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Memories and Mementos Connect in Heirloom Exhibition

By [Peggy Sue Dunigan \(by-author-11-1.html\)](#)



People fill their personal worlds with objects — adornments, furnishings, garments, images and tools. Which objects will be passed along and valued in the future?

The Racine Art Museum's new exhibition "Twenty-First Century Heirlooms" examines these questions along with the concept of objects as heirlooms passed down and carried into another life where their value can change. According to curator Lena Vigna, "Heirlooms can be objects we use and love, connected to an idea or memory that questions what will ultimately last in the future."

In this multi-media exhibit, more than 25 artists investigate these concepts using drawings, fiber art, jewelry, paper cutting, photography and even Legos. Artist emiko oye fashions jewelry modeled after historical royal necklaces made from the classic plastic building blocks. Reinventing such objects in vernacular materials refigures their timeless legacy as witty, yet still valuable artwork. Susan Myers recycles vintage silver trays into elegant sculptures of the modern disposable take-out containers usually made from paper.

While Vigna stresses that the exhibition poses only questions instead of definitive answers, she would like the viewer to contemplate what objects they value and why. RAM opens "Heirlooms" on Sunday, April 28, with a reception planned for Friday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m., and has scheduled a workshop with Mary Small, who founded the Society for the Prevention of Unfinished Needlepoint, on Saturday, June 15. For more information, please visit [ramart.org](http://www.ramart.org) (<http://www.ramart.org>).

Art Happenings

"First Annual DAC Invitational Arts Exhibition"

Delafield Arts Center

527 Milwaukee St., Delafield

The Delafield Art Center's new executive director, painter Terrence Coffman, initiated an exhibition presenting established and emerging Wisconsin artists. Special events and gallery talks are scheduled through the end of June. Event details will be posted at delafieldartscenter.org.

"66th Annual Ozaukee Art Show"

Cedarburg Cultural Center

W62 N546 Washington Ave., Cedarburg

The center's Columbia St. Mary's Gallery features more than 200 works of art, many for sale, from Ozaukee County professional artists and Cedarburg High School students, while CCC's East Gallery displays the work of elementary school students. Catch the annual exhibition before it closes on April 28.

"Slow Art Day"

Haggerty Museum of Art

530 N. 13th St.

The fifth annual celebration invites Milwaukee to study art with purpose. The Haggerty presents photographer Kevin J. Miyazaki's "Perimeter," which explores the subject of fresh water on the Great Lakes. The artist will discuss the theme at a gallery talk 1 p.m., Saturday, April 27.

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