

Art Adventure I Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski



Two fine art events showcase varied, local talent

Tri-Kappa Sorority of Lowell, known for support of Culture, Education and the Arts, hosted the Second Annual "Evening of the Arts" on March 18 at Lowell High School.

This cultural experience is ideal for the whole family Art work from the Tri-Creek elementary schools was displayed as well as demonstrations by the Tri-Creek art teachers.

The beautiful art pieces showcased at the high school were featured, and guides were available with information on the specific art work.

Along the way as the works of art were



80/94 and Kennedy Ave. in Hammond, Indiana.

The exhibit is open daily at the W.F. Wellman Exhibit Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with free admission. For more information call (219) 989-7979 or visit www.southshorecva.com. The exhibit will run through May 1.

The Society provided the following information:

"The Midwest Collage Society, (MCS), founded in 2003, promotes collage as a fine art by providing exhibit opportunities and professional development activities to the members. The Midwest Collage society has more than 50 members from Illinois, Indiana and



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Above, at left, "Toad Rage by Patricia E. Pope, priced at \$125. Above, artist Nancy Staszak's Towers, priced at \$150. Below, Steeple Gallery artist, St. John resident, and vice-president of the Midwest Collage Society, Anne Hupke with her collage at the Lake County Tourism Bureau. Below left, Mary Yezec's "Batik City," priced at \$500.

Midwest Collage Societys greatest assets, and has contributed to our growth.

The work of the MCS members reflects a



enjoyed, music was provided by Lowell High School choirs and bands, Lowell Middle School (Boys and Girls Choir) as well as a violinist and dancer.

The "Treble Makers" elementary choral group (pictured above) funded by Tri-Creek Education Foundation made their debut performance.

In addition, donated pieces of art work were raffled as well as other artistic displays from local artists.

This was a cultural family event that offered something for everyone. Last year this one night event was attended by 1,000 people. The event provided an opportunity for all ages to enjoy the arts on the local scene.

The Midwest Collage Society Exhibit is another art event for the entire family. The show is at the Indiana Welcome Center located at I-



Wisconsin, the majority hailing from Illinois and the Chicago area.

All members are professional artists who exhibit regularly in urban and suburban galleries. Many exhibit in other states, and a few exhibit internationally. The backgrounds of our members are varied, and range from those with graduate training in the fine arts to the self-taught. Many work in fields outside of the art-related professions. The diverse experience of our members is one of the

wide range of materials. Our artists typically add paper elements to water-based media, and use canvas, paper, wood, masonite, fabric, and recycled objects at platforms. Members apply various collage techniques to incorporate image and text transfers, handmade papers, vintage text, photographs, maps, found objects, beads, fibers and metals.

Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski encourages comments or story tips. Please forward emails to samowner@sbcglobal.net or visit the gallery at 11107 Thiel St. in St. John.



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