

43rd Elkhart Juried Regional continues thru December 19



Linda Fritschner, Elkhart, IN, was selected for the **Warrick & Boyn, LLP, Purchase Award** for her acrylic painting titled, **Retired Railroad Cars.**



right:
Stacy Lankford, Cassopolis, MI, received the **Mary Feddersen Memorial Purchase Award for Photography.** This award has been presented annually for over twenty years and is selected by **Connie Minzey & Susan Lehman** for the MMAA collection.

Other Artist News...

Gwen Gutwein, Ft. Wayne, will donate ten paintings from her *Heritage Barns of Indiana* series to the MMAA permanent collection. This project was designated as noteworthy by the 2016 State Bicentennial Committee. Gutwein completed 184 paintings over a twelve-year period and published a book with all the barns denoted by counties in November 2020.
Thank You to Gwen!



Bill Kremer, Cassopolis, MI, will donate a portion of his income from his annual Holiday Ceramic Sale to MMAA to support educational and preservation programming. This event is held at his studio at 65701 Oil City Road, Cassopolis, just off M-60 in Michigan. The event will be held on December 4 & 5, from 10-6 each day. The annual Kremer sale has been held for over forty years.
Thank You Bill!

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thru December 19
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43rd Elkhart Juried Regional Over \$27,000 given in Awards!

The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to present the **43rd Elkhart Juried Regional Art Exhibition, continuing through December 19, 2021.** This competition encompasses 24 counties of Michiana.

The distinguished jurors for this exhibition were **Laura Conners**, Textile Artist, Crawfordsville, IN, and **Tom Reese**, Artist, Cleveland, OH.

Many works in the exhibit are available for purchase. Think about adding to your art collection today. A checklist with values is available at the front desk. Your purchase helps sustain the Midwest Museum of American Art and supports a local artist!

More photos inside this issue...

Director/Curator, Brian Byrn, opened the evening with comments from Jennifer Burns Abrell, Chair of the MMAA Trustees, followed by Terry Mark from the EC-CVB, then Dr. Rick Burns, MMAA Trustee, who gave out Purchase Awards for the evening. 32 artists received awards totalling over \$27,000. There were 30 Purchase Awards this year! There were 199 artists who entered 344 works overall from which the judges selected 153 works by 115 artists.



Director/Curator, Brian Byrn, stops to congratulate Sunday Mahaja, Goshen, for receiving the Dan & Linda Burns Purchase Award and the Jennifer Burns Abrell & Gordon Hughes Purchase Award.



above: Mary Burke, Berrien Springs, MI received the Jack & Karen Cittadine BEST of SHOW. This work will be added to the MMAA Permanent Collection.

from the Judges' Statement: "Best of Show – Flower Line by Mary Burke

A strong, large-scale and impressive work, Flower Line entralls us with bold flowing shapes that dance across a pale-colored surface. The artist delights us with thoughtful layers of space that create both depth and perspective. The viewer is permitted to submit to their own interpretation while being treated to a skillful use of materials and a spot-on color palette. There was no question that this excellent painting was worthy of the award for Best of Show."



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More highlights of the 43rd Elkhart Juried Regional Awards Reception on Friday, October 8, 2021

In keeping with the current health restrictions, we asked visitors to be masked upon entry. A total of 178 artists with guests, MMAA Members, Donors, and the Purchase Award patrons safely attended.



The crowd of 178 artists, members, and guests in attendance wore masks to create a safe environment.



Valerie McBride, Grabill, IN, received two awards for her paper quilling work, ***It's All About Paper, including ***Best Mixed Media Award*** and the ***Dr. Rick & Cindy Burns Purchase Award***.***

The 43rd Elkhart Juried Regional continues in two galleries on the second floor featuring 153 works in all media.



Sunday Mahaja, (center) Goshen, IN, won the ***Jennifer Burns Abrell & Gordon Hughes Purchase Award for his welded steel sculpture, ***Line Dancer***.***



Mike Tudor, Elkhart, received the ***Drs. Wes & Mary Harder Purchase Award for his work, ***Walnut Bench II***. Drs. Wes & Mary were Silver Sponsors underwriting the reception for the 43rd EJR.***



Best Sculpture Award* went to ***Bryan Graham of South Bend for his whimsical wood assemblage, ***Autumn Downhill***.**

photos this issue by Randy Roberts, Brian Byrn, & Brent Lehman

NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:15-1:00pm



Regional Artists discuss their works in the 43rd Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition every Thursday! **FREE** for Members. \$5 admission for the general public. Maximum seating capacity will be 50; first-come-first serve

OCT 21 Kandy Grady, Dowagiac, MI
This first year EJР entrant discusses her two mixed media works, *Aura of Innocence* and *Michigan Autumn*.

OCT 28 Steve Blackburn, Mishawaka, IN
A well-known regional watercolorist, Blackburn discusses his acrylic work, *Caution: Hard Hat Area*.

NOV 4 Tom Zuber, New Paris, IN
An Art Educator & painter, Zuber is an IUSB grad who teaches at Goshen High School. He will talk about his work including the painting titled, *Pandemic*, that received the **Steve & Traci Bollero Purchase Award**.

NOV 11 Mark Shubert, Osceola, IN
The artist talks about his two *assemblage* sculptures made of found objects.

NOV 18 Sunday Mahaja, Goshen, IN
Mahaja is no stranger to the regional having participated for many years since his graduation from Goshen College. This year he received the **Dan & Linda Burns Purchase Award** and the **Jennifer Burns Abrell & Dr. Gordon Hughes Purchase Award**.

**NOV 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NO NOON TIME TALK**

DEC 2 Susan Henshaw, Union Pier, MI
While re-tooling her art career, Susan and husband Mark, have participated as Purchase Award Patrons for the past few years. This year Susan joined the ranks of accepted artists in the show and will speak about her new paintings featuring images of birds.

DEC 9 Bryan Graham, South Bend, IN
As an *assemblage* artist, Graham, utilizes found wood objects. He received the **BEST SCULPTURE** Award this year.

DEC 16 Mary Burke, Berrien Springs, MI
Burke has successfully entered two regional exhibits in the past. Upon her third, Burke is the recipient of the **Jack & Karen Cittadine BEST of SHOW** award.



**DEC 23 NO NOON TIME TALK
Happy Holidays!**

BIG THANK YOU

to Michael Kelly & Robert Hohl for providing another \$5,000 Matching Grant for New Members & Donations



Director & Curator, Brian Byrn, celebrates his 40th year at MMAA in November. He started in 1981 as Curator of Exhibitions & Education. Brian states, "My journey with the museum has been a constant adventure. It's gratifying to have become friends with many artists, members & donors along the way".

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THANK YOU...

Ian Burns, Lisa Byrn, Sheila Cook, Wendell Culp, Michelle Enfield, David Enfield, Sharon Feddersen, John Feddersen, Jackie Hughes, Adah Lynn, Jane Poe, Yvonne Ransel, and Kathy Royer.



Cynthia Cooper, Middlebury, IN, received the William & Jeanne Batten Memorial Merit Award for Sculpture, monies of which were donated by four Batten Daughters and added to by the Batten Grandchildren this year. The artist also received the John & Nicole Disher Purchase Award!



Tom Zuber, (left) New Paris, IN, won the Steve & Traci Bollero Purchase Award for his painting titled, Pandemic.



Clair Hoinville, Niles, MI, received the Steve Gruber Purchase Award for her painting, Primary Colors.



Gene Gamber, Elkhart, IN, was selected for the Jon & Meghan Wenger Purchase Award. His painting is titled, Involutions.



Mark Vander Vinne, Porter, IN, received two purchase awards from Liz Borger and John & Sharon Feddersen. The artist is shown here with his painting titled, The Wishing Tree, that received the Borger Award.



Dick Lehman, Goshen, IN, received the Scott & Kristin Mereness Purchase Award. The artist is shown here with his ceramic wall piece titled, Tree on Tree with Kintsugi Lightning Strike.



Jackie Welsh, South Bend, IN, received the Jonas Howard Memorial Merit Award for Painting for her work titled, Share the Cherries?

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