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**The RAM 6th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition
 Better Than Ever!**

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Within the pristine white walls of the Racine Art Museum, an untraditional exhibition showcasing fluffy, sugar-coated marshmallow PEEPS is open through Sunday, April 12. **The RAM 6th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition** features 88 entries that demonstrate the talent of over 104 artists. Visitors will discover creations such as *PEEPerweight* featuring a hand-blown glass PEEP, *Peepwee Herman's Playhouse*, and an entry from a local Racine business entitled *Lakeview Pharmacy Peepscription*.

During the Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 26, Bruce W. Pepich, RAM Executive Director and Curator of Collections, hosted the awards presentation to honor the most accomplished artists in this competition. In addition to Pepich, judges included John Dickert, Mayor, City of Racine; Roger C. Dower, President, The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread; and 2014 RAM Fellowship Recipient Diane Levesque, Director of the H. F. Johnson Gallery of Art and Assistant Professor of Art, Carthage College.

Congratulations to:

Adult Category

First Peep – **Ann Burke**, *Dr. Peeps*
 Second Peep – **Maureen Wolfe**, *If Monet Painted with Peeps*
 Honorable Mention – **Martha Moore Porter aka Buried Diamond**, *Buried Diamond Peeps Charm Necklace*

Under 12 Category

First Peep – **Gabe and Jed Johnson**, *The Early Peep Gets the Worm*
 Second Peep – **Amanda Billerbeck**, *Hooray! It's the Year of the ~~Sheep~~ Peep!*
 Honorable Mention – **Julia Donaldson**, *Cooking with the Peeps*

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Family/Group/Organization Category

First Peep – **Bob and Holly Ottum**, *Old Peep in a Shoe*

Second Peep – **Lisa and Melissa Schobert**, *The Treasures of Peepankhamun*

Honorable Mention – **Lynn Benson and Marie Roth**, *They're Multiplying Like Rabbits*

Mayors Award

First Prize – **Colton Pemble**, *Battle of Hoth*

Second Prize – **Jane Dubinsky**, *A Peep at Heaven*

Visitors to the museum are encouraged to vote for their favorite PEEPS work of art to decide who will take home the coveted PEEPls Choice Award. Voting continues through Sunday, April 12.

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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.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum, are open Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon – 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.