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## ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MICHIGAN ARTIST EXHIBITION

Kicking off the 2022 exhibition season, the Anton Art Center is proud to present ***Michigan Annual XLIX***, opening on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The 49th annual statewide fine art competition and exhibition is the Anton Art Center's most prestigious show of the year offering \$2,000 in awards, drawing artists from all over the state.

The *Michigan Annual XLIX* exhibition has created a lot of momentum over the years. "This exhibit is the most competitive professional-level exhibit at the Anton Art Center," Stephanie Hazzard, Exhibition Manager, shares. "The selection of artwork is an impressive collection of 45 artworks by 38 artists, with media ranging from colored pencil and charcoal to cyanotype and kinetic sculptures."

The Anton Art Center celebrates over fifty years as the premier arts and culture nonprofit organization in Macomb County, located in Southeast Michigan. Housed in a historic Carnegie Library building in the county seat of Mount Clemens, the Center is well-suited for exhibiting a variety of small- to large-scale artworks and sculpture. The upcoming annual event taking place this month is one of the few remaining statewide competitions in Michigan, providing artists in the Great Lakes State a premium and accessible gallery space to showcase their work alongside the best of the best in contemporary art from across the upper and lower peninsulas.

*Michigan Annual XLIX* is juried by Director of Arts & Culture, Kayrod Gallery at the Hannon Center, **Richard Reeves, Jr.**: "I am very impressed with the caliber of art that the artists in this show submitted. There were no easy decisions when trying to decide what art to hang in the exhibit. The variety of mediums and artistic styles is what impressed me the most." He adds, "As an artist, I am inspired most by the passion of other artists. The ability to look at the mundane and make it art is always reassuring."

Michigan artists could submit up to two original artwork(s) completed within the last two years, as long as it has not been previously displayed at the Anton Art Center. Work of any medium could be entered, including, but not limited to: painting, drawing, sculpture, glass, metal, fiber, photography, and more, which will present a well-rounded exhibition and arts experience for visitors.

Awards to be made include:

- **1st Place** - Award of \$1,000 Cash Prize
- **2nd Place** - Award of \$600 Cash Prize
- **3rd Place** - Award of \$400 Cash Prize
- **Three Honorable Mention Awards**



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You can join the Anton Art Center, the juror, and exhibiting artists for the virtual Awards Announcement on Saturday, January 29, at 2pm via Facebook Live on the Anton Art Center Facebook page. The exhibition will be on display in the Main Floor Galleries on the first floor of the Anton Art Center through March 1, 2022.

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization located in Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open for regular business hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 5pm; admission is free and open to the public. Metered lot and street parking is available; free on weekends. Facemasks are required indoors for all individuals age 2 years and up, regardless of vaccination status.

The Anton Art Center (AAC) was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. The AAC aims to build an open community around creative expression by presenting a wide array of programming to appeal to diverse audiences, providing support for the arts and becoming a focal point for arts programming, and working towards inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in all that we do to support our mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts.

Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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### Michigan Annual XLIX Sample Images



Richard Reeves, Jr.  
Michigan Annual XLIX Guest Juror

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January 29 - March 1, 2022

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Guest Juror, Richard Reeves, Jr.

Main Floor Galleries, Anton Art Center

Join Us For The  
**Opening Reception & Awards Announcement**  
on Saturday, January 29, 2pm

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*Poodle, Self Portrait* by Agnieszka Przyborowski  
Colored pencil, 18x25 in., 2021



*Nothing is the Same Remembered Twice* by Sue Schneider  
Mixed media, 26x26x16 in., 2019





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*Jazz Matazz* by Barbara Clay  
Acrylic paint, 18x24 in., 2021



*Void* by David Short  
Charcoal on reclaimed wood, 72x35 in., 2020



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*The Swell* by Sharon Will  
Oil paint, 10x12 in., 2021



*Hostas with Honey Bee Trails* by Lori Zurvalec  
Watercolor, 28x36 in., 2020

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