

What's Happening

ART

Racine Art Museum exhibit shows black and white ceramics

RACINE — One of a series of exhibitions at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., showcasing work dominated by a black and white color scheme is "Stark Contrasts: Black and White Ceramics from RAM's Collection" Feb. 24-May 5. This exhibit juxtaposes ceramic sculpture from the last 40 years that are in tones of black or white. The show offers a selection that includes established artists, who RAM has collected in depth, as well as emerging talents of the ceramic sculpture scene.

Whether narrative scenes or abstract forms, the sculptures featured in "Stark Contrasts" explore the formal and metaphoric potential of intense color and dramatic contrasts. The variety of approaches reflects the innovation and ingenuity of artists working with clay who are investigating the symbolic and practical use of color and dynamic composition.

Artists such as David Regan and Ed

Eberle combine detailed black and white imagery with shaped surfaces. Christie Brown and Elizabeth Lurie explore the potential of using all white for narrative or functional forms. At the other end of the

spectrum, Irvin Tepper emphasizes blended shades of black and white in his dream-like nonfunctional teapots.

RAM's permanent collection has increased exponentially since the museum's inception in 2003, with hundreds of ceramic works from the mid to late 20th century forming the basis of an internationally



A porcelain piece by Nicholas Homoky

recognized collection.

RAM is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth ages 12-18, full-time students and seniors age 63 and older. There is no charge for children ages 11 and younger and to all on the first Friday of the month.

Envi artist series opens Friday

RACINE — Envi Ultra Lounge, 316 Main St., presents its spring Local Artist Series Feb. 22-May 22.

Local artists featured in the show are Elizabeth Dylewski, photography; Tarah Patzke, drawing and printmaking; Private Stock Tattoo, mixed media; Israel Alpizar, drawing, painting and digital art; Jennifer Dallmann, photography; and Katherine

Wright, printmaking.

An artist reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. The public is invited to meet the artists and view their work. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Artwork will be on sale for the duration of the exhibit. Ten percent of the proceeds on Feb. 22 will be donated to the Racine Arts Council.

Lemon Street exhibit features member artists

KENOSHA — Lemon Street Gallery, 4601 Sheridan Road, will host an exhibit by three member artists Feb. 27-March 31. An opening reception will be held from

unique perspective of photographers Cindy Garwood and Robert Schnack, and the handmade luxuries of soatstress Laura Ziolinski. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m.

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