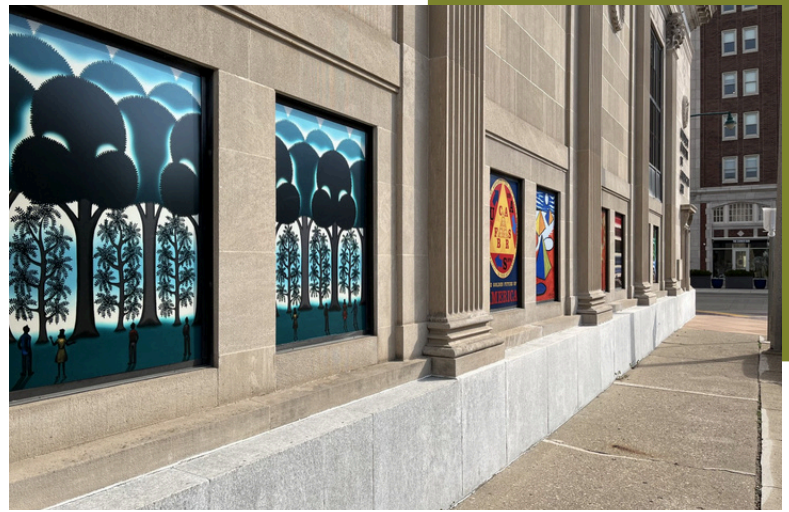


1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY - MARCH 2026

A Vision Realized *Looking Back - A Year in Review*



Rebranded and relocated the ArtVault Gift Shop, featuring locally sourced, artist-made gifts, and our own MMAA merchandise.



21 exterior panels featuring artwork from MMAA's permanent collection installed in former blank window spaces along Main & Marion Streets, as well as vital repairs made to our North Wall, and a new roof installed with copper flashing.



Ribbon cutting to celebrate the refresh of our first floor galleries, staff offices, and a custom-crafted reception area generously donated by artist-woodworker and MMAA member, Mike Tudor.



MIDWEST MUSEUM
OF AMERICAN ART



Youth Art Month 45th Annual Celebration featuring 154 students with 183 works of art from 4 area high schools: Elkhart, Concord, Northridge, and Elkhart Area Career Center.

Revisiting Exhibits & Events in 2025



47th Anniversary Celebration Honoring Dr. Steven Conant and his contributions of nearly 1,500 works to the MMAA Permanent Collection.



Nate Gowdy: Eyewitness with a lecture, book signing, and reception detailing the events of January 6, 2021.



People & Places 1873-2000: Photographs from the David Owsley Museum of Art (Ball State University) with a lecture and reception with Guest Curator, Ronn Brown (left) and DOMA Director, Robert La France (right).





Yoga in the Gallery
with Jenny Nolan.



Made in Michiana a collection of every Best of Show Award from each Elkhart Juried Regional since 1979.



Elkhart Jazz Festival and exhibit Gyration & Jazz: The Gestural Drawings of Sheri Smith with a public drawing demonstration by the artist during the weekend festival.



Artist Creme Sheri and her drawing from the Elkhart Jazz Festival event.



Elkhart Art Walk pictured - Ben Roseland.



Winterfest at MMAA with a musical performance by Elsa & Friends, a surprise appearance by The Grinch, and craft activities for kids and families.



MMAA Calendar

1st Quarter | January - March 2026

MAR 4, 11, 18, & 25
Sketchbook Club (10 – 11:30 am)
 MMAA Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$15

MAR 4, 11, 18, & 25
Acrylic Painting with Julie Manfredi (1-3 pm)
(This class is currently full)

MAR 5*
(Y)ART? – Arts & Music Festival
 with Lauren Steinhof, Artist & Founder of this South Bend-based grassroots festival

MAR 8
EXHIBIT OPENING Youth Art Month
 Theme – “The World Needs Art”
 On exhibit through April 5

MAR 12*
The Intuitive Artist
 with Elizabeth Kuntz, Artist, South Bend

MAR 13, 14, 20, 21, & 27
Yoga in the Gallery (9:15-10:15 am)
 Please bring your own mat.
 Members: \$7, Non-Members: \$10

MAR 19*
Visual Artifacts
 “Ivory Burrrito” (Raul Velez, Jr.), Photographer, Goshen

MAR 26*
Practice What You Preach!
 Neil Boston, Artist & Educator, Bristol

**indicates a Gallery Talk every Thursday, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.*



FEB 2, 4, 9 & 11
Printmaking Workshop (5:30-7 pm)
 “Print for Your Valentine,” learn linocut printing techniques in this 4-day workshop.
 MMAA Members: \$90, \$100: Non-members.

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Acrylic Painting with Julie Manfredi (1-3 pm)
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FEB 5*
The Bunbury Gallery
 with Guy Hall, Gallerist, South Bend

FEB 12*
My Interstitial Journey
 with Eric Kaufman, Ceramic Artist, Goshen

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Yoga in the Gallery (9:15-10:15 am)
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FEB 19*
Indiana Women’s Caucus for Art
 with Karen Dawson, Artist and IWCA Member, Pierceton

FEB 26*
Presence & Place
 with Cara Lawson Ball, Sculptor & Mixed Media Artist, Edwardsburg



Memorials & Honorariums

January 1 through December 31, 2025

In Memory of:

Dottie Arnold

Rick & Cindy Burns

Dean Birzele

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Brian & Lisa Byrn

Jeff & Mary Ann Cain

Margaret & James Cormican

Robert Deputy

John & Sharon Feddersen

Michiana Wealth Management, Inc.

Barbara & Richard Nelson

Don & Gayle Parker

Yvonne Ransel

Jim & Janet Rieckhoff

Don & Sue Scharrer

Mark & Nanette Stoops

Pat Stutsman

Stanley Teal

Eleanor Coppola

Patricia Stutsman

Susan Jane Enfield

Raymond Enfield

William Frascella

Max & Amy Baim

David & Nancy Botkin

Brian & Lisa Byrn

Tuck & Janice Langland

Mary Ann Moran

Patricia Stutsman

Alberto & Nancy Vitale

Gene Gamber

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

George & Kathy Freese

Cynthia Gamber

Mark & Kathy Mow

Mary Parmater

Dr. Gerald Gold

Terri & Terry Adams

Janice Atwood

Marla Treckelo Buck

Rick & Cindy Burns

Lora Minichillo

James & Linda Sellers

Joan Grimes

Margie Adams

Rick & Cindy Burns

Martha Huffman

Jason & Christie Rees

Jay Hellwege

Tim & Susan Cahalan

Karen Schleicher

Janis Huff

Jackie Clindaniel

Bob & Jean Morris

Betty Jo Gawthrop Morris

Andrew Owens

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Lisa Havlish

Louie Horvath

Sue Horvath

Trevor & Hope Horvath

Angelo Iantosca & Family

The Kindy Family

Lillian Palmer & Family

Steve & Andrea Sacro

Suzanne Simms

John Sohn

Albert Thomas

Duane Peterson

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Barbara Boss

Rick & Cindy Burns

Brian & Lisa Byrn

Gary Chenoweth

Jeanette Cripe

Bill Deputy Foundation

Carol Emens

Connie Fulmer

John & Gwen Gildea

Curt & Joan Girton

Richard Heiss

Arlene Lucchese

Betty Morris

Karen Nicholson

Steve & Jane Poe

Gary & Sandra Stanley

Jill Sutter

Karen Thompson

Linda Thompson

Amy Ransel

Steve & Jane Poe

Maria Solow

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Roni & Garry Balthes

Brian & Lisa Byrn

Stephanie Treece

Marilynn Wilson

In Honor of:

Rick Burns

Steve & Jane Poe

Brian Byrn

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Anonymous

Ervin & Phyllis Beck

Janet Bloch

James & Johanna Champlin

Cathy Heeter

Robert Hohl & Michael Kelly

Don & Margo Howard

Dr. Steven Conant

Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes

Brian & Lisa Byrn

John & Sharon Feddersen

Barbara Fougerousse

Michael Kelly & Robert Hohl

Brenda & Michael Tudor

Marie Work's 106th Birthday!

Jim & Mary Rasp



47th Elkhart Juried Regional featuring 130 juried artists from a 24-county area showcasing 180+ works of art in all media



Reception & Awards Ceremony for the 47th Elkhart Juried Regional
over \$25,000 in awards were given to exhibiting artists!

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A Night at the Flamingo retirement celebration for Director & Curator, Brian Byrn's 44 year career at MMAA! Byrn received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and many others.



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