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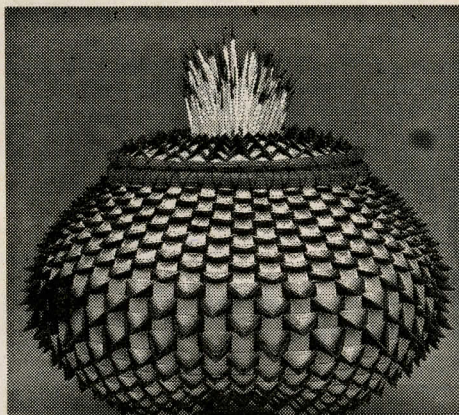
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Racine Art Museum opens three new exhibits

RACINE — Three new exhibits have opened at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., and will remain on display until Feb. 7. They are:

■ “RAM Collects: Wood Letter Openers” by Norm Sartorius is comprised of 44 wooden letter openers created by Sartorius between 1993 and 2011. The letter openers were given to the museum by Ronald and Kay Springwater and are united in general shape, yet represent various blades, handles and woods.

■ “Standing on Ceremony: Functional Ware from RAM’s Collection,” highlights functional artworks from the museum’s collection that could be used for everyday rituals, such as drinking and eating. Objects that are connected to rituals, and therefore connected to social and cultural traditions, have a symbolic or metaphoric significance, as well as



“Porcupine” by JoAnne Russo was made from materials from the forest such as black ash, pine needles, sweetgrass and porcupine quills.

a practical function. The exhibition features goblets, vessels, jewelry and

nonfunctional works that allow a broader view of concepts of ceremony and ritual.

■ “RAM Collects: Contemporary Polish Fiber Art from Camille and Alex Cook,” celebrates more than 25 works from Polish artists gifted to the collection by longtime supporters of Racine Art Museum. Traditional processes, such as weaving or knotting, served as the groundwork for experimentation. Artists explored abstract concepts while playing with material properties and dynamic compositions.

The Racine Art Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for ages 12-18, full-time students and seniors age 63 and older. There is no charge for ages 11 and younger. For more information, go to www.ramart.org.

Sheard memorial exhibit Saturday in Kenosha

KENOSHA — “In Black and White,” a memorial exhibit featuring artwork by

world, civil rights movement and a glimpse inside his own life

Sheard’s photographs also appear in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and *World*