

Racine Art Museum: Wustum Museum to host 51st Year of Watercolor Wisconsin

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On December 10, 2017, Racine Art Museum's (RAM's) Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts will continue an important Racine tradition with the opening of Watercolor Wisconsin 2017. One of the museum's most popular shows, Watercolor Wisconsin is a statewide competition organized by the museum annually since 1966. This long-running, juried exhibition attracts a wide range of artists. Limited only by their materials—aqueous media such as acrylic and watercolor—artists are free to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional works on paper. This year's show features a variety of subjects, from animals, flowers, and landscape to figurative studies and the abstract. The exhibition will be on display at Wustum, through April 21, 2018.

Christina Haglid—Senior Paper Conservator and Manager for the Art Conservation Department at Joel Oppenheimer Gallery, Chicago, Illinois—and Tom Herzberg—a freelance illustrator for over 30 years and longtime member of the U.S. Air Force Art Program, with artwork in the permanent collection of the Pentagon—juried this year's show. Haglid and Herzberg considered 261 works submitted by 148 artists, narrowing down the selection to 104 works by 75 Wisconsin artists.

The Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony for the 51st anniversary competition, Watercolor Wisconsin 2017, will be held at RAM's Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Avenue in Racine on Sunday, December 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. During the reception, Bruce W. Pepich, RAM Executive Director and Curator of Collections will host the awards presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Artists in the Exhibition

Appleton: Gary Hanks; Beaver Dam: Judy Beyer; Brookfield: Jean Pascek, Janet Roberts; Burlington: Gillian Graffy; Cedarburg: Patrick Doughman, Bruce Hustad, Tom Kubala; Delavan: Jenny Knavel, Dennis Markley, Sandra Willard; East Troy: Sandra Kessel; Fontana: Cathy Rocca, Susie Williams; Glendale: Fred Stein; Grafton: Wallis Coffman, Jean Crane; Greendale: John Vlaj; Hartford: Harold E. Hansen; Kenosha: Genevieve Gagliardi-Gerov, Carlotta Miller, John W. Terhardt; Lake Mills: Karen Beal-Crosby; Lake Tomahawk: JoAnn Nock Olsen; Madison: Theresa Drinka, Melissa Enderle, Elizabeth Ivers, Brian McCormick, David Williams; Mequon: Alice Struck; Middleton: Vicki Pierce; Milwaukee: Michael Andrysczyk, Joyce Eesley, Kiefer Ledell, Don Linke, JoAnna Poehlmann, George Ronsholdt; Mount Pleasant: Robert W. Andersen, Sarah Andersen, Eileen Black, Doug DeVinny; Nashotah: Alice Rossman; Oconomowoc: Virgi Driscoll; Oshkosh: Nancy Marks, Maxine Nobbe; Racine: Regina Baker, Jerry Belland, Karen Broman, Lisa Englander, Karen Mathis, James McFarland, Nate Mortensen, Christine Patten, Lance Raichert, Suzanne Schackelman, Phil Schultz, Dina Walker, Kelly Witte; Rubicon: David Bielot; Salem: Harry Wirth; Shorewood: Madeline Martin; Stevens Point: Lois Freeberg-Hagen, Annette Schuh; Thiensville: William Davis, Tom Hovorka; Waterford: Norman Abplanalp, Linda Gerard Dzik; Wausau: Diane Shabino; Wauwatosa: Carolyn Kenny-Carter, Chris Sommerfelt; West Bend: Louise Joyner; Whitefish Bay: Anne Miotke; Whitewater: Christine B. Miller, Linda Tump; Williams Bay: Lynne Railsback

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