



**IMAGE**  
Art Show

**2023**



East Central Regional Arts Council  
540 Weber Ave, Suite 109  
Hinckley, Minnesota

# IMAGE 2023

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual East Central Minnesota Regional Art Exhibition

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[www.ecrac.org](http://www.ecrac.org)

## **Judge - Susanna Gaunt**

Working with a variety of mediums such as drawing, photography and printmaking, Susanna Gaunt analyzes the human condition through a philosophical and scientific lens. Inspired by historic European curiosity cabinets, natural history museums and personal specimen collections, she tangles human anatomy with animal taxonomy, creating works that encourage curiosity and reflection.

A recent graduate from the University of Minnesota Duluth, Susanna received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, Drawing and Printmaking. She also holds a BA degree in Philosophy from Boston College. Susanna has exhibited her work in galleries and museums throughout the country. Regionally, this includes the Duluth Art Institute, Tweed Art Museum and Prøve Gallery in Duluth, as well as Minnesota Center for the Book Arts in Minneapolis, MacRostie Art Center in Grand Rapids, MN and the Kruk Gallery at UWS in Superior, Wisconsin. Her work has been published in literary journals and trade publications, such as De Correspondent, Permafrost and View Camera Magazine. Susanna Gaunt lives and works in Duluth, MN.

SusannaGaunt.com

## **Judge - Jonathan Thunder**

Thunder infuses his personal lens with real-time world experiences using a wide range of mediums. He is known for his surreal paintings, digitally animated films and installations in which he addresses subject matter of personal experience and sociopolitical commentary. Jonathan is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe, and makes his home and studio in Duluth, MN.

He has attended the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, NM and studied Visual Effects and Motion Graphics in Minneapolis, MN at the Art Institute International. His work has been featured in many states, regional, and national exhibitions, as well as in local and international publications. Thunder is the recipient of a 2020-21 Pollock – Krasner Foundation Award for his risk taking in painting. Since his first solo exhibit in 2004, he has won several awards for his short films in national and international competitions. His painting and digital work is in the permanent collections of multiple Museums and Universities. In 2022, Thunder has been awarded a McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship.

[thunderfineart.com](http://thunderfineart.com)

## IMAGE 2023 Awards

The IMAGE Art Show does not use set categories for entering artwork or for distributing awards, they are chosen from overall. Instead, artists have described the artwork medium used in their own words.

2 Judge's Choice - \$600 each

10 Excellence Awards - \$300 each

10 Merit Awards - \$200 each

People's Choice - \$300

**3Aton**, Pine

*Chaotic Dreams*

Mixed media

\$200

**John Akkerman**, Kanabec

*Rustic*

acrylic

\$100

**Kathleen Anderson**, Isanti

*Nevaeh*

pastel

NFS

**AryrejinEl**, Mille Lacs

[aryrejinel.com](http://aryrejinel.com)

*Trafficked*

mixed

\$500

**Lisa Barden**, Kanabec

*Mindfallness*

ink  
NFS

**Elias Beamish**, Kanabec

[eliasbeamish.com](http://eliasbeamish.com)

*Ghost Fire*

lithograph print  
\$600

**Jeff Benny**, Isanti

*Seeds*

digital photography  
\$95

**Carole Bersin**, Pine

[carolebersinart.com](http://carolebersinart.com)

*Lucky 7*

oil, acrylic and colored pencil on panel  
\$850



**Lucas Biloff**, Pine

*Mountain Fireworks*

colored pens

\$250

**Patricia Black**, Pine

*Gaia sings*

textile

NFS

**Jeff Bracken**, Kanabec

*Sweet Smell of Hay*

oils

\$250

**Amanda Brewer**, Pine

[abartanddesign.com](http://abartanddesign.com)

*Her Highness*

acrylic on canvas

\$500

**Holle Brian**, Chisago

*Harvest*  
colored pencil  
\$350

**Marie Brown**, Pine  
thepotterskeep.com

*Moon Vase*  
ceramics  
\$180

**Donna Budzynski**, Pine  
highlandwoodsstudio.com

*City Life*  
mixed media/acrylic  
\$475

**Jake Callahan**, Mille Lacs  
jcallahanphotography.smugmug.com

*Mille Lacs Ice from 300 Feet*  
photography  
\$400

**Rachel Coyne**, Chisago

*The Sisters*

acrylic on canvas

\$800

**MaryAnn Carlson**, Chisago  
garyandmaryanncarlson.weebly.com

*Toots and the Gang*

mixed media assemblage sculpture

\$750

**Gary Carlson**, Chisago  
garyandmaryanncarlson.weebly.com

*Paradise Lost*

mixed media assemblage sculpture

\$8500

**Mary "Karlie" Carlson**, Mille Lacs

*Abandoned Minnesota - Frank Schott*

*Barn*

photography

\$75

**Jerry Carlson**, Chisago

*Eagle Jar*

clay  
\$700

**Chad Carlson**, Isanti

*Untitled*

painting  
\$150

**S. A. Chouinard**, Isanti

*Rahab, the prostitute & the spies*

assemblage  
\$500

**MaryAnn Cleary**, Isanti

[maryanncleary.com](http://maryanncleary.com)

*“Dancing Prairie Grasses”*

oil  
\$1800

**Melinda Cloose**, Kanabec

*Forest Floor*

acrylic gel print on calligraphy paper

NFS

**Heidi Corbin**, Isanti

*For The Love Of Trees*

acrylic

\$125

**Christine Cornelius**, Pine

*Blue Jay - This is My Good Side*

digital photography

NFS

**Jean Crocker**, Isanti

*Print of Summer*

acrylic

\$860

**Julie Dahlberg**, Chisago

*Giraffes*

charcoal

\$100

**Bruce Dahlberg**, Chisago

*Rabbits and Revolvers*

acrylic on canvas

\$200

**Karla Dahms**, Kanabec

*Super Tots - Best Beginning EVER!!*

fiber

\$350

**Christopher Davis**, Pine

*Existential*

marker, pen

NFS

**Connie DeFlorin**, Chisago

*untitled*

NFS

**Janis Dehler**, Isanti  
janisdehler.com

*One World: Dancing Under One Sun*  
mixed media  
\$380

**Robert Desjarlait**, Mille Lacs  
robertdesjarlaitfinearts.com

*Ziibaaska'iganagooday Bwaajigan*  
*(Dream Vision of the Jingle Dress)*  
watercolor (opaque)  
NFS

**Carol Dickinson-Connors**, Mille Lacs

*Gentle Heart*  
oil  
NFS

**Red Doherty**, Pine

*And mine is steel.*

metal sculpture

\$1700

**Julie Domogalla**, Pine

*Stories*

photography

\$225

**Kerry Donner-Homstad**, Kanabec

*Hex sign*

acrylic paints

\$100

**Rhonda Felland**, Kanabec

*Barn Quilt #3*

mixed

NFS



**Sue Flanders**, Kanabec

*Leaf Skeletons*

ceramic

\$100

**Kathryn Flom**, Pine

*Down On The Farm*

mosaic

NFS

**Susan Foss**, Kanabec  
[minnesotagoosegarden.com](http://minnesotagoosegarden.com)

*The Bind That Ties*

mixed media

\$600

**Mike Gainor**, Pine  
[fineartamerica.com/profiles/mike-gainor](http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/mike-gainor)

*Picking Cherries At Midnight*

digital mischief

\$100

**Peter Genheimer**, Chisago  
petergenheimer.com

*Kost Dam Freeze*  
photograph  
\$750

**Anita Gislason**, Kanabec

*Untitled*  
burning on gourds  
NFS

**Mary Goneau**, Isanti

*Landscape*  
oil  
NFS

**Dell Gross**, Pine  
grossproductions.com

*Serenity*  
photography  
\$750

**Kylie Guimont**, Kanabec  
kraecreates.com

*Sol Rise*  
reclaimed wood  
NFS

**Clarice Gustafson**, Mille Lacs

*Barn Owl*  
shelf mushroom, chalk, natural dye  
NFS

**Sherri Gutkaes**, Isanti

*Owls keys of Wisdom*  
hand woven natural and hand dyed pine needle  
basket with original resin sealed mixed media  
center and incorporated glass beads  
NFS

**Naomi Natnunyen**, Pine  
serenitysurfsessions.com

*Atlas Sun*  
acrylic, collage  
NFS

**Claudia Hanson**, Chisago  
claudiahanson.art

*Spring Vignette*  
acrylic  
\$700

**Conrad Hanson**, Mille Lacs

*Hidden innocents*  
watercolor  
NFS

**Dale Hawkins**, Kanabec

*Just Waiting For Mom!*  
photography  
\$300

**Joan Hebeisen**, Kanabec

*Dot to Dot*  
mixed  
\$72,039

**Cathie Hendren**, Chisago

*A Summer Scene*

glass mosaic

NFS

**Terri Hendricks**, Isanti

*Willow Weeps for Her Empty Nest.*

mixed medium sculpture

NFS

**Amy Hess**, Chisago

*Ocean Vibes*

acrylic and decoupage

NFS

**Carol Holmblad**, Isanti

*Sonic Coneflowers*

oil

\$350

**Charity Hopkins**, Mille Lacs  
timatil.etsy.com

*Place*

mixed, fabric, thread, yarn, cloth  
\$100

**Jodi Hovden**, Pine

*The Heart Speaks*

mixed media  
NFS

**Terri Huro**, Kanabec  
terrihuroart.com

*I*

pencil and acrylic on wood  
\$800

**Novalee Idontno**, Isanti  
novaleeskulls.com

*Chronic Illness*

acrylic, glass  
\$285

**Dennis Jenereaux**, Isanti

*Rooftop Inverted*

digital photograph

\$300

**Amy Jensen**, Isanti

amyjensen.net

*"I Am Not Made of Sugar"*

charcoal on paper

NFS

**Barbara Johnson**, Isanti

*"WINDOW"*

digital photo

\$150

**B. T. Johnson**, Isanti

*"Mole Boy Remembers His War"*

*Oh Mole Boy with your dark mind of root and worm,  
hand and foot, hand and foot, ---- grave digger. Bring me  
the blind man's tongue that I may hear black pearls of  
wisdom.*

sculpture - stone

\$900

**Don Kaddatz**, Kanabec

*A "Monet" Prairie*

icm photography with lens motion digital image

\$150

**Mary Anne Kinane**, Pine  
makinaneart.net

*Northern Safari Fun*

watermedia

\$225

**Roger Knudson**, Pine

*Bow Tie Chair*

basswood, ash, birch - sculpture

\$2500

**Josette Koets**, Pine

*St. Michael's Mount Walkway*

photography

\$175



**Dee Kotaska**, Kanabec

*Gift from the Sea*  
digitally manipulated photography  
\$400

**Ryan Kroschel**, Kanabec

*Shadow Loppet*  
photography  
\$300

**Matthew Krousey**, Chisago  
mkrouseyceramics.com

*Sandhill Crane Jar*  
salt-fired stoneware, slips, glaze  
\$300

**Allison Kubesh**, Pine

*Countyside Sights*  
acrylic on canvas  
NFS

**Jehn Kuehn**, Kanabec

*"The Dance"*  
digital photography  
NFS

**Caroline Lampert**, Isanti

*Walking*  
watercolor  
NFS

**Lois M. Lapp**, Pine

*Zen Birds*  
ink, pencil, acrylic  
\$500

**Jim Larson**, Mille Lacs

*The Empire Has No Clothes*  
graphite on paper  
\$1000

**Jeri Lyn Larson**, Kanabec

*Ameraucana Gothic*

acrylic

NFS

**Sharma Luedke**, Mille Lacs

artbysharma.com

*Dichotomy*

acrylic

\$1800

**Kelli Maag**, Kanabec

kmUltra.com

*in the forest*

printmaking

\$250

**Anastasia Manley**, Kanabec

*Watkins Glen*

acrylic paint

NFS

**Mike Menasco**, Chisago  
facebook.com/nativesandpaleobymenasco

*"The Whole World Screamed  
'Remember This!'...  
Then the Devil Cried"*

colored pencil

\$1900

**Mac Merkwan**, Kanabec

*Coyote Skull*  
toned paper and pen

\$25

**Desmond Merkwan**, Kanabec

*Paths Forgotten*  
photograph  
NFS

**Katharine Miller**, Pine

*Snack time*  
mixed  
\$110

**Roger Nieboer**, Kanabec

*World View #62-63*

assemblage

\$1300

**Bobby Olson**, Pine

*Cattle Crossing*

oil paint

\$350

**Gayla Olson**, Kanabec

*Sly*

watercolor

NFS

**Dennis Olson**, Kanabec

*South Range Sunset*

photography

\$200

**Barbara Orstad**, Kanabec

*Ukrainian Love*

sterling silver, copper, enameling & beads

\$150

**Larry Ostrom**, Isanti

*Vessel*

stoneware clay

\$300

**Natalie Patera**, Pine

*Carved pot*

stoneware clay

\$2000

**Sherry Pearce**, Isanti

*Days of Creation*

beadwork

NFS

**Kristina Petersen**, Isanti

*Black Talon*

digital drawing using clip studio paint pro software

\$125

**Beverly Peterson**, Kanabec

*The North Shore*

acrylic

NFS

**Brianna Polipnick**, Chisago

*Vivid Alleyway*

acrylic

NFS

**Barb Poundstone**, Isanti

*Field of Wildflowers*

woven tapestry

NFS

**Cyrus Raivo**, Kanabec

*King Cobra*

metal - stainless steel

\$3500

**Keith Raivo**, Kanabec

*Spider's Lair*

stainless steel

\$3000

**Valerie Raivo**, Kanabec

*just...beyond the grasp*

mixed media ~ assemblage

\$300

**T J Rajala**, Isanti

[tjrajalafineart.com](http://tjrajalafineart.com)

*Opulent Camping*

colored pencil

NFS



**Sue Redfield**, Isanti  
redfieldriverpottery.com

*Canister*  
wood fired porcelain  
\$145

**Barbara Robinson**, Chisago  
facebook.com/asoulfulpainter

*Magic Mountain*  
oil  
\$2300

**Lauri Rockne**, Kanabec

*Smile*  
watercolor  
\$250

**Nic Sabatke**, Pine  
nicsabatke.com

*Small Bowl*  
pottery  
\$35

**Katherine Salverda**, Chisago

*"Of Space & Time"*

acrylic collage / mixed media on board

\$720

**Shawnda Schelinder**, Pine

*Sunflower*

fused glass

\$177

**Dottie Schmidt**, Isanti

*Scabiosa*

watercolor

\$150

**Anna Schmidt**, Mille Lacs

*Willow*

mixed

\$50

**Don Semelhack**, Kanabec

*Calm*

Shou Sugi Ban

\$220

**Adnan Shati**, Pine

[idrawacrowd.com](http://idrawacrowd.com)

*Walk in Robinson Park*

acrylic on canvas

\$650

**Justin Shea**, Kanabec

*Two Faced Mountain*

oil

\$795

**Emily Sheridan**, Kanabec

[emilydoespainting.com](http://emilydoespainting.com)

*Sisterhood*

oil paint

\$515

**Dee Ann Sibley**, Isanti  
dsibleystudios.com

*Untitled # 4*  
photography  
\$600

**Rosalie Spahr**, Pine  
spahrmercantile@gmail.com

*Gitchigumi's Gifts*  
textile  
\$125

**David Spohn**, Chisago  
quarryroadpress.com

*Summer Solstice*  
intaglio  
\$175

**Jerusha Steinert**, Chisago  
bluehorsetheatre.com/

*Mille Lacs*  
acrylic, pastel and gold leaf on canvas  
\$4000

**Cynthia Stellmach**, Mille Lacs

*Afternoon Visitor*

acrylic

\$400

**Bruce Thompson**, Kanabec

*YRB 3*

acrylic on hardboard

\$750

**Connie Thorp**, Isanti

*Perfect landing*

photography

\$300

**Andrea Torma**, Pine

*Untitled*

Cell Phone Photography

**Martha Towner**, Mille Lacs

*Storms may blow*  
acrylic on stretched canvas  
\$600

**Deborah Trent**, Pine

*Red Fox of School Street*  
watercolor  
NFS

**Becky Utecht**, Kanabec  
rjutecht.com

*Round and Round and Round We Go*  
handmade felt  
\$400

**Tawni VanVleet**, Kanabec

*Shaggy Mane*  
photo  
NFS

**Richard Vincent**, Chisago  
richardvincentpottery.com

*Two Leaf Vase*  
porcelain  
NFS

**Katie Wagner**, Pine

*Don't Leave Me*  
charcoal  
\$200

**Kristin Webster**, Pine  
kristinwebster.com

*She Scatters Sunshine*  
acrylic paint on stretched canvas  
\$3500

**Joyce Wilking**, Chisago

*Great Gray Owl Taking Flight*  
acrylic paint on canvas board  
\$765

**Jade Wilson**, Chisago

*Bloom*

yarn, fabric, beads, wood  
NFS

**Judy Wolf**, Pine

*Stairs of wonder*

photography  
\$200

**Linda Woulfe**, Pine

*Pretty in Pink*

photography  
\$65



Notes:

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