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**Add Color to the Season  
with a Visit to Racine Art Museum**

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Racine Art Museum's Wustum Campus Hosts Racine and Vicinity Show: All Media Juried Competition

RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts continues a significant tradition with the opening of Racine and Vicinity Show: All Media Juried Competition. A glimpse into local talent, this juried exhibition showcases work from artists residing throughout Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties, along with RAM members from outside the area. Featuring 93 accepted pieces by 72 artists, this year's show will be on view at RAM's Wustum Museum from June 2 to August 5, 2017.

Of the 418 pieces submitted by 175 artists, less than one-quarter of them were chosen for this year's exhibition. Over \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the opening reception to artists whose pieces are selected as the best in show.

Juror Susan Barnett chose the works to be included, as well as the awards for this year's exhibition. Barnett is an independent curator, writer, and photographer. She is former director of the Cedarburg Cultural Center and helped bring the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's Arts/Industry 40-year exhibition and publication to fruition. Recent projects include managing a large private collection and co-curating Wis.Con.Sin at the Portait Society Gallery in Milwaukee. Susan has curated more than 50 exhibitions and has served often as a juror, most recently for Forward 2016 at the Charles Allis Museum.

The Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception for Racine and Vicinity Show will be held at RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, June 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The awards presentation begins at 7:00 pm.

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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.