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Michigan Tech to Present Regional Art Exhibition

Mary Ann Beckwith, professor of art at Michigan Tech, has announced the return of a regional juried art exhibition open to artists in all media, to be held from April 28-May 4, 2008, in Michigan Tech's McArdle Theatre. Entries for the new "Great Lakes Art Showcase" are due by March 10, according to the Prospectus issued this week by MTU's Visual and Performing Arts Department. The Prospectus is available by mail, at the Copper Country Community Arts Center in Hancock, Copper Country Associated Artists, and other area galleries, and on the web at www.fa.mtu.edu.

Juror for the 2008 exhibition will be Katie Crotteau, executive director of the Center for the Visual Arts in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Visual and Performing Arts plans to continue the new Great Lakes Showcase on an annual basis. "This is an inclusive show which will feature many regional artists," Beckwith says. "Our model is the Copper Country Gallery Exhibition, which was such a popular community event for twenty-five years." The Gallery Exhibition drew artists and visitors from throughout the Keweenaw, the U.P., and surrounding states from 1976-2000.

The 2008 exhibit will feature more than a dozen awards of merit determined by the juror, including "Best of Show" awards of \$500 for both two- and three-dimensional work,

a “People’s Choice” award, voted by visitors to the exhibit, plus purchase awards by individual and corporate sponsors.

More information, including the Artists’ Prospectus and information on sponsoring a purchase award, is available from Mary Ann Beckwith (mabeckwi@mtu.edu) and the Visual and Performing Arts office (906/487-2067).

The Great Lakes Showcase will open with a reception for the public, artists, and sponsors on Monday, April 28, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. Guided tours for school groups and individuals will be available by arrangement.

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