

Two exhibitions to open at Racine Art Museum

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RACINE — Two exhibitions will open on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St.

“Lost and Found” featuring Kim Alsbrooks and Nikki Coupee underscores the ability some artists have to decontextualize the marginalized or overlooked, and to imbue the ordinary with something extraordinary. Works made of found materials from RAM’s collection are combined with the work of two featured artists. Alsbrooks emblazons found trash, such as aluminum cans, with detailed oil and graphite portraits of historical figures. Interested in the connection between adornment and social status, Coupee uses found objects, Plexiglas and brass to create jewelry that appears opulent even though it is made of non-precious elements.

“Urban Wood Encounter 2015: RAM Explores Contemporary Furniture” emphasizes creative uses for urban wood, which is rescued from trees that are not harvested for their timber value. Urban Wood offers an expansive lens for understanding material use and value. A collection of a wide range of furniture and objects, this exhibition reflects regional artists applying their individual styles and personal interests to this often-discarded wood.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$5, or \$3 for youth ages 12 to 18 and seniors 63 and older. There is no charge for ages 11 and younger.