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Women: Reflect, Rejoice, Reform

A Collection of Visual and Performance Art
Sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council
October 6 – November 10, 2013

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Events:

- **Show Opening: Sunday, October 6**
At the JRAC Gallery on Main Street in East Jordan, MI, 1pm
- **Performance Art in Action**
Wednesday, October 9, At the Charlevoix Library, 7-9pm
- **Lecture "Unexpected Sources of Power"**
A Case Study of Women on Beaver Island
Thursday, October 24, At the Charlevoix Library 7-8:30pm
- **Journaling & Collage Workshop,**
Saturday, October 26, At the Torch Lake Township Hall, Eastport, MI,
9am-noon (Journaling) & 1-4PM (Collage)

MORGAN FISHER'S ENTRY TITLE:

TWO AMERICAN WOMEN:

CHIEF JUSTICE ELIZABETH A. WEAVER

&

MODERN DAY ANNIE OAKLEY



Both pieces: ~53"x 65" acrylic paintings and mixed media framed in rustic knotty pine





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By **JEFFRAY N. KESSLER**
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Community-wide literacy celebrations

REGION - Join United Way of Northwest Michigan for a community-wide literacy celebration beginning this week. United Way's second annual Days of Action will be held in five counties throughout the month. Each event will be held from 10 a.m. until noon. Dates and locations of the

- five celebrations include:
- Lelanau: Leland Public Library, June 17
 - Grand Traverse: Kingsley Public Library, June 20
 - Kalkaska: Kalkaska Children's Garden, June 21
 - Antrim: Alden Historical Depot, June 24
 - Benzie: Beulah Public

Library, June 25 Each child will receive one new book and a corresponding literacy activity to encourage continued reading with their families throughout the summer. An assortment of gently used books will also be available for children to take and keep.

Crafts with KidzArt and various children's activities from 4-H, Great Start, and area libraries will be available for families attending, as well as story readings at each event. These events are free and open to the public. "Our Day of Action events provide families with free literacy activities

to engage their children with over the summer," said Amanda Hilt, youth and family volunteer coordinator at the United Way of Northwest Michigan. "In addition to providing literacy activities, gently used books are available for children and parents to take home and keep. Reading

is incredibly important to continue over the summer. Many families may not have easy access to libraries and having books to keep at home, free of restrictions is wonderful," she added. To find out more, contact Hilt at 231-947-3200, ext. 206 or volunteer director Susan McQuaid at ext. 205.

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Experiential show seeks entries, will focus on women in society

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REGION - Harriet Tubman once said, "I freed 1,000 slaves. I could have freed 1,000 more if only they knew they were slaves."

This fall, a very special art show will open that focuses on the past, the plight, the power, the pursuit, possibilities, performances and passions of women in our society. Why talk about it in June? Because artists are being sought now.

A call to all media and performing artists

The Jordan River Arts Council (JRAC) will host the multi-media juried show of visual and performance art (painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, fiber, ceramics, music, poetry, narrative and drama) Oct. 6-Nov. 6. The show is being sponsored by the JRAC of East Jordan. Artists working in all media (visual and performance art) are invited to address the theme of women in the United States and the world.

"We hope to attract submissions from artists in and out of the region and from a diverse group of artists representing various interests, ages and cultural heritages," said show curator Yasmin Richmond. "Artists are invited to address the theme of women in our society whether that is accomplishments, the past and current roles of women, society's views of women, or current challenges."

Richmond and her organizational committee of men and women believe the timing of this show is appropriate and necessary.

"Major changes in the role of women within societies across the world con-

tinue to improve the status and importance of women but also present continued challenges to long-held beliefs," she explained. "We want this show to highlight and address these sociological changes."

Co-curator Ruth Hoppe agreed.

"I think the show is timely in that we have lots to celebrate, in terms of the successes and accomplishments of individual women and groups of women," Hoppe said. "At the same time, there is still much progress that needs to be made. There are many issues, and they differ according to the culture you are talking about. Some are difficult and some are subtle, but all impact women by narrowing their aspirations and rendering many voiceless."

Hoppe continued with a focus on the next generation.

"Adolescents of both genders are in the process of formulating their personal notions about the role of women," she said. "To the extent that girls can be helped to recognize and celebrate the wealth of contributions made by women, they can be helped to adopt a more positive and expanded sense of their own worth. Similarly, young boys can better appreciate and value the contributions of women in their lives."

The multi-dimensional and multi-disciplined show is meant to inspire powerful and maybe even edgy statements in art. "For people to think of this in terms of the typical art show would be a mistake," stated committee member Susan Kessler. "We see this as an opportunity to compose a rich diorama, alive with creative expression in both the performing and visual arts."

Richmond added,

"Although the show will celebrate the progress made by women in the world, we hope artists will not hesitate to show social issues that still need to be addressed with art that is original, that is, art not shown at JRAC before, as well as art that hasn't been displayed recently at other area shows."

Artist and committee member Glen McCune invited artists to "bring a piece of art that you just couldn't stop yourself from not doing ... double negatives and all."

The show's committee believes in the abilities of area artists to come up with works that will surprise, stun and inspire its visitors with artistic submissions that artists of other JRAC shows have come to

expect. Shows at this venue have consistently exhibited creativity, artistry and craftsmanship. The planners trust that artists from all over the Midwest will take up this new challenge in expressive exhibitionism.

"My wish is to contribute my energy into an artistic endeavor within my community," commented Richmond. "But not alone, I am rewarded by our group and its process, the generation of creative ideas and working with like-minded people. It is both fun and always an adventure."

Richmond received a bachelor's degree in Bombay India, and completed her M.A. studies in English literature and advanced graduate training in cultural anthropology at MSU. She received training in theatre both in India and at MSU, having acted in many roles and has directed a number of plays. For the last 10 years, she has extended her skills into pottery

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REGION BRIEFS

Central UMC to celebrate centennial anniversary

TRAVERSE CITY - Central United Methodist Church in downtown Traverse City will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its building on Sunday June 23. In recognition of this historic milestone, Central will host a Neighborhood Block Party on Friday, June 21 from 5:30-8 p.m. at 222 Cass St.

The celebration will include a performance from the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums, free food, games and activities for the whole family. A variety of vendors with handmade items and baked goods will be offered for sale at a church bazaar and ministry fair. Volunteers will be on hand to offer guided historic building tours and a dedication ceremony will take place at 6:15 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. All neighborhood residents and businesses are invited to attend.

For more information, please visit www.tccentralumc.org or contact event coordinator Kim Burch at 231-946-5191 or kim@tccentralumc.org.

Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair Sunday

TRAVERSE CITY - Arts and Crafts will fill the street when Downtown Traverse City hosts its annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair on Sunday, June 23.

Located along Union Street between Sixth and Eighth streets, the annual juried fair will feature about 90 Midwest and national artists and craftsmen. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The event is the first summer art fair hosted by the Downtown Traverse City Association. The others include the National Cherry Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on June 30, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. along Union Street and the Downtown Art Fair on Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Cass Street. All are open to the public free of charge.

The Downtown Art Fair Series is sponsored by McMillen's Custom Framing, WCCW and ZNS. For more information, call the DTCA office at 231-822-2050 or visit www.downtowntc.com.

