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REGIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION V AT THE FREEPORT ART MUSEUM

Regional artists will be given the limelight throughout the museum this fall with the return of the Regional Juried Exhibition. Now in its sixth year, the regional show features the creativity and talent of artists living in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. The annual exhibition was established to encourage new work by local and regional artists producing art in a wide variety of media, from traditional materials such as paint on canvas to avant-garde techniques as in video and installation works.

This year, the exhibition attracted over one hundred-sixty entries from forty-three artists throughout the area. Thirty-four works were selected for the exhibition by guest juror, David Menard, artist and professor of art at Rockford College. Mr. Menard has taught painting, printmaking, drawing, and photography since 2006 and holds a MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to teaching he actively exhibits his printmaking and other works throughout the area.

Cash awards sponsored by the Freeport Art Museum and art supply awards sponsored by Sanford PrismaColor Products, a division of Newell-Rubbermaid are given to first, second and third place award recipients.

The show opens to the public at the Freeport Art Museum on **Saturday, November 7th, 2009** and runs through **January 9th, 2010**. A preview reception for artists and members of the museum will be held from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6th**.

Photographs attached



Top left; "Ceramic Sentry" by first place award winner, Tom Linden
Top right; "Yellow Farm House" by second place award winner, Bob Logsdon
Bottom; "Phalaenopsis" by third place award winner, Jennifer Krantz