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PEEPS showcased in RAM exhibit

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RACINE — A nontraditional exhibition showcasing fluffy, sugarc coated marshmallow PEEPS is set to begin its 11th year at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St.

Scheduled to open today and run through Aug. 29, the 11th annual “International PEEPS Art Exhibition: Not Just for Easter Anymore” features entries that demonstrate the talent of artists from across the country.

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAM temporarily closed its doors back in March. For this reason, the popular PEEPS exhibition was postponed for months beyond its usual Easter holiday opening. Families and professional artists continued to make art inspired by the spring marshmallow treat during quarantine, despite the

delay. This month, RAM debuts the results of their creative efforts.

Inspired by pop culture, animals, sports and famous artists, many of the PEEPS art entries are by local artists, families and organizations. However, several pieces arrive every year from out-of-state. Over the past 11 years, PEEPS pieces have been sent into RAM from as far away as Arizona, California, North Carolina and New York.

Over the years, many entrants have become experts in marshmallow candy as a material, using methods like carving, painting, hole punching, gluing and melting to manipulate PEEPS into incredible shapes. While the seasonal candies are still the most common material, the 11th anniversary show also includes pieces



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“Peppa Pigs at the Park” is one of the entries in the Racine Art Museum’s “International PEEPS Art Exhibition: Not Just for Easter Anymore.”

made in a variety of other media. For the most part, anything goes, as long as it represents PEEPS, is family friendly and adheres to the

exhibition’s size requirements.

To promote social distancing during the run of this exhibition — and until the current health situation is under control — RAM is limiting the number of museum guests to 50 people at any one time, and staff and visitors are required to wear a face mask at all times. In addition, the 102 works in the PEEPS exhibit will be on display throughout multiple galleries in the museum rather than congregated in a single gallery.

RAM is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$6 for seniors 62 and older and youth 12 and older. There is no charge for ages 11 and younger with paid adult admission (maximum three). For more information, go to ramart.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Music on the Monument

Aug. 14 — Monument Square, Main and Sixth streets, Racine. 4:30-7 p.m. Free. Music by Touch of Gray.

Live Music by Jay Matthes

Aug. 14 — Franksville Craft Beer Garden, 9614 Northwestern Ave., Franksville. 6-9 p.m. No cover.

Live Music by Kevin Kennedy

