

Spotlight exhibit... “40 on 40 Mural Project” extended thru December 21



Artist, Kathy Zienty



Artist, Todd Hoover

This collaborative all-media project was conceived by artists Kathy Zienty & Todd Hoover. They approached Director Brian Byrn who gave a green-light to further develop the project.

Together, they engaged with Earl Vandygriff to compose a photograph of the local museum environment. The resulting image was then divided into forty 4x4 square inch images that were dispersed to 40 Michiana artists selected by Byrn and Assistant Curator Randy Roberts.

Zienty said, “we sought to have a variety of styles, techniques, and mediums throughout the mural.” This mural illustrates a community of creative minds that live in Michiana and it celebrates the museum’s 40th Anniversary and the cultural offerings available in the Arts & Entertainment district.



“...my greatest reward after all the hard work is this: connection— the best gift we can share is our connection!”

Artist, Susie Russell

41st Elkhart Juried
Regional exhibit
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41st Elkhart Juried Regional *Nearly \$30,000 given in Awards!*

The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to launch the **41st Elkhart Juried Regional Art Exhibition, October 5 - December 21, 2019.**

This competition has risen in stature over the past four decades and now encompasses 24 counties of Michiana. The distinguished jurors for this exhibition were **Denise Lisiecki**, Director of

the Kirk Newman Art School at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and **Ginger Owen-Murakami**, Professor of Photography & Intermedia, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

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!

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Director/Curator, Brian Byrn, opened the evening with comments about the history of the exhibit then introduced Terry Mark, Director of Communications & Public Relations at the ECCVB, who presented the juror's awards followed by Dr. Rick Burns and Jennifer Abrell who gave out the astounding number of Purchase Awards for the evening.



left: Dr. Rick Burns hands one of two \$900 Purchase Awards to Tim Ackerson of Edwardsburg for his carved sculptures.



below left: Deborah Robinson Miller, Columbia City, received the **Jack & Karen Cittadine BEST of SHOW** award for her work titled, *Apron Strings* (detail below).



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More highlights of the 41st Elkhart Juried Regional Awards Reception on Friday, October 4, 2019

Statistics show that 227 artists brought 389 works of art to MMAA. The Jurors chose 147 works by 121 artists for this exclusive exhibit. Here are images of award winning artists and of the crowds at the opening Awards Reception on Friday evening, October 4...



Abner Hershberger, Goshen, pauses to chat with Cindy Burns in the gallery after receiving the **Jack & Karen Cittadine Purchase Award**. The artist has two of his multi-layered construction works in the exhibit this year. Famous for his many accomplishments, Hershberger is well-known for his leadership of the Goshen College Art Department for more than three decades with exhibits of his work shown internationally.



Lancandon Boy with Toy, by Louisa Murzyn, Munster, won the **Mary Feddersen Memorial Purchase Award for Photography**.

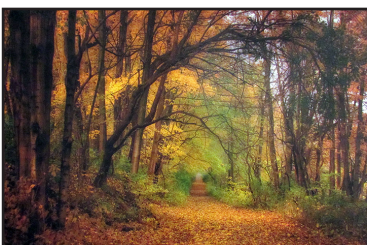


left: Marcia Sindone, La Porte, stands beside her wall-relief assemblage titled, *American Zombie Girls*, that received the **Ken & Kathy Zienty Merit Award for Mixed Media**.



right: John Mishler, Goshen, won the **Jennifer Abrell & Gordon Hughes Purchase Award** for his painted, kinetic sculpture of welded aluminium, *Turning Leaf*. Mishler has been participating for more than three decades and has won numerous awards including two previous Best of Show honors.

right: Jennifer Abrell, Trustee, congratulates Earl Vandygriff, Granger, for receiving the **Cornerstone CPA Group, LLP Purchase Award** for his beautiful color photograph, *Arched Gateway*.



above: Jerry Ginther of Rochester, received **Best Drawing Award** (for the second year in a row) for his graphite work titled, *Appointments*.

NOON TIME TALKS

Thursday • 12:20-1:00pm



Regional Artists discuss their works in the 41st Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition every Thursday! FREE for Members. Guests of Members at the Family level (up to three) and Society of Associate level (up to four) are welcome. \$5 admission for the general public.

OCT 17 Deborah Robinson Miller, Columbia City
The Jack & Karen Cittadine **BEST of SHOW** Award winner. This is the artist's first major win at MMAA. She has previously worked as a graphic designer for over 20 years.

OCT 24 Cynthia Cooper, Middlebury, IN
Recently retired Art Educator, Cooper has researched marine life under the aegis of a Lilly Foundation grant and developed a unique body of ceramic works. She has won both the **Batten Memorial Award for Sculpture** and the **Stan & June Disher Purchase Award** this year.

OCT 31 David Baker, St. Joseph, MI
Professor Emeritus of Art and former Chair at Southwestern Michigan College, Baker will discuss his somewhat *surreal* drawing, *Broken Tree 13*, and other paintings since his retirement.

NOV 7 Helen Geglio, South Bend, IN
Fiber artist, Helen Geglio, will speak about her work and the patch-work-like piece titled, *Recollected I* in the exhibit.

NOV 14 Tom Tackett, Stevensville, MI
Tom Tackett discusses his alternative photography processes including the salt print in the exhibit titled, *St. Francis Church, Corner Detail*.

NOV 21 Raji Sundararajan, Granger, IN
The painter discusses her brilliant landscapes and how she arrived to be a painter from the world of medicine.

**NOV 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NO NOON TIME TALK**

DEC 5 Joel Pisowicz, Porter, IN
From the western area of our region, Pisowicz will talk about his outstanding functional ceramic forms. He has two works in the exhibit and will bring other examples that will be available to purchase.

DEC 12 Mary Burke, Berrien Springs, MI
A painter with past success showing in Chicago, Burke, will discuss her mixed media paintings including, *Pears*, that won the Best Mixed Media Award from the jurors.

DEC 19 Louisa Murzyn, Munster, IN
A former journalist who professes to be more comfortable behind the lens, Murzyn has been successful in getting her work in past Regionals. This year she has won the final **Mary Feddersen Memorial Purchase Award for Photography** sponsored by Susie Lehman & Connie Minzey. This work will join 14 previous winners in the MMAA permanent collection.

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above: Sibyl Graber-Gerig (far left) of Goshen meets her Purchase Award Patrons, **Dr. Mary Harder & Dr. Wes Mark** who selected one of her two fiber landscapes. This work is titled, *Stand of Pines*. The good Doctors also sponsored the Artists' Bar for the second year in a row. **Thanks!**



left: Artist & Art Educator Neil Boston, Elkhart, stands next to his work titled, *Blues for Bulls & Butterflies*.

below: Artist Carolyne Anderson of Edwardsburg received the **Dr. Malcolm Webber Purchase Award** for her still life, *The Earth Sustains Us*.



A Special Note of Thanks to Docents & 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 41st Elkhart Juried Regional. Without their help it would be impossible to manage this exhibit.

THANK YOU...

Lisa Byrn, Sheila Cook, Craig Culp, Sharon Feddersen, John Feddersen, Jackie Hughes, Adah Lynn, Jane Poe, Yvonne Ransel, Kathy Royer, and Kathy Zienty.

right: The Jurors, Denise Lisiecki (middle) and Ginger Owen-Murakami (left) discuss their selections with Assistant Curator, Randy Roberts on Sunday, September 22.



Linda Fritschner, Elkhart, was selected for the **Warrick & Boyn, LLP. Purchase Award**. Her painting titled, *Monday Laundry* was one of two works by the artist included in the show.



above: Kimberly DeNolf, South Bend, stands beside her painting, *The Alley*, that was selected for the **Michael & Rebecca Kubacki Purchase Award**.



above: *The Alley*, by Kimberly DeNolf

right: Judy Wenig-Horswell, Elkhart, won the **Susan & Mark Henshaw Purchase Award** for her mixed media titled, *Poppy Bugs in an Indiana Jungle*.

below left: Valerie McBride stands next to her mixed media assemblage.



Valerie McBride, Grabill, won the **Joe & Yohanna Greenlee Purchase Award** for her work *Mechanical Music*.



Marcy Rowe Mitchell, Dowagiac, was selected for two awards; **The Jonas Howard Memorial Award for Painting** & the **Rob & Nanci Wirt Purchase Award**. Her painting is titled, *Road to Baraboo*.

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