spent two years assembling. *Artists Speak Out!* represents over 50 artists in 85+ works from American Art history, contemporary regional examples, and works from artists of national recognition.

AUG 20 **Film: 'Protest & Ecology'**
Director/Curator Brian Byrn introduces a film that explores these two separate issues.

AUG 27 **Talk: Ben Roseland**
The South Bend Artist discusses his portraits of power— Father Theodore Hesburgh, Queen Elizabeth & Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

SEP 3 **Film: 'Power'**
Director/Curator Brian Byrn introduces a film that explores this issue looking at the careers of four artists.

SEP 10 **Talk: Randy Horst**
Professor of Art, Goshen College
discusses his work that use Biblical themes portrayed in a contemporary fashion.

Tributes

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background: "An Artist's Still Life", 2000, by Anthony Droege
foreground: detail of, "Sentinel", 1986, by John Mishler