

A Special Holiday 'exhibit within an exhibit'
The Sprite Before Christmas! OPENS Nov. 18
and continues thru Dec. 23

Sprite is a term that is used to encompass many types of "fairy-like" creatures that can be discovered through European folklore. Sprites also can go by more specific names such as, Fairy, Elf, Spriggan, Pyxie, Pillywigger, Tomte, Nisse, Goblin, etc.



In this "Sprite Before Christmas" (exhibit within an exhibit) Artist, Rhonda Whitledge, will tuck away a colorful variety of her polymer clay creations throughout the Main Gallery in context with works in the MMAA collection. Families will be able to 'seek-and-find' these creatures while learning about American Art along the way!

Watch for more information coming in emails, on Facebook, Instagram, and on the MMAA website.

Watch for the *Holiday Pop-Up Shop*
opening on Thursday, November 17

This extension of the 'Artists Attic Sale' reboots for the Holidays! Find gently loved ornaments and other treasures for the season. Open to the public: Nov. 17, 26, 27; Dec. 1, 8, 15.



Other Artist News...



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 3 & 4, from 10-6 each day. The annual Kremer sale has been held for over forty-five years. ***Thank You Bill!***

**44th Elkhart Juried
Regional exhibit
thru December 23
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44th Elkhart Juried Regional *almost \$28,000 given in Awards!*

The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to present the **44th Elkhart Juried Regional Art Exhibition**, continuing through **December 23, 2022**. This competition encompasses 24 counties of Michiana.

The distinguished jurors for this exhibition were **Nick Antonakis**, Professor of Art & Chair of the Art Department at Grand Rapids Community College, and **Shaun Dingwerth**, Executive Director, Richmond Art Museum.

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!

Director/Curator, Brian Byrn, opened the evening followed with comments from Jennifer Burns Abrell, Chair of the MMAA Trustees. Dr. Rick Burns and Dr. Daniel Burns MMAA Trustees, gave out Purchase Awards for the evening; 32 artists received awards totalling \$27,925. There were 200 artists who entered 345 works overall from which the judges selected 144 works by 115 artists.



*The Jack & Karen Cittadine **BEST of SHOW** winner, Randy Horst, Goshen, pauses beside his triptych, **Mrs. Lot's Attention**. This work becomes part of the MMAA collection.*



*above: **Kei Constantinov**, Michigan City, IN, received the **Best Mixed Media Award** along with the **Ken & Kathy Zienty Merit Award for Mixed Media**.*



*The 44th Elkhart Juried Regional
is sponsored by*



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and **Dr. Wes Mark & Dr. Mary Harder***

Nick Antonakis Judge's Statement:

"Shaun Dingwerth and I tend to approach the jurying process from similar perspectives. The guiding principles that helped us make the selections for this exhibition centered around execution, craftsmanship, solid understanding of formal qualities, compositional strength, and conceptual breadth. Artworks that exhibited mastery of technique were plentiful and will be appreciated for this by visitors of the exhibition."

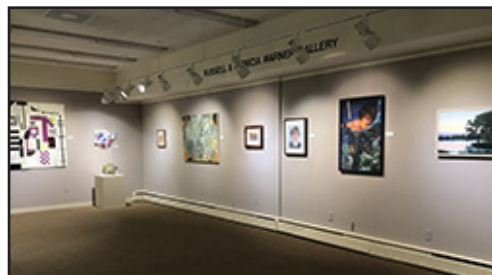
More highlights of the 44th Elkhart Juried Regional Awards Reception on Friday, October 7, 2022

A total of 181 artists with guests, MMAA Members, Donors, and the Purchase Award patrons attended.



Amy Green, Andrews, IN, received the Patty Brotherson Purchase Award for her welded & painted steel sculpture, #1771.

The 44th Elkhart Juried Regional continues through five galleries including two galleries on the second floor featuring 144 works in all media.



Kathy Zentz, Plymouth, IN, received the David & Dawn Weed Purchase Award for her fabric collage titled, Morning Delight.



Steve Lerma, Elkhart, IN, won the William & Jeanne Batten Memorial Merit Award for Sculpture for his welded steel sculpture, Lake Michigan Blue Gill. This work was selected as the David Abrell Purchase Award.



John Mishler, Goshen, IN, received the Drs. Daniel & Linda Burns Purchase Award for his painted aluminum sculpture, Corabell Blues.

photos this issue by Randy Roberts.

NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:15-1:15 PM



Regional Artists discuss their works in the 44th Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition every Thursday! **FREE** for Members. \$5 admission for the general public. Maximum seating capacity will be 50.

OCT 20 Randy Horst, Goshen, IN
Professor of Art *Emeritus*, discusses his Jack & Karen Cittadine BEST of SHOW triptych.

OCT 27 Tom & Denise Tackett, St. Joe, MI
Each of these artists separately discuss their respective media of vintage process photography and fiber art.

NOV 3 Kathy Zentz, Plymouth, IN
A retired Art Educator & fiber collage artist, Zentz is a regular contributor to the EJ. She received the **David & Dawn Weed Purchase Award**.

NOV 10 Justin Rothshank, Goshen, IN
The artist talks about his double award winning ceramic vase that received **Best Sculpture Award** and the **Dr. Wes Mark & Dr. Mary Harder Purchase Award**.

NOV 17 Kei Constantinov, Michigan City, IN
Another double-award winner, Constantinov is a first-time exhibiting artist. She received the **Best Mixed Media Award** and the **Ken & Kathy Zienty Merit Award for Mixed Media**.

**NOV 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NO NOON TIME TALK**

DEC 1 Laurel Izard, Michigan City, IN
First-time exhibiting artist, Izard will discuss her fiber works.

DEC 8 Jesus Salome Arriaga, Plymouth, IN
This young photographer talks about his two intriguing photographs in the 44th EJ.

DEC 15 Neil Boston, Bristol, IN
This retired Art Educator speaks about his work including the mixed media piece titled, *The Seven Sorrows of Mary*.

DEC 22 Ricc Havens, Elkhart, IN
The last speaker in the series discusses his wood turned works both of which received Purchase Awards this year— **Dr. Terry Bryant Purchase Award** and the **Isabelle Bassett Purchase Award**. The works display a mastery of the wood turners art but even more remarkable perhaps, is the fact that Havens is legally blind.

Another BIG THANK YOU!

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Stacy Lankford, Cassopolis, MI, received the Best Photography Award for his image titled, Carnival Fun.

Bruce Bishop, Goshen, IN, was selected for the Jack & Karen Cittadine Purchase Award for his ceramic vessel titled, Of Love and Laughter.



Jerry Ginther, Rochester, IN, was selected for the Ruth Rosenbaum Memorial Purchase Award for his drawing Crowded Room.

A Special Note of Thanks to Volunteers

We thank all of the following volunteers who donated their time (over 100 hours) in helping museum staff organize artwork, assisting in the inventory process, preparing & checking lists & labels, catering the reception, providing security during the reception, providing friendly service to all artists who entered, and staffing the front desk during the four weeks of creating the 44th Elkhart Juried Regional. Without their help it would be impossible to manage this exhibit.

A BIG THANK YOU...

Jan Atwood, Ian Burns, Sarah Burns, Lisa Byrn, Sheila Cook, Michelle Enfield, David Enfield, Sharon Feddersen, John Feddersen, Jackie Hughes, Adah Lynn, Jane Poe, Yvonne Ransel, Jim Rieckhoff, and Kathy Royer.



*Mike Tudor, (right) Elkhart, IN, won the **Dr. Rick & Cindy Burns Purchase Award** for his well-crafted walnut **Bench IV**.*

*Dick Lehman, Goshen, IN, standing beside his wife, Jolene Lehman, received the **Janet Evanega Purchase Award** for his ceramic **Wall Platter**.*

Lehman remains in the top five most award winning artists in the history of the exhibit.



*Patricia Herman, Michigan City, IN, was selected for the **Joe Greenlee Purchase Award**. Her mixed media painting is titled, **Ode to the Sycamore, #16**.*

*Mary Amador (far right), Goshen, IN, received the **Susan & Mark Henshaw Purchase Award**. Her mixed media portrait is titled, **Mended**.*



*Tom Zuber, New Paris, IN, received the **Best Painting Award**. The artist is shown here with his oil on canvas, **Tomorrow's Journey**.*



*Ricc Havens, Elkhart, IN, received the **Dr. Terry Bryant Purchase Award** for his turned Monkeypod wood vessel titled, **Winter Solstice** and the **Isabell Bassett Purchase Award** for his turned Indian rose-wood form titled, **Indian Summer**.*



*Bill Kremer (right), Cassopolis, MI, received the **Steve Bollero Purchase Award** for his 'sculptural ceramic vessel'. Prior to being selected by Bollero, this work received notoriety by winning the **Best Ceramic Award** from the two jurors this year.*

With these two awards in 2022, the artist remains the most award winning artist in the history of the competition— 54 awards since 1997 including two previous Best of Show awards!

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