

Wisconsin Historical Society: H.H. Bennett Studio gets new window installation by local artist

Posted on Friday, Jun 9, 2017

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

Contact:

Kara O’Keeffe

kara.okeeffe@wisconsinhistory.org

Wisconsin Dells, Wis. – The storefront window at H.H. Bennett Studio in Wisconsin Dells got a facelift thanks to local artist, Laura Annis.

Annis was recently commissioned to build a one of a kind installation in the front window of the studio that celebrates the pioneering photographer, H.H. Bennett, and the landscape of the Dells, which play a big role in the photography of H.H. Bennett.

“I was excited to take on this project because the H.H. Bennett Studio is a cultural asset and window into the past of this area,” said Annis. “I hope by creating this installation visitors of the Dells will be intrigued to learn about the history of the area that Bennett beautifully captured in his photographs.”

The installation portrays one of HH Bennett’s most well-known photos of his son Ashley Bennett, jumping to Stand Rock. The photo catches him in midair and makes it seem as if he is almost floating above the rocks. Annis recreated the photo with paint, MDF, and a moveable feature that shows a small cast of characters, including Ashely, making the leap. (We have a video of this movable piece that we can send upon request.)

“Having this new window display is a great way that art and history are coming together,” said David Rambow, H.H. Bennett site director. “Bennett gave people a new way to see the Dells and this is a new way to see the story from the sidewalk. We hope that it will entice people to come in and learn more.”

Laura Annis is an artist who lives in Baraboo and was an artist in residence at the

Wormfarm Institute in Reedsburg. She has painted murals in China, at Epic Systems in Verona, and worked with the scene shop at Baraboo University. She is on the Sauk County Fall Art Tour. You can learn more about Laura's work at lauraannis.com.

H.H. Bennett Studio is open daily May - October. Additional information regarding operating hours and special events can be found at hhbennettstudio.org. All Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission throughout the season. Tickets for adults cost \$7; Seniors \$6; Children (12 and under): \$3.50.