

# More MADE in MICHIANA *BEST of SHOW Highlights 1979-2019*



*clockwise right: Gaia, 2009, bronze, ed. 3  
by Dora Natella (b.1958- ), Granger  
Acquired as Best of Show, 31st Elkhart  
Juried Regional, 2009*

*Identity, 1995, oil on canvas board  
(triptych)  
by Anita Chiantello (b.1972- ),  
Notre Dame, IN  
Acquired as Best of Show, 18th EJ, 1996*



*Mid-Winter Patterns, 2011, hand-dyed  
cotton & thread, by Sibyl Graber Gerig  
(b.1958- ), Goshen, IN  
Acquired as Best of Show, 34th EJ, 2012*



*Clowns, 1984, silverprint  
by Jack Kapsa (b.1950- ), South Bend  
Acquired as Best of Show, 6th EJ, 1984*



(574) 293-6660 • email: [info@midwestmuseum.us](mailto:info@midwestmuseum.us)

MEMBER AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF MUSEUMS

MUSEUM HOURS: Tues. - Fri. 10:00-4:00, Sat. & Sun. 1:00-4:00

429 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516



NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 52  
SOUTH BEND, IN

# Midwest Museum of American Art *Quarterly Newsletter* for April • May • June • 2020



## **MADE in MICHIANA:** **40+ Years of the BEST of SHOW from the** **Elkhart Juried Regional • May 1 - July 12**

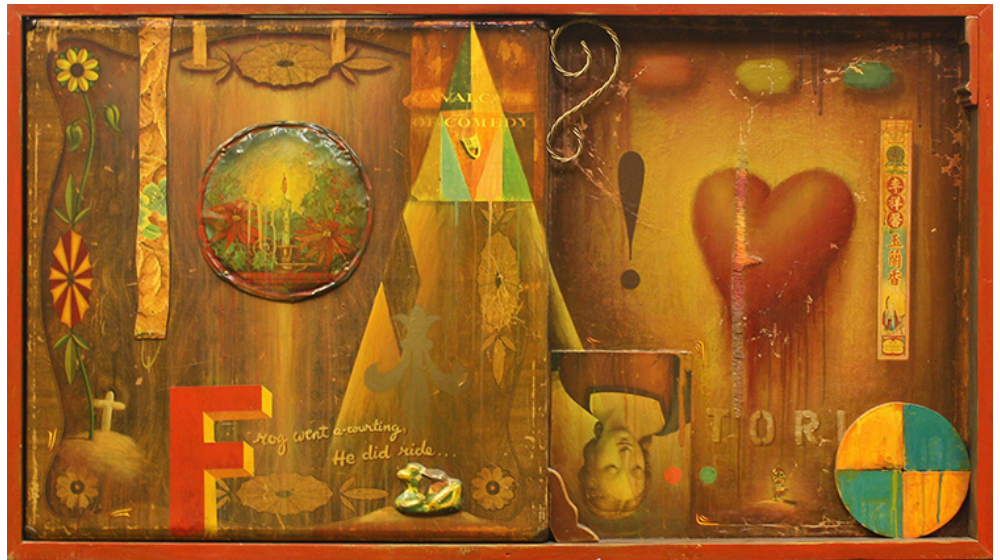
This exhibition is a historic marker of over four decades of acquiring a BEST of SHOW, work of art, from the annual competition known as the Elkhart Juried Regional. These works have not been seen collectively since 2010. The 2020 exhibition features over 40 works in all media representing the breadth of skill and conceptual thinking of artists of a 24-county area. Join us in this celebration of all things 'well-crafted' and MADE in MICHIANA!

*below: "Old Story", 1999, mixed media assemblage, by Maurice (Moe) Marks (b.1939- )*



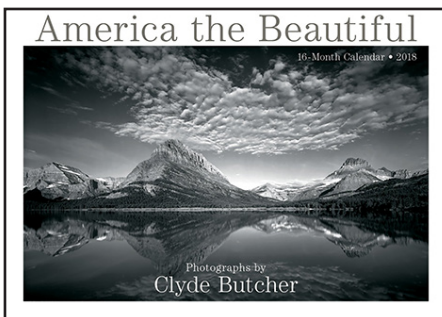
## **Karen Bondarchuk:** ***Martins in the Field*** **May 1 - June 21**

Western Michigan University Professor of Art, Karen Bondarchuk states, "My mother's maiden name was Martin, which initially inspired the use of the common house martin in these works, a bird my mother would certainly have known as a girl in London in the 1930s & 40s. In contrasting these endearing birds with scraps of deteriorated metal and a turbulent atmospheric backdrop, I aim to evoke tonalities of feeling that have accompanied me since her death: the pervasive sense of inbetweenness that I often feel is part of existence, and a kind of longing for escape."



*above: "Old Story",  
Acquired as Best of Show in the 21st EJ, 1999.*

## **COVID-19 UPDATE:**



In compliance with the Governor's executive order, the Midwest Museum of American Art is closed to the public through April 30th. Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic, we understand the Governor may extend his executive order beyond April 30th. In an abundance of caution, and to ensure our patrons are able to enjoy the full benefit of this exhibition, we have postponed *America the Beautiful, The Photographs of Clyde Butcher*, until next year, April 2021.

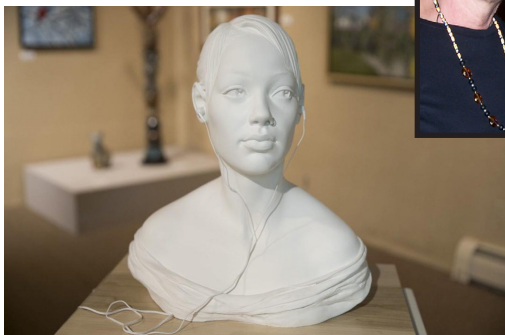


During this time we hope everyone remains safe and healthy. We will get through this together, with appropriate social distancing, one day at a time!



## Michiana Master series II

opens on June 26 and features work of three-time Best of Show winner, Dora Natella.



above: *Erato*, 2018, plaster  
Acquired as Best of Show, 40th  
Elkhart Juried Regional, 2018



right: *Await*, 2016, ultracal & steel  
Acquired as Best of Show, 38th  
Elkhart Juried Regional, 2016

## BUS TRIP to Chicago • June 15



MMAA is offering its first bus trip of the season for members to see the landmark exhibition, **El Greco: Ambition & Defiance**, at the Art Institute of Chicago.

**\$85** per person includes deluxe motor-coach fare, tickets, & snacks; lunch on your own. Call the museum at 574-293-6660 to reserve. Payment due upon reservation.

---

**TRIBUTES** The Midwest Museum of American Art gratefully acknowledges gifts in honor or in memory of special friends.

### IN MEMORY OF:

#### Shirley Chaddock

Jane Burns  
Brian & Lisa Byrn  
Edward & Gracia-Jean Darling  
Debra S. Hogan, CPA  
Richard & Rita Light  
Arlene Lucchese & Boys  
Randall & Amy Shepard

#### Don Hershberger

Brian & Lisa Byrn  
Linda Fritschner  
Phyllis & Gordon Hostetler  
Mark & Becky Troyer

## NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:15 - 1:00pm



**Join us & expand your knowledge of Art & Life!**

**In MAY start anew with a forum of speakers involved with the Visual Arts in celebration of the museum's Anniversary!**

### MAY 7 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

### MAY 14 Brian Byrn, Director/Curator MMAA

Byrn again takes us on a trip through the museum's past, present, & future. New additions to the collection and events coming up during the Summer will be discussed.

### MAY 21 Gregg Hertzlieb, Director/Curator Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University

Brauer discusses the diverse American collection of this small university museum and his experiences over the past 25 years.

### MAY 28 Zak 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.

### JUN 4 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.

### JUN 11 Film: *Brett Weston (30 min)*

One of the newly recognized giants of 20th Century photography, the film traces Weston's journey in black & white; lessons he learned from his famous father, Edward Weston.

### JUN 18 Danny Graber, Photographer

Elkhart-based, Graber discusses his new book, **Seasons of Amish Life: Rhythms of the Year**. Books will be for sale and signed immediately following the talk.



### JUN 25 Kay Westhues, Photographer

Westhues has shown her work internationally. Among her subjects are *water*, *small town Indiana folk*, *religion*, and other vernacular subjects. She will discuss her 'street photography' approach to her work. Her color photographs will be the focus of a forthcoming exhibition in 2021.

# A Special Thanks to our Members: November 1, 2019 to April 8, 2020

## Helping the Midwest Museum of American Art be a Vibrant Cultural Organization!

### CORPORATE (\$500)

Old National Bank  
Randy Leliaert Agency Inc.  
Rollie Williams Paint Spot

### SOCIETY of ASSOCIATES (\$150)

Stuart & Paula Barb  
William & Linda Becker  
Wendell Culp  
Louis Davidson  
Darlene Mathis Eddy  
Ray Enfield  
Judy Fodroczi  
Dr. William & Cynthia Frascella  
Sibyl Graber Gerig & Winston Gerig  
Danny Graber & Rhonda Yoder  
Joan Grimes  
Thomas & Debra McArthur  
Terry & Arlene Manderfeld  
Drs. Wes Mark & Mary Harder  
Mary Naquin  
Robert Petersen  
Brooke & Justin Rothshank  
Tim & Meg Shelly  
Larry Siegel  
Dr. Richard Tarara  
Patricia Van Dyke  
Ray Waldman  
& Cheryl Gruber Waldman  
Jon & Meghan Wenger  
John Werner & Mike Wilson-Werner  
Robert & Nanci Wirt  
Ken & Kathy Zienty

### FAMILY (\$60)

Tim & Janice Ackerson  
Michael Anderson  
Ann Baucus  
Tony Bianco  
Steve & Traci Bollero  
Patsy & George Bucklen  
Timothy & Shannon Burns  
James & Anke Chandler  
Ken & Joan Clayborn  
William & Jody Comer  
Larry & Sheila Cook  
James & Betsy Cooke  
James & Margaret Cormican  
Jim & Mary Eaton  
Donald & Judy Findlay  
Lori & Nick Fisher  
Ross & Honna Gableman  
Gene & Cynthia Gamber  
Carla & Matt Gull  
Michael & Elizabeth Howard  
Debra Inglefield  
Heather Jenks & Kary Katzenberger  
Mel & Debbie Jacobson  
James & Neta Jones  
Robert & Judy Jones  
Jon & Edwina Kintner

### FAMILY (\$60)

Drs. Liz & Philip Krause  
Stacy & Zane Lankford  
Eric Leedy  
& Janet Kronewitter Leedy  
Thomas & Marianne Lilly  
Tim & Rebecca Link  
Jeff & Jennifer Longenbaugh  
Thomas & Sharon Mellin  
John & Phyllis Mishler  
Jean & Thomas Morris  
Kim & Ken Otto  
Dav & Stephanie Pairitz  
Bryan Palmer  
Robert & Sally Roth  
Willard & Alice Roth  
Ann & Thomas Ryan  
Ronald & Leanne Schertz  
Floyd & Sue Searer  
Ronald & Stella Schrader  
Lori Snyder  
Dr. James & Joan Stiver  
Steve Tepe  
Michelle Thomas  
& Ryan Brenneman  
Dick & Anne Treckelo  
Brenda & Michael Tudor  
Earl & Nancy Vandygriff  
Tom & Joan Vidic  
Jack & Angie Welter  
John & Rebecca Wetzell  
William & Bobbi Wilson

### INDIVIDUAL (\$35)

Kathryn Allen  
Judy Baker  
Fred & Judy Bechtold  
Sherry Borglum  
Sue Borowy  
Vanessa DePue  
Sharon Donlon  
Brigitte Gray  
Betty Kegerreis  
Vince Kelly  
Dale Kern  
Glenn Killoren  
Pamela Kling  
Candace Luther  
Catherine McCormick  
Suzanne Marques  
Claudia A. Maslowski  
Margaret Mathias  
Wade Mayberry  
Dora Natella  
Pat Pritchard  
Gloria Reinke  
Richard Roth  
Sandra Rutchick  
Ginny Scott  
Patricia See  
Kathryn Shanholt

### INDIVIDUAL (\$35)

Michael Sherck  
Nancy Syms  
Diane Tesler  
Paul Thomas  
Jerold Van Dyke  
Stephen Verace  
Bradley Vite  
June Warren  
Merritt Webb  
Rob Wise

### SENIOR (\$25)

Carolyn Andersohn  
Susan Arneaud  
Dr. Margaret Banks  
Heidemarie Becher  
Ervin & Phyllis Beck  
Diana Bennett  
Glenda Cobb Bixby  
Phyllis Bower  
Anna Bowers  
Judy Briganti  
Jackie Carlson  
Teresa Carroll  
Linda Carris  
Sharon Chupp  
Janene Clerc  
Jackie Clindaniel  
Frances Cox  
Bunny Dimke  
Mary Ezzell  
Barbara Fougousse  
Patricia Frank  
Fran Fraser  
Linda Freel  
Joyce & Jerry Ginther  
Riley Grieb  
Lynne Gwin  
Carol & Don Harper  
Clare Hoinville  
Mary Holtz  
Todd Hoover  
Dianna Jackson  
Janet Johnson  
Patricia K. Johnson  
Larry Johnston  
Draxie Justice  
Verna Kaufman  
Richard & Judy Kennedy  
Jerry & Marcia Kindy  
Paul & Natalie Klein  
Philip Koch  
Dave & Kay Laney  
Dick Lehman  
Kay Londergan  
Jeanne Mayer  
Leanne Pettit  
Richard & Susan Pletcher  
Steve & Sheila Poiser  
David & Mary Ann Poplewski

### SENIOR (\$25)

Kathy Los Rathburn  
Robert Morris  
Richard Rice  
Kate Rider  
Helen Sandlin  
Carolee Searles  
Mike & Chris Sikorski  
Gayle Shaum  
Al Smouse  
Ron & Mary Lou Stallman  
Doris Stevens  
Laura Stevens  
Pat Stutsman  
Catherine Summers  
Karen Tevis  
Diana Tice  
Joe & Sally Tobin  
Cornelia Vandersijs  
Rev. Clifford Vogelsang  
Jim Wagner  
Patricia West  
Carol & Chuck Wiegner  
Virginia Wildig  
Linda Wilson  
Le Von Yoder  
& Anita Hoffman Yoder

### STUDENT (\$25)

Kinsey Bree Fisher



*Portrait of Anthony Droege, 1972, oil on canvas by Harold Zisla (1925-2016) Gift of Tuck & Janice Langland (2020.10.00)*