

time, as well as our creative decorators and volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure a beautiful event," said Ed Kubicki, Kemper Center executive director. "Our priority continues to be the safety of our guests,

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a one-hour tour and photo opportunity in the Durkee Mansion's decorated parlor. Tours will also include the decorated Kemper Center Chapel. Everyone must wear masks while in the building and there will be

to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with its current "Winter Juried Exhibition." The Arts Center will also be decorated for the holidays and feature a collection of nutcrackers. There is no admission fee.



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## EVENTS

### Holiday tree arrives in Downtown Racine

RACINE — The 19th annual holiday tree with more than 18,000 lights has once again been placed on Monument Square, Main and Sixth streets, in Downtown Racine.

The placing of the tree takes the coordination and help from several community organizations including the Business Improvement District No. 1, Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the Downtown Racine Corp.

The 20-foot tree was selected from dozens of entries and came with a story. The blue spruce, donated by Therese Heller of Eisenhower Drive, came from a seedling planted by her father in 1973 in a small Dixie cup and later transplanted outside of her home.

"Our community tree is a staple in Downtown each winter," said Kelly Kruse, DRC executive director. "I

am so grateful for the efforts of so many individuals who help make it a reality, especially in such a trying year."

The City of Racine Parks and Rec Dept. cut the tree and placed it on Monument Square, and Cornerstone Lawn Care decorated the tree with a donated tree topper from Milaeger's. The tree would not be possible without the sponsorship from Festival Foods in Mount Pleasant which provides funds to cover the cost of decorating and new lights each year.

Community members are encouraged to come downtown and view the tree and take photos.

### RAM holiday tree

To add glow and glimmer to Main Street, Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., presents an annual holiday tree through Dec. 30. Soaring in front of the view of Lake Michigan, the illuminated conifer is adorned with more than 1,500 glass ornaments from a variety of time periods and subjects — many from late Racine gallery and arts support Emile

H. Mathis II's collection. Visitors are encouraged to look for unique decorations like octopi and soup cans fashioned in glass alongside more traditional festive creations.

### Downtown Racine has Shop Small Weekend

RACINE — The Downtown Racine Merchants Association (DRMA) announced that Shop Small Weekend will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, throughout Downtown Racine. The theme of this year's annual tradition will be "Shop Small, Shop Safe, Shop Downtown Racine!"

"All of us who own and operate businesses in Downtown Racine are grateful for the continued support of the community," said Scott Obernberger, DRMA chair. "This year more than ever small businesses are struggling because of the added difficulties of the coronavirus and other economic hardships. Help us to keep

Downtown Racine a great destination for finding unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for all of your loved ones."

These DRMA members are participating: Abrazo Coffee, Artists Gallery, Art Metals, CBD American Shaman Racine, Dimples, Divino Gelato Cafe, Gold, Diamond & Design, Lighthouse Gallery & Gifts, Plumb Gold/Silver, Racine Art Museum, RG Natural Babies, Sheabrojae's, Sheepish, Twice Baked Pottery, Twin Dragon Games and Uncorkt.

DRMA is a collaborative organization of merchants, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues located in Downtown Racine with the common goal of working together to propel Downtown Racine and its business community forward.

### Hawthorn Hollow to hold Holiday Boutique

SOMERS — Unique handcrafted items inspired by

nature will be available at the annual Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, outdoors at Hawthorn Hollow, 880 Green Bay Road.

Some items are made with natural materials found at Hawthorn Hollow. Fresh greens will be available for crafting. A selection of gift baskets, wreaths, centerpieces, swags and maple syrup will be available for preorder on Dec. 4. People should check Hawthorn Hollow's Facebook page on Dec. 3 to see what will be available.

### Biennial photography show on view at Wustum

RACINE — The biennial exhibition, "Wisconsin Photography 2020," will be featured through Nov. 28 at Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, a campus of the Racine Art Museum at 2519 Northwestern Ave.

For "Wisconsin Photography," the selection process

is similar to a portfolio review. This year's juror, Lisa Volpe, associate curator of photography at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, chose the artists as well as a representative body of work. The 2020 exhibition includes 83 pieces by 29 artists, selected from a total of 1,040 works submitted by 104 photographers and videographers.

Wustum Museum is resuming operation with limited hours from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The number of museum guests will be limited to 25 people. Those who arrive after reaching this occupancy limit will be invited to leave their cell phone number with reception staff and will receive a call once there is vacancy. Staff and visitors are required to wear a face mask at all times. There is no admission fee.

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