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Firefly Art Fair to Feature 64 Regional Artists

“Honey, I Shrunk Wauwatosa” exhibit will be on display in the historic Kneeland-Walker mansion.

Wauwatosa, WI, June 25, 2024 — Sixty-four talented artists from across the Midwest will take to the Victorian gardens of the historic Kneeland-Walker House for the Wauwatosa Historical Society’s 38th annual Firefly Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 4.

Held against the picturesque backdrop of the historic Victorian mansion and gardens of the Kneeland-Walker House in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, the Firefly Art Fair is more than just an art exhibition, it’s an immersive experience that embraces the spirit of community and fosters connections between artists, patrons, and history enthusiasts. The Wauwatosa Historical Society, known for its dedication to preserving the rich heritage of the area, adds a touch of historical charm to the event, infusing the fair with a distinct sense of place and belonging.

The Fair will feature paintings, ceramics, glass, basketry, jewelry, fiber art, mosaics, photography, pen and ink drawings, metal work and wood. Most artists participate in the Silent Auction. Information on the event and artists can be found at

<https://wauwatosahistoricalsociety.org/event/38th-annual-firefly-art-fair/>

New this year is a floral arrangement workshop presented by Aromatic Acres, Milwaukee’s Urban Flower Farm. Participants will enjoy instruction with floral arranging; a breakfast of donuts, coffee and juice; entrance to the Firefly Art Fair; and, of course, the large floral arrangement they create for a ticket price of \$60. Tickets may be purchased at

<https://wauwatosahistoricalsociety.org/product/firefly-in-bloom/>.

Music will be heard throughout the art fairgrounds between noon and 3 p.m., provided by Cold Front Trombone Quartet on Saturday and Ali J on Sunday.

A special exhibit inside the Kneeland-Walker house, “Honey, I Shrunk Wauwatosa,” showcases the city of Wauwatosa—in miniature! The exhibit features over a dozen dioramas, dollhouses and replicas, including a huge 3-D model of the Village created in the 1930s. Other models include the original Wauwatosa High School in 1906, a miniature barber shop and a four-room furniture store, wooden dollhouses from 1900-1933 and a metal dollhouse from the 1960s. The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days of the Firefly Art Fair, August 3 and 4, and is free with paid admission to the Fair.

Rainbow Booksellers and Highland Honey are featured vendors who will also offer activities sure to please children and adults alike.

Meals and refreshments will be provided by Kegel's German Food and Cinnamon and Honey Coffee Company. The Firefly's traditional pie tent will return this year.

This year's Presenting Sponsor is WaterStone Bank, with special support from Minuteman Press and FastSigns Greenfield. Margerie Law Estate Planning is sponsoring the event tent.

The Firefly Art Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, rain or shine, at 7406 Hillcrest Drive in Wauwatosa. Admission is \$10 and is free for children age 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <https://wauwatosahistoricalociety.org/product/firefly-event/>. For more information, contact the staff at the Wauwatosa Historical Society at staff@wauwatosahistoricalociety.org.

New artists this year are:

Alexis Rivera	Christine Van Sickle	Lisa Williams
Alicia Pond	Francis Stanton	Lynn Barber
Angela Mrozek & Norma Neahous	Gena Pankratz	Matt Miller
Charlotte Allmann	Johanna Moldenhauer	Melissa Flynn & Amanda Wiberg
Charlotte Fung Miller	Kathy DeVries	Monika Lee
Chase Cortez	Katie Meznarich	Penny Neverdosky
Christine Eggert	Kelly Mutsch	Rebecca Dodson
	Laura Jackson	Taylor Schiffer-Jander

Returning artists are:

Ann Mory Wydeven	Jody Garrison	Neil Stickel
Asma Wahed	John Bowers	Pat Kroth
Bonnie Hudock	Julie Raasch	Rachel McKinney
Christine Happel	Kathleen (Kathy) Goudie	Rebekah Nicholas
Crystal Christensen	Kathleen Leah Pulz	Rose Halik
Dawn Buss	Kristen Janzer	Sarah Jane Kueny
Deb Radke	Linda Franzblau	Scott Boyd
Diane Gonzalez	Lynne Oehlke	Stan Piepenburg
Greg Lofy	Maria Dolores Romero Parks	Stephanie Olson
Jeanne Brill	Mark A. Zanowski	Susan Mendenhall
Jennifer Alexander	Marlene Ilecki	Tammy Easton
Jennifer Froh	Meghan Sheahan	Terri Sgarlata-Lutz
Jennifer Tally	Michelle Holley	Vicki Strobel
Joanna Morris	Nancy Rollag	

Artist information and portfolios can be found at
<https://wauwatosahistoricalsociety.org/firefly-art-fair-2024-artists/>.

About the Wauwatosa Historical Society

The Wauwatosa Historical Society (WHS) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) educational organization committed to researching the history of Wauwatosa, and to collecting, preserving, and exhibiting objects and documents from its past. The society was established in 1977 with 25 charter members.

The Society manages two of Wauwatosa's most historic properties, the Kneeland-Walker House and the Little Red Store, providing tours and rentals for the community. They coordinate and disseminate historical materials related to Wauwatosa while supporting, encouraging and providing historical education for the community. Through events like their Speaker Series, Firefly Art Fair and Brews & Blooms, they seek to engage the public in the history of Wauwatosa, all while having a good time.

The Executive Board comprises President Peggy Rooney, Vice President-Education Carol Bannen, Vice President-Marketing Meg Miller, Secretary Christiane Toye and Treasurer Bryan Stutzki. The Board of Directors includes Maureen Badding, John Goudie, Taylor Pokrop, Tom Reznicek, Devon Schuckert, Patrick Witt, and Emeritus Board Member Kathy Causier. The executive director is Amanda Saso.

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