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**54th Year of *Watercolor Wisconsin* Exhibition
at RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts**

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On December 16, 2020, Racine Art Museum's (RAM's) Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts will continue an important Racine tradition with the opening of ***Watercolor Wisconsin 2020***. One of Wustum's most popular shows, *Watercolor Wisconsin* is annual statewide competition that has been organized by the museum since 1966. Limited only by their materials—aqueous media such as acrylic and watercolor—artists are free to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional works on paper. Contemporary artists bring both traditional and experimental approaches to the established guidelines, resulting in a varied and dynamic exhibition even 54 years later. This exhibition will be on display at Wustum through April 24, 2021.

Jurors for this year's show are Victor Armendariz—Founder of Gallery Victor Armendariz, Chicago, Illinois—and Kathy Weaver—an internationally recognized watercolor artist. Armendariz and Weaver considered 168 works submitted by 96 Wisconsin artists, narrowing down the selection to 98 works by 78 artists.

Since attendance usually surpasses the current Wustum Museum capacity of 25 visitors for this event, a virtual Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held in place of an in-person event this year. The public is invited to join this event—held on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm—using the video conference app Zoom. A link to participate is available on the RAM website, ramart.org.

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Artists in the Exhibition

Appleton: Gary Hanks; **Bayside:** Judith Murphy; **Beaver Dam:** Judy Beyer; **Burlington:** Jimmy Yann; **Caledonia:** Veronica Gagliano Averkamp, Nancy Neider; **Cedarburg:** Patrick Doughman, Bruce Hustad; **Delavan:** Sandra Willard; **Edgerton:** Victoria Bein; **Egg Harbor:** Michael Nitsch, Annette Schuh; **Fox Point:** Francisco X. Mora; **Franksville:** Sue Horton; **Fredonia:** Katie Musolff; **Germantown:** Mary Boettcher; **Glendale:** Pat Hidson, Ann Tarantino Smith; **Grafton:** Wallis Coffman, Jean Crane; **Hartford:** Harold E. Hansen; **Kenosha:** Don Hinrichs, Diane Levesque, Carlotta Miller, Greg Uttech; **Mequon:** Betty Rubner, Alice Struck; **Milwaukee:** Ney Tait Fraser, Madeline Martin, Kathleen Nelson, JoAnna Poehlmann, Kiefer Ledell Waterman; **Mount Pleasant:** Robert W. Andersen, Jerrold Belland, Richard Berns, Susan Towne; **Nashotah:** Alice Rossman; **Neenah:** Kathryn Wedge; **New Berlin:** Julie San Felipe; **Oak Creek:** Michael Gehrke; **Oconomowoc:** Virgilyn Driscoll, Marilu McCartney; **Oshkosh:** William Greider; **Racine:** Regina Baker, Doris Beaudry, Karen Broman, Mary Ann Bresnahan, Margo Cuisinier, Deedee Dumont, Mary Dwyer, Lisa Englander, P.M. Fallon, Pat Gilbert, Jane Hobbs-Baldwin, Christopher Johns, Suzanne Kadamian, Barbara Kukla, Jeff Kosmala, John Krewal, Karen Mathis, Janet Mrazek, Jude Poplawski, Lance Raichert, Susan M. Sorenson, Dina Walker, Kelly Witte; **Stevens Point:** Lois Freeberg-Hagen; **Sturtevant:** Jenny Pham; **Theinsville:** William Davis, Tom Hovorka; **Waterford:** Laura Gillespie, Edith Kubicek; **Waukesha:** Bruce Boeck; **Wauwatosa:** Carolyn Simpson; **Whitefish Bay:** Anne Miotke; **Whitewater:** Christine B. Miller, Linda Tump; **Wind Point:** Catherine Gaspero.

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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.

After temporarily closing its doors in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RAM reopened to the public on Wednesday, August 5. RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts reopened on Wednesday, September 2. Both museums are operating with limited hours, open Wednesday through Saturday from Noon to 4:00 pm. Information regarding safety protocols and what to expect when visiting the museums are available on the RAM website, ramart.org.