

more... *Industrial Landscapes by Tony Bianco...*



At the Foot of the Furnace



Calumet Forge



Canal by Tony Bianco
Early Morning, Indiana Ship

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for April • May • June • 2024

45th Anniversary Celebration *May 4, 6:30-8:30*



Joanne Grossmann: *The Narrative of* *Quiet Spaces*

MMAA is pleased to present an exhibition of paintings from the estate of Midwestern Artist, Joanne Grossmann (1930-2017). Strong in visual storytelling, the works feature compelling scenes rich with emotion and nostalgia while hinting at a quality of suspense. The ambiguous spaces in the paintings dated, 1969 to 2010, are inhabited by figures seemingly isolated in time and context. They reveal themes of emotional distance that are both engaging and disquieting in their fictional settings.

The paintings of Joanne Grossmann won the artist much acclaim and many awards in her native Ohio including recognition from the Toledo Federation of Art Societies and the Butler Institute of American Art.

This exhibit opens with a **Members Only Reception on Saturday, May 4, from 6:30-8:30.**

Hear remarks from 20 North Gallery Art Director, Condessa Croninger, who handles the Grossmann Estate. *wine & light hors d'oeuvres will be served.*

above: Fourth of July, 1976 • right: Fast Food, 1975



The Industrial Landscape: **Watercolors by** **Tony Bianco**

State Line Power II

Bianco finds beauty in the industrial landscape of steel mills in Northwestern Indiana. A recipient of many Purchase Awards in the annual Elkhart Juried Regional exhibits, Bianco has been painting industrial sites in and around Chicago including aerial views for many years.
Meet the artist on May 4.

Bus Trip to Toledo on May 8! Marisol Retrospective

Once proclaimed, “the forgotten Star of Pop Art”, Marisol Escobar (1930-2016), Venezuelan-American sculptor, was legendary for her life-size carved wood sculptures combined with found objects. Upon her death, the artist’s estate was left to the Buffalo AKG Museum who organized this exhibit to be shown across America & Canada. The exhibit in Toledo will be the most comprehensive survey ever assembled that demonstrates the extraordinary relevance of Marisol’s unique vision of culture & society.



contact the museum at 574-293-6660 to reserve a spot! payment due upon registration. \$85 per person

bus leaves MMAA at 8:30 AM
Returns at 6:30 PM

Thank You to Michael Kelly & Bob Hohl!!!

Thanks to Bob & Michael, MMAA reached its \$5,000 matching goal that they so graciously sponsored for 2023. The re-boot begins for 2024-25! Any amount in addition to your regular membership or donation or *NEW* memberships will be matched 1 to 1 again!



**Thank You
Gentlemen!**

A Pan-O-Ply Tea to help us celebrate • May 19

A special afternoon on Sunday, May 19, from 1:30-3:30 PM, with half-off admission, will be sponsored by Dan Breen, Publisher & Founder of Pan-O-Ply, a magazine for the Arts of Michiana. The coverage of regional artists, writers, & poets is now in its second year of hard-copy publishing. Pick up your quarterly issue at the

Artists Attic Sale

Takes place on **Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2**

Find your treasures at MMAA and support the museum’s exhibits, educational, & restoration programs. Bargains, deals, & exciting finds await you in this annual fundraiser! MORE antiques & art again this year!!

NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:15 - 1:15 PM



APR 11 Film 3: CRAFT

The films in this series explore ceramics, fiber, & mixed media by artists from across North America.

APR 25 Christina Ramberg (1946-1995)

Director/Curator, Brian Byrn discusses the work of the nationally recognized Chicago Imagist painter. The current retrospective at the Art Institute of Chicago features a painting from the MMAA collection considered to be an important pivotal moment in the late artist’s career.



MAY 9 Joanne Grossmann (1930-2017)

Director/Curator, Brian Byrn introduces this important exhibit of paintings by the one-time Toledo-based artist. Her quiet narratives of solitary figures in fictional and ambiguous spaces reveal themes of emotional distance and a quality of suspense.

MAY 16 Film 4: more CRAFT • The series continues...



MAY 23 Trevor Daugherty, Ceramic Artist & Founder Northern Indiana Clay Alliance, Goshen

Daugherty is the Executive Director, *Ex-Officio*, and co-founder of the Northern Indiana Clay Alliance. He is a studio potter. Having been raised in Northern Indiana with the region’s rich ceramic history as a backdrop, his passion for the arts and clay, in particular, developed at an early age.

MAY 30 Tony Bianco, Watercolor Artist, Valparaiso

Bianco will discuss his watercolor based paintings of industrial Northwest Indiana and scenes of Chicago. Bianco is a past winner in the Elkhart Juried Regionals.

JUN 6 Amy Davis Narvardauskas, Exec. Director, Art Barn School of Art, Valparaiso

Amy has served as director at Art Barn School of Art in Porter County, IN since 2018 and leads a small-but-mighty team of 5. Amy is a dedicated advocate for the arts in Northwest Indiana and is putting her skills to work to make Art Barn, which has a 50-year history of providing arts instruction for the community, a leading art institution in the region.



JUN 13 CJ Escobar Rodgers, Sculptor, South Bend

CJ Escobar-Rodgers, from NY, transitioned from finance to art, earning degrees in Marketing, Psychology, and Studio Art at Notre Dame 24’. Known for sculptures and textile work, his art examines human interconnectedness, challenging anthropocentrism.



JUN 27 Alec Hoogland, Ceramic Artist & Director Highland Art Gallery, South Bend

Hoogland makes functional pottery that explores the urban & rural landscapes of the industrial Midwest. His work is found along with many other ceramic artists at his South Bend gallery called The Highland.



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