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Demotte award-winning artist drawn to portraits, still lifes



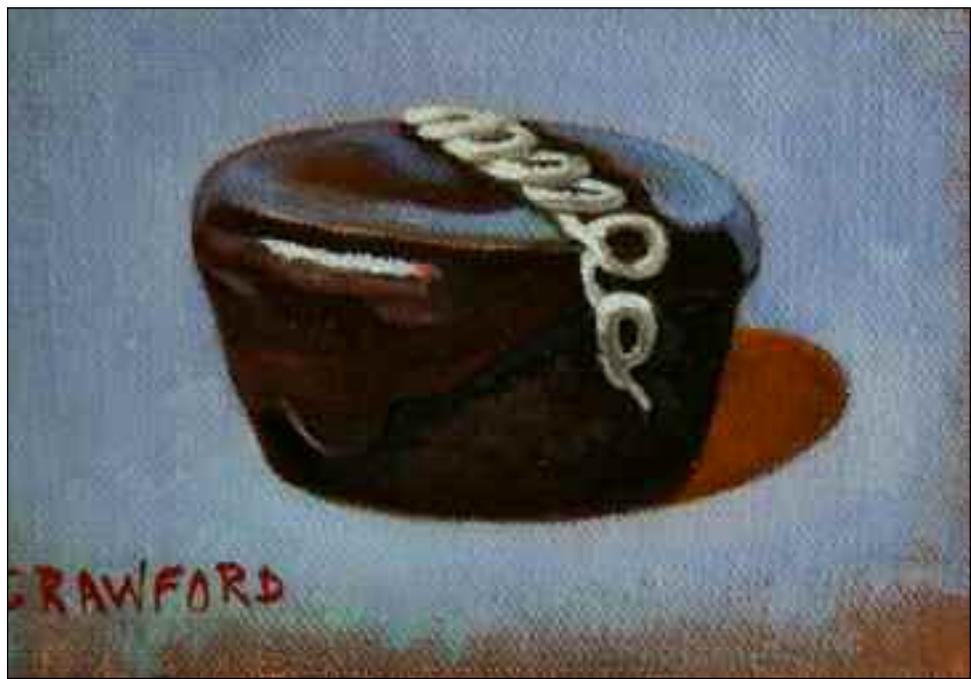
deal of interest from patrons.

Crawford has maintained a private studio in DeMotte for many years, and executes works in a variety of media — oil, pastel, charcoal, and pencil. Her portrait work includes commissioned pieces that hang in many colleges and government institutions, including Purdue University and Ivy Tech State College, and several courthouses in Indiana. She also has numerous works in corporate offices of businesses throughout the country.

Crawford has been included in the prestigious annual Hoosier Salon Exhibit in Indianapolis for many years, where she has won awards for her talent and expertise. She has hosted eight one-woman shows in the past 10 years, highlighting both portrait work and still lifes.

In 2009, Crawford has been included in the 85th annual Hoosier Salon (art exhibition), in Indianapolis as well as the important Interpretation of the Figure Exhibit, staged at the University of Indianapolis.

She was included in 2009's 66th Salon Show of South



Photos provided to the Star

Judy Crawford, a multi-faceted artist who works in a variety of mediums, is a Demotte artist who has won several awards for her portraiture and still life paintings, some of which are shown here and on page 3. Crawford has been part of the annual Hoosier Salon Exhibit for many years and has won numerous awards for her work. At far left is her portrait of an ancient tomb guard contrasts with her still lifes ranging from fruits and vegetables to a Hostess cupcake, pictured above.

her portraits were included in that exhibition.

In 2006, Crawford had two portraits included in the Fort Wayne Biennial show. Also in 2006, she was invited to create a special piece included in the important show: Steel, at the Brauer Art Museum of Valparaiso University to mark the centennial of the steel industry of Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

In 2006 Judy Crawford's portrait of a well-known female

This year the Steeple Gallery hosted the Hoosier Salon during the months of September and October. One of the artists at the gallery selected for the exhibition was Demotte artist Judy Crawford. Her works stirred many positive remarks as well as a great



Shore Arts, in Munster.

Crawford's work is currently on exhibit in the Fusion of the Arts show, an ongoing project, incorporating all facets of the arts being created in Northwest Indiana.

Recently she had art in the Works on Paper Exhibit, at the Lubeznik Center in Michigan City. She also had a large scale work of art in the National Women's Exhibit in Woodstock, Illinois, as well as several large pieces included in the 2008 Evansville Mid-States Exhibition.

In addition, two of



advocate for women's progress in the job market and for increased awareness of educational opportunities for the women of Indiana was chosen as the official image to promote the Northwest Indiana Region Women's Initiative Project.

The artist was included in the national exhibit of the Columbian Park Zoo in Lafayette, in 2004, 2005, and 2006. One of her large works was purchased by the zoo as the first acquisition for their permanent collection, and hangs in the corporate offices at the zoo.

The artist was included in the 2005 Lafayette Biennial: Indiana Now, where her portrait was judged as "Best in Show."

In 2004 Crawford exhibited work in a Centennial Exhibition to celebrate the first 100 years of existence of the Indiana High School Athletics Association. Her entry, a portrait of a high school student, an African-American female swimmer (at left) was purchased by the IHSAA, and hangs in the commissioner's office in Indianapolis.

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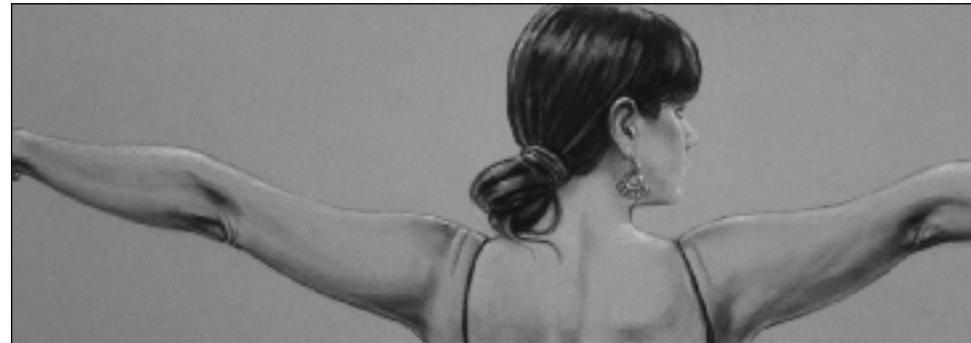
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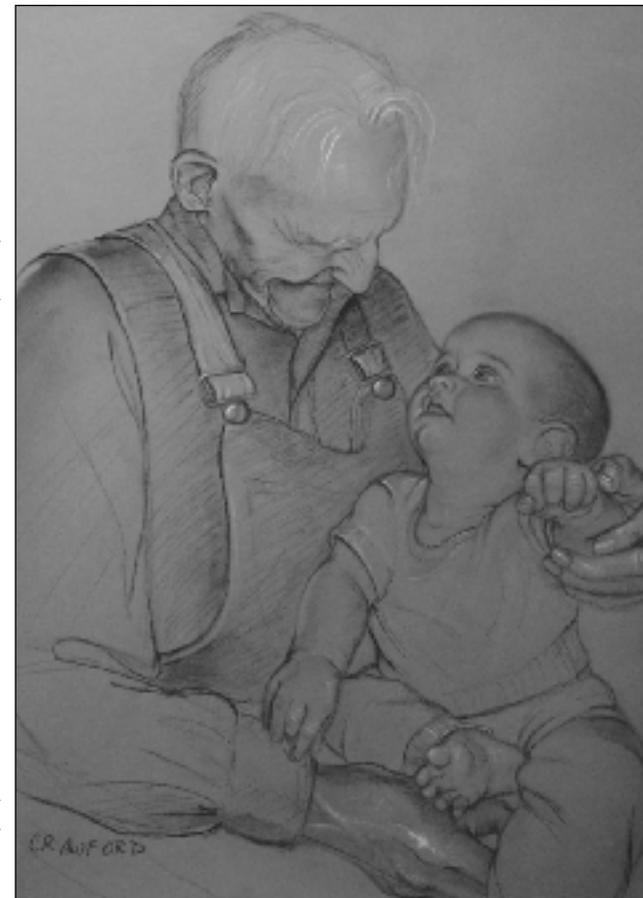


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The vast majority of Crawford's work is executed for privately commissioned portraits and still-lives. Her work hangs in homes and businesses throughout the country. In her countless portraits and still lifes, Crawford consistently surpasses the already high expectations of each and every client. Her work captures a true and dignified depiction of the subject, while also capturing the essence, life, and attitude of the subject. The artist realizes it is only in the combination of a true portrayal of a subject's physical attributes, joined by a presentation of the spirit and energy of that subject, that an honest and appealing portrait is rendered. Crawford is known for "breathing life" into her works. She realizes her portraits become histories of educational institutions, governmental spaces, corporations, and families. The works grow in importance across generations because they capture the look and personality of the subject, and also the social spirit, mores, and character of the particular time and place of that subject. To view works in

person please visit her Web site www.judycrawfordart.com, or visit select works at the The Steeple Gallery, Ltd. 11107 Thiel St. in St. John.



How health reform act affects Hoosiers

BY KITTY CONLEY
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WASHINGTON D.C. — All of the following press release from the White House Media Affairs Office depends on what, if anything, the congress passes and gets signed. Many people in Indiana are not holding their breath.

Now that the U.S. Senate has voted to allow debate on the floor on this bill many changes can and probably will be made before a document can be voted upon by both houses.

The talk around town, by a number of people who choose not to be identified, is that this Health Reform Bill will fine people if they do not purchase health insurance. According to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that is not true.

People with out health insurance will not be fined – but, if passed, there will be tax credits to help pay the premiums for both individuals and for small businesses.

The following material is a press release from

the White House Media Affairs Office.

Secretary Sebelius Releases New Report: Health Insurance Reform and Indiana – The Case for Change

On November 23, Sebelius announced the release of a new report highlighting the benefits of health insurance reform for Indiana. Health Insurance Reform and Indiana: The Case for Change is available now at www.healthreform.gov.

"Families, seniors and businesses are all suffering under the health care status quo," said Sebelius. "Our new reports demonstrate how health insurance reform will improve health care for all Americans."

The report she is referring to is based on the proposed bill and provides specific details on the benefits of reform for Indiana. Under health insurance reform in Indiana, according to the Sebelius, 820,000 residents who do not currently have insurance and 279,000 residents who have non-group insurance could get affordable coverage through the health insurance exchange.

In addition 508,000 Indiana residents could qualify for premium tax credits to help them purchase health coverage.

In this bill 958,000 Indiana seniors would receive free preventive services and 170,000 seniors would have their brand-name drug costs in the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" halved.

Small Businesses are not left out. According to Sebelius 76,800 Indiana small businesses could be helped by a small business tax credit to make employee premiums more affordable.

Her report also notes that if we do nothing, by 2019 the number of uninsured people will grow by more than 30 percent in 29 states and by at least 10 percent in every state. Without reform, the amount of uncompensated care provided will more than double in 45 states. Additionally, businesses in 27 states will see their premiums more than double and fewer people will have coverage through an employer if the status quo continues.

To read the long complete report and learn more about the proposed health insurance reform act visit www.HealthReform.gov.