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ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES OPENING OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL XLIII EXHIBITION WITH A SPECIAL HISTORY EXHIBITION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2016 brings to the Anton Art Center *Michigan Annual XLIII*, our 43rd annual statewide juried competition of varying media by Michigan artists. With \$2,000 in prizes for artists, the *Michigan Annual* is one of the Anton Art Center's most well-received shows. This year, 86 artists submitted 163 works of art for consideration and Juror Gail DeMeyere accepted 48 of the submitted works, representing 45 artists. *Michigan Annual XLIII* opens on January 29 and will remain on display until February 26, 2016. A free public reception will be hosted by Delta Kappa Gamma Omega Chapter on January 29th, 2016 from 5-7pm at the Anton Art Center.

About our *Michigan Annual* juror: Originally from the Metro Detroit area, Gail DeMeyere received her BFA from the University of Michigan in Fine Art Photography and her Masters degree in Textile Design, Management, and Marketing from North Carolina State University. Until recently, she worked as the Visual Arts Director and Curator at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, Michigan. She has just begun working as the newly appointed Executive Director at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts.

In the Boll History Gallery, The Detroit Historical Society presents *The Detroit Historical Society, Telling Detroit's Stories and Why They Matter*. The Detroit Historical Society (DHS) strives to be an integral part of Detroit's present and future by providing meaningful experiences that preserve and share its past. This exhibition shares some of Detroit's most beloved stories as well as information about what the DHS is and does. This exhibition will be on display January 29, 2016 through February 26, 2016. More information on the Detroit Historical Society is available on their website: <http://detroithistorical.org/>

On display in the Anton Art Center's Community Gallery is *Primary Colors*— a group show with a theme based in red, yellow, and blue, and open to members in good standing of the Mount Clemens Art Association, Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores, and Warren Tri-County Fine Arts, Inc. *Primary Colors* opened January 16 and will remain on display until February 26, 2016.

For more information about the Anton Art Center, visit www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization located in Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 5pm; admission is free and open to the public.

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Sample images of accepted artwork



Thick Skin, Shanny Brooke
Mixed media



Trash Day, Tommy Wilson
Oil on canvas



Galactic Mechanisms VII, Jan Filarski
Acrylic



The Burning II, Sharon Will
Oil paint