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# LIFE

#### **Dark tales**

Old World Wisconsin, W372-S9727 Highway 67, Eagle, offers "Wake Not the Dead," featuring stories by Edgar Allan Poe, Bram Stoker and others. The dinner theater of horror opens Friday and continues over weekends through Oct. 27. It will cost \$65 for adults and \$50 for children 17 and younger. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (262) 594-6301 or at oldworldwisconsin .wisconsinhistory.org. On Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26, the living history



Carl Corey is photographing Wisconsin businesses that have been owned by one family for more than 50 years. A show of the images opens at the Museum of Wisconsin Art in April.

"Thomas Sully: Painted Performance" opens at the Milwaukee Art Museum Oct. 11.



and cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 17. It's not recommended for children under 8; no reservations are needed.

#### **Roots** beer

Rediscover some Old Milwaukee favorites at Retro Beer Night on Friday at the Pabst Mansion, 2000 W. Wisconsin Ave. Enjoy Pabst, Schlitz and Blatz beers as well as a bratwurst and snacks. Learn some history and bid on some vintage beer memorabilia at a silent auction. The evening's fun runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 or \$30 for members; \$5 off in advance at www.pabst mansion.com.

#### **Hurray for Bollywood**

The Skylight Music Theatre can't contain Bollywood fever to its production of Beethoven's "Fidelio." It's also the theme of the group's gala - "Bollywood Bash" - at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom, 414 E. Wisconsin Ave. The "Bollywood Bash After Party" starts at 9:30 p.m. and features a performance by the Aarabhi School of Dance. Cocktail attire is expected or, even better, your best Bollywood regalia. Tickets to the after-party are \$25 at the door or \$20 if purchased in advance at www.skvlight musictheatre.org.

— Roberta J. Wahlers







COURTESY MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

VISUAL ARTS PREVIEW

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# A look at local artists



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#### By MARY LOUISE SCHUMACHER

Journal Sentinel art critic

With a spate of regional art surveys — the Wisconsin Triennial, "Current Tendencies" and the Nohl Exhibition — just opened almost simultaneously, it's already a big year for anyone scouting unique species of Wisconsin art.

From a tribute to an influential art teacher to an artist-made chapel, from war rugs from Central Asia to public art in the central city, from a dance inspired by a conversation at a party to a car crash made gorgeous, here are dozens of art exhibits happening through the spring worth jotting down in your calendar. (Keep in mind that some rather good venues do not program in advance and aren't included here.)

#### **ON VIEW NOW**

#### **Digital Billboard Art Month**

Citywide

In an ambitious project, that will put more art in front of more Milwaukee eyeballs than any other in recent memory, the Digital Billboard Art Month will present art on 18 digital billboards around the city. Organized by In:Site, a temporary public art organization. Through Oct. 10.

#### T.L. Solien

Tory Folliard Gallery 233 N. Milwaukee St.

For the first time in his life, painter T.L. Solien dived headlong into

## Museums and galleries show regional work



LARRY SANDER

Eugene Von Bruenchenhein's work will be in a show of self-taught artists at the Milwaukee Art Museum in January.

"Moby-Dick," the great tale of man and whale, pressing its themes through the sieve of his own life and marriage. The result is a series of adventurous paintings and sculptures and what is probably the show of the year at the Tory Folliard Gallery. Through Oct. 12.

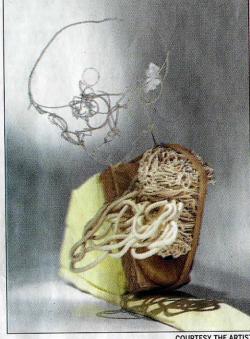
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### **SHOWS**

## Artwork goes on display

food containers, plastic wrappers — on walks across the Midwestern landscape. In the studio, he transforms these bit of detritus into patterned abstractions. Through Oct. 17.

#### **Tara Bogart**

Portrait Society Gallery 207 E. Buffalo St., 5th floor

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#### "Wisconsin Triennial"

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art 227 State St., Madison

Considered by many to be the state's most significant showcase of contemporary regional art, the Wisconsin Triennial is a survey of trends and directions. Three years of research and travel throughout the state resulted in the selection of 35 artists and five collaborative teams for the show. Through Jan. 25.

### **OCTOBER**

#### **Thomas Sully**

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The late artist Ray Yoshida, shown here in 1974 in his Chicago home, is the inspiration for a series of exhibitions at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Yoshida was an influential teacher at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago.





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#### **Forrest Myers**

Lynden Sculpture Garden 2145 W. Brown Deer Road, River Hills

Forrest Myers came to be known in the 1960s for monumental and minuscule artworks, large minimalist sculptures and his diminutive "Moon Museum," which secreted the work of Robert Rauschenberg, John Chamberlain, Andy Warhol and others on the Apollo 12 lunar lander. The sculpture garden has restored "Quartet," one of Myers' sculptures on its grounds and staged an exhibition of his maquettes, furniture sculptures, paintings and sculptures. Through Dec.

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Inova

2155 N. Prospect Ave.

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#### "The Open Eye"

John Michael Kohler Arts Center 608 New York Ave., Sheboygan

A series of exhibitions will explore the ideas, influence, work and personal collections of a Chicago artist who left an indelible mark on generations of other artists, including the Chicago Imagists, Hairy Who? and the Monster Roster. The late Ray Yoshida, who died in 2009 and taught at the school of the Art Institute for nearly four decades, encouraged artists to look beyond the conventions art to the aesthetics of the everyday. Opens Oct. 13.

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### "Typeface"

Various neighborhoods

A public art project designed to "provoke a broader understanding of Milwaukee's neighborhoods" will be unveiled in the Layton Boulevard, Sherman Park, Lindsey Heights and Harambee neighborhoods. The project involves the work of artist Reginald Baylor and the gathering of stories by media producer Adam Carr. Several temporary public artworks will be installed on boardedup architectural treasures by early November. For updates on the project go to: www .typefacemke.com.

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contemporary artists with an interest in consumer culture and a show from the Chipstone Foundation that will explore the enduring nature of trash. Opens Jan. 22.

#### "Real/Surreal"

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

This show, organized by the Whitney Museum of American Art, delves into the connections between the real and the imagined in early modern American art, with a particular emphasis on the surrealism and magical realism that were of such interest to Wisconsin artists. Opens Jan. 24.

#### "Masterworks in Clay"

Racine Art Museum 441 Main St., Racine

This exhibition will emphasize the Racine Art Museum's contemporary and sculptural works in clay, including Toshiko Takaezu's monumental "Star Series." Opens Jan. 26.

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of daily life. Benjamin De-Mott creates strange, drawing-like sculptures from porcelain that in this case will engage with the gallery's architecture. Opens March 20.

#### APRIL

#### **Kyoung Ae Cho**

Lynden Sculpture Garden

This will be the third exhibition in a series to examine women, nature and science. Cho's work involved the painstaking observation of nature and the collection of things. One piece references a Korean custom of collecting one's own hair as it is shed. Opens April 13.

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#### **Edward S. Curtis**

Museum of Wisconsin Art 205 Veterans Ave., West Bend

Edward S. Curtis dedicated 30 years of his life to photographing American Indian culture, meticulously documenting the traditions of 80 tribes across America. This is the first exhibit of his work in his home state in a decade. Through Jan. 5.

#### **Afghan War Rugs**

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

2220 N. Terrace Ave.

This exhibit brings to the U.S. for the first time what is described as one of the most distinctive collections of Afghan war rugs in the world, more than 40 pieces created mostly by women who abandoned traditional rug-making techniques to produce

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Dirk Skreber's work straddles a line between realism and abstraction. This exhibit, part of MAM's "Currents" series, will include several large-scale paintings, a monumental sculpture and the debut of the artist's first video work, a controlled car crash shown in extreme slow motion and transformed into a serene and sublime event. Opens Nov. 7.

#### **Brandon Bauer**

Frank Juarez Gallery 604 Erie Ave., Sheboygan

This astute little gallery in Shebovgan has proven to be very in-the-know about great art being made in the state. Brandon Bauer's "A Call to Halt" exhibit is a multimedia timeline of the nuclear abolition movement in the U.S. and Wisconsin. Opens Nov. 21.

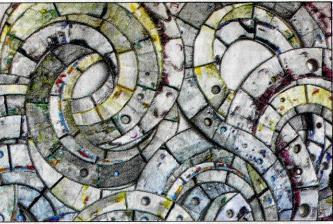
#### **DECEMBER**

#### "Arts + Technology Night"

Kenilworth Square East 1925 E. Kenilworth Place

Students from the Univer-

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#### **JANUARY**

#### **Ben Grant**

Tory Folliard Gallery

Ben Grant has created a sort of visual syntax from simple, bold and colorful combinations of shapes that are pieced together in sculptural paintings. Opens Jan. 4.

#### **Ashley Morgan**

Portrait Society Gallery

Every year, Portrait Society Gallery owner Debra Brehmer commissions an oasis. She invites an artist to create a chapel, a place for quiet and meditation during the winter months. This year, she's invited Milwaukee artist Ashley Morgan, who is known for creating delicate explorations of space. The gallery also will stage an ambitious exhibit of vernacular photography by women. Opens Jan. 17.

#### **Robin Luther**

greymatter 207 E. Buffalo St., 2nd floor

Robin Luther has been photographing ordinary, desolate and uncanny scenes within the urban landscape in Chester, Ill., home to a maximum security prison. Many of the inmates, counted in the town's population, have never seen Chester. She also is interviewing the inmates about their notions of home. Opens Jan. 17.

#### **Consumer Culture**

Haggerty Museum of Art

Four exhibitions will explore the theme of consumption, including a show of Brian Ulrich's photography curated by the Cleveland Museum of Art, an exhibit of six

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#### MARCH

#### "House of Miniatures"

Portrait Society Gallery

The gallery will amass miniature versions of as many of the nearly 200 installations and exhibitions taking place in Milwaukee in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts international conference, providing a starting point and central guide. Katherine Ross, chair of the ceramics department at the Art Institute of Chicago, also will have work on view. Opens March 14.

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For a more comprehensive listing of recommended visual art events through spring with links to venue websites, go to Mary Louise Schumacher's blog, Art City: www.jsonline.com/artcity. Schumacher is the Journal Sentinel's art critic. Follow her on Twitter (@artcity) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/artcity), Email mschumacher@journalsentinel.com.