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**RAM Features Community Artists
in Creature-Themed Exhibition**

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The lives of animals and humans are interwoven in many ways. The natural world, in all its variety, has long been a favorite topic for artists who can marvel at its complexity, diversity, and beauty. Open until August 11, 2018, **RAM Community Art Show: Creatures** at RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts features works of art that show the viewer which beasts, pets, and animals evoke the artist's true self. This community exhibition showcases innovative artwork by RAM's students, active volunteers, teachers, and staff, in addition to Racine Unified School District teachers and Racine Art Guild members.

Creatures features pets and other animals created by area families and art students on view side-by-side with well-known regional artists who teach or work at the museums. The exhibition of 131 pieces by 126 artists includes a wide range of media that reflects the stunning variety of different workshops and classes taught at RAM's Wustum Museum.

RAM Congratulates Curator's Choice Award Winners:

Ron Dunnett, *Thor the Thunder Beast*
Amy McGuire, *Zenith*
Ruth Quirke, *Royal Portrait*

Visitors to RAM's Wustum Museum are also encouraged to vote for their favorite artwork. The audience award will be announced after the close of the show.

Artists Included in the Exhibition

Bayside: Amy Marks; **Burlington:** Sandra Nowicki; **Caledonia:** Veronica J. Gagliano, Nancy Neider; **Franksville:** David Gaura, Debra LaMeer; **Kansasville:** Judy Hibbard;

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Kenosha: Ian Garland, Candace Hoffman, Amy Lynn Ross, Paula Touhey, Greg Uttech, Chelsea Van Aken; **Lake Bluff, IL:** Julia Magnus, Ivy Niles; **Lake Geneva:** Sarah McConnell; **Milwaukee:** Kiefer Ledell, Amy McGuire, Ron McGuire, Valerie Pawlak; **Mount Pleasant:** Eileen Black, Sue Buhler-Maki, Susan Chiodo, Ron Dunnett, Cindy Flitsch, Samira Gdisis, Patricia Guttenberg, Karen Mathis, Luella Pias, Cherry Wardrip, Jim Wardrip, Nancy Wolf; **Port Washington:** Tessa Locklair; **Racine:** Marie Abbott, Jerrold Belland, Jack Blasko, Tricia Blasko, Jon Bolton, Karen Brittain, Karen Broman, Susan Buhler, Jill Castillo, Dominic Cibrario, Tom Coe, Deedee Dumont, Dorothy Dwyer, Mary Dwyer, Lisa Englander, John Falk, Patti Fallon, Wes Fallon, Elaine Gearheart, Pat Gilbert, Megan Goers, Nancy Greenebaum, Alexander Greiveldinger, Sharon Guest, Ann Henkes, Charlotte Horton, Peggy Juras, Suzanne Kadamian, Mary Koors, Mercedes Lopez, Tatianna Lopez, Alex Mandli, Rebecca McGowan, Penny McGuire, Sharon Mellberg, Jayne Miner, Janet Mrazek, Sr. Jaye Nelson, Bruce W. Pepich, Kate Peterson, Steven Pfeiffer, Mairead Quill, Ruth Quirke, Stephen Quirke, Lance Raichert, Linda Reeves, Bill Reid, Patty Roberson, Suzanne Schakelman, Barbara Schoeffel, Richard Smith, Doug Sorenson, Susan M. Sorenson, Arabella Steberl, Jean Sullivan, Allegra Sze, Ardath Trebra, Maggie White, Kelly Witte, Jan Wolff, Marc Wollman, Jennifer Zygmunt; **Sturtevant:** Adrienne Shimada; **Union Grove:** Margaret Lininger, Olivia Voge; **Waterford:** Laura Gillespie; **Wind Point:** Gabriela Zieser, Lilian Zieser

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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.