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Kerredge Gallery

Forest Spirits

Joyce Koskenmaki
May 8-June 1, 2024

Reception:

Thursday, May 9
6-7:30pm

Youth Gallery

Hancock High
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Artists Market

Featured Artist:

Tammy Toj Gajewski

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ONLINE AUCTION!

★WEDNESDAY, MAY 22-SATURDAY, MAY 25★

We're holding our fourth annual online auction fundraiser! Here's your chance to have some bidding fun from the comfort of your home. You can view the catalog anytime beginning May 15 through May 25. Bidding opens at 10am on May 22nd! You can even register to bid before the auction starts so you're ready to go. It's fast, simple, and secure. We've got more than 50 items: ART, desserts, gift certificates, cabin stays, and other unique goods and services. New items will be added periodically! Thank you to all the artists, individuals, businesses, and community groups who donated. Beginning May 15th, visit our online auction website to view the catalog:

www.charityauction.bid/cccac



**Kerredge Gallery: Forest Spirits
by Joyce Koskenmaki
May 8-June 1, 2024**

Forest Spirits by Joyce Koskenmaki includes drawings, paintings, and sculpture depicting trees, waterfalls, and animals, all made within the last year and a half. In her artist statement Joyce says, "My work reflects my surroundings, here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This particular kind of north woods landscape, its trees, rocks, lakes, waterfalls, animals are what imprinted me as a child and to which I came back in 1998, looking for that which felt like home."

The trees are shapes inspired by the ancient trees in Calumet Cemetery. The Field Sketching Group met there last summer to draw the trees. Koskenmaki is Finnish for waterfalls on a hill. Its no wonder Joyce is inspired to draw them. The Silver River in Baraga County extends from the top of the hill in Herman, her ancestral home, to Huron Bay in a series of cascading waterfalls.

The sculptures are of imaginary animals, their heads sculpted of earthen clay are fired and painted, the limbs and wings are sticks and feathers found on the beach. The bodies are made from precious old fabric scraps given to her by friends. She says, "Making these little doll-like animals gives me great comfort. I've made dolls all of my life and can't seem to stop." She goes on to say, "I connect these little creatures to the environment as kind of protector spirits both for the trees and water as well as to us who live here and are concerned about the health and safety and beauty of our natural surroundings."

Join us for an opening reception honoring the work of Joyce Koskenmaki on Thursday, May 9 from 6 to 7:30. She will give a gallery talk about her inspiration that comes from the natural world.



**May Artists Market Featured Artist
Tammy Toj Gajewski**

Tammy's mother encouraged her creativity from a very young age. She graduated from UW-River Falls in 1988 with her BFA and Northern Michigan University in 2006 with her MPA. She started working with watercolors while waiting for her oil paintings to dry. Her spontaneous approach to watercolor features people caught in curious situations, highlighting the entanglement of humans and their animals, focusing on the endearing nature of dogs, horses, and wild animals. Her love of the southwest cliff dwellings and the beauty of Japanese design come through stylistically in her landscapes. Tammy stated, "I am inspired by random things and looking back at everything I have created in the last fifty-odd years, there is an underlying wire of connectedness that is me."



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Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like art? Do you enjoy meeting people? Might you have a couple hours a week to spare? We would love to have your help in the sales gallery. Some retail experience is helpful but not necessary. Duties include greeting the public, answering the telephone, conducting sales, and might also include receiving and processing new inventory, light cleaning, and assorted office tasks. Please contact Cynthia at cynthia@coppercountryarts.com with inquiries. Orientation and training is provided.

Grant Information Workshop

Regional Regranting Coordinator, Sue Roll will give an informational session on May 21 5-7pm in the classroom at the Arts Center. Sue now serves Region 1A and B, the Western and Central counties of the UP.

CALL FOR ART: Consider the Bridge

Art inspired by the Portage Lake Lift Bridge
Kerredge Gallery June 5-29, 2024

Take a really good look at the bridge, the Portage Lift Bridge or a bridge of your choosing. Show us the Bridge from another angle. Help stretch the boundaries of how we see this familiar icon and engineering marvel. All media welcome. 2D and 3D sculpture. Artists 18 and older. **Deadline for delivery of art: Saturday, June 1**

Field Sketching with Cynthia Coté

Monday, May 6 from 10am-noon

Meet at Boston Pond Nature Area, Keweenaw Land Trust site, on US 41 west of the airport. Bring your own supplies, no instruction, just drawing and fellowship.

Field Sketching with Cynthia Coté: Consider the Bridge, Monday May 13 from 10am-Noon

Get some inspiration for Consider the Bridge at Field Sketching with Cynthia Coté. Meet at the Labyrinth in Hancock (near the Ramada). No fee, no instruction, bring your own supplies. Optional show and tell afterwards.

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