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**Racine Art Museum's Wustum Location Hosts
 Racine and Vicinity Show: All Media Juried Competition**

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On June 4, 2011, RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts continues a museum tradition with the opening of *Racine and Vicinity Show: All Media Juried Competition*. A glimpse into local talent, this juried exhibition showcases work from artists residing throughout Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties, along with RAM members from outside the area. The show features 117 accepted pieces by 103 artists, this year's show will be on view at RAM's Wustum Museum through August 27, 2011.

Of the unprecedented 504 pieces submitted by 210 artists, less than one-quarter of the pieces were chosen for this year's show. Over \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the opening reception to the artists whose pieces are selected as the best in the show.

Exhibiting Artists by Wisconsin Community:

Appleton: Jan Petersen; **Brookfield:** Janet Roberts; **Brown Deer:** Gary John Gresl; **Burlington:** Dave Jay, Tiffany Knopow; **Elkhorn:** Mary Abbott, Kate Pietri, William Zweifel; **Fontana:** Susie Williams; **Franksville:** Kevin Pearson, David Gaura; **Genoa City:** Victoria Lilla; **Glendale:** Rochelle Whiteman; **Greendale:** John Vlaj; **Kenosha:** Dennis Bayuzick, Lisa Bigalke, Kathy Brand, Paul Brnak, Katie Dykewski, Chet Griffith, Bob Grno, Don Hinrichs, Candace Hoffman, Marna Glover Krueger, Kathleen Laybourn, Diane Levesque, Helen Napier, Bruce Niemi, H. June Pomatto, Maggie Sasso, Amy Misurelli Sorensen, Greg Uttech, Bryanna Vancaster, Rebecca Venn, Timothy Zeszutek; **Lake Geneva:** Mary McEneely; **Milwaukee:** Chris Andrews, Joyce Eesley, Janet Falk, Helga Hilbert-Robinson, Gary Warren Niebuhr, JoAnna Poehlmann, Priscilla Weissenfluh, Jessica Zalewski; **Pewaukee:** Sandra Wagner; **Pleasant Prairie:** Jean Ambro; **Racine:** Robert W. Anderson, Jerrold Belland, Richard Berns, Karen Brittain, Janet S. Cascio, Jean Chars, Sharon Christensen, Doug DeVinny, Lisa

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Englander, Julianne Feiler, Maureen Fritchen, Dian Gabriel, Abby Garner, David Garner, Arthur L. Grebetz, G. D. Holding, Andrew J. Hendricks, Janet S. Hoffman, David V. Holmes, Edwin Kalke, James Kipfer, Jeff Kosmala, Marj Lacock, Matthew LaCour, Maggie Peg Lukow, Jason Madson, Alex Mandli Jr., Sally G. Miller, Sr. Jaye Nelson, Joyce Ottum, Leslie Perrino, Lyle Peters, Lance Raichert, Bill Reid, Mary Rhomberg-Spengler, Mary Sabol, Phil Schultz, Suellyn Scoon, Pamela Smiley, Susan M. Sorenson, Louise Sliv, Rusty Stirle, Jason Swanson, Ken Swanson, Alex Tompsett, Laura Underwood, Randall Underwood, Randy Wesner, Sue Wolff, Sherri Myers Wray; **Salem:** Gabrielle Bakanec; **Serena:** Michelle Rial; **Sturtevant:** Stacey Piper; **Union Grove:** Valerie Hernandez; **Waterford:** Heidi Keyes; **Whitefish Bay:** Anne Miotke; **Williams Bay:** Lynne Railsback.

Graeme Reid selected the works to be included, as well as the awards for this year's exhibition. Reid is currently Assistant Director at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, having previously worked at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan, WI), the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette (IN) and the Swope Art Museum (Terre Haute, IN). Over the years, Reid has curated over 120 group and solo exhibitions.

The **opening reception** for Racine and Vicinity Show will be held at RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts on **Saturday, June 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. The awards presentation will begin at 3:00 pm.

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Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday