Hello Artist!

Congratulations on your State Award!

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Wisconsin Regional Art Program Annual State Art Exhibition and the Conference on SATURDAY, September 26th, 2015. As you know, your wonderful artwork was selected for display in the State WRAP Exhibition in Madison at the Pyle Center by the judges at one of the Wisconsin Regional Art Workshops this past year.

Your art will be part of an exhibition of outstanding pieces by Wisconsin artists who participated in the Wisconsin Regional Art Program. Key dates are (more info below):

- **July 15th**, Artwork Info and Release Form due by mail or email
- **August 5th**, Art drop off in Wausau at the Center for Visual Art (CVA), or
- **August 7th and 8th** Art drop off at the Pyle Center in Madison
- Exhibition dates: **August 14th to September 26th**, closing at noon
- **September 1st**, Evening with the Arts and Conference Registration form due
- **Friday, September 25th**, WRAA Evening With the Arts (EWA) Reception, 6-9 PM
- **Saturday, September 26th**, Annual State Day Art Conference, Awards Ceremony, and luncheon, at the Pyle Center in Madison.

**AWARD WINNING ARTWORK**

Congratulations again! If you have won more than one State Award in a WRAP exhibition you will have to choose one piece to show in the State WRAP Exhibition. Please plan to attach one copy of the Artwork Label to your art before you drop it off, and mail or email the other enclosed Artwork Label and Release forms by July 15th, 2015. (Word versions of the exhibition forms are available here: [http://tinyurl.com/p4dzaua](http://tinyurl.com/p4dzaua))

**ARTISTS RECEPTION**

Again this year there will be a special Evening With the Arts reception for the artists and their guests at the Pyle Center on Saturday, September 25th, 6-9 pm. Registration for you and each guest is $10 apiece (see enclosed registration form). Questions? Call Gail McCoy, 608/837-4225 or see [http://www.wraawrap.com](http://www.wraawrap.com)

**WRAA COLOR CATALOG**

Each work in the exhibit will be photographed for a color catalog. One free catalog will be given to each WRAA member. Copies can also be purchased from WRAA at the conference.

**UW-MADISON SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL EXHIBITION**

Annually the UW-Madison College of Agriculture, the College mounts a yearlong exhibition curated from the State WRAP Exhibition participants. Please indicate on the WRAP Artwork and Release Form if you give the curators permission to consider your art for the exhibition for one year from September 26, 2015- September 28, 2016. You will be notified in advance of State Day if your work is selected for this UW-Madison exhibition.
THE ANNUAL STATE DAY CONFERENCE
The Annual State Day Art Conference, co-sponsored by the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Regional Artists Association is on Saturday, September 26, and will be held at the Pyle Center in Madison. We hope you will join the other artists attending to receive recognition for your work. (See enclosed registration form).

There will be a gathering in the morning where we can visit with each other and have a last chance to see the art exhibition, followed by the exhibition juror, artist Liese Pfeifer, talking about what has inspired her own artwork, followed by a luncheon. You may sign up for the conference luncheon or explore what downtown Madison has to offer for lunch before the afternoon presentations.

The free afternoon awards program will include presentation of the Exhibition and WRAA Service Awards. If your artwork is selected for a conference award you will receive a letter in mid to late August letting you know.

DELIVERY OF ARTWORK
Please be sure your work is in a sturdy frame with wires and ready for hanging and that it is well protected for its trip to Madison or from Wausau. The saw tooth hangers won’t work for this exhibition. The Walker hanging system can only be used with hanging wires. Fiber works must have hanging devices (poles) delivered with them.

Deliver your artwork to:
Pyle Center in Madison, Friday, August 7th or Saturday, 8th from 10 am to 3 pm
Center for Visual Art in Wausau, Wednesday, August 5th, from 10 am to noon

If you mail, FED EX or UPS it – plan to have it arrive by Friday, August 7.
Wisconsin Regional Art Program
Pyle Center, Room 111
702 Langdon Street
Madison, WI 53706

PICKING UP YOUR WORK ON STATE DAY
ALL artwork is to be picked up at the Pyle Center, including artwork dropped off in Wausau for delivery to Madison. Your art must remain on display until noon and must be picked up before 4:00 PM at the Pyle Center on September 26th.

Each artist is responsible for delivery and pick up of your own artwork. Please arrange to personally pick up your artwork in or have someone you trust do so for you between noon and 4 pm on Saturday, September 26. (If this is going to be a problem contact me prior to September 15th to make other arrangements.) Your packaging materials will be saved for you until 4 pm in room 111. Please confirm with the person who will be picking up your artwork the week before it is to be retrieved so they remember to pick it up for you. (We have had designees forget they were supposed to pick up art for someone else.)
If it is not possible to pick up your work, be sure to contact me to make other arrangements anytime **before September 15th, 2015**. There is no storage space at the Pyle Center for us so any work remaining after September 26th will need to be removed and becomes the property of WRAP.

**WISCONSIN REGIONAL ARTISTS ASSOCIATION (WRAA)**

Many of the $5,000 in exhibition awards presented at the State Conference are exclusively for Wisconsin Regional Art Association (WRAA) members only. (WRAA solicits donations for all of the awards and works with the donors to encourage continued support for this part of the program.)

You are welcome to join WRAA now if you are not already a member. If you are unsure if you are a 2015 WRAA member you can contact WRAA Membership chair, Deb Hall at wraa.membership@yahoo.com

If you know you want to join WRAA now, see enclosed registration form, which includes registration for Evening with the Arts, State Day, and WRAA membership.

I hope the recognition that your work is receiving by being chosen for additional visibility in the State Exhibit will encourage you to continue developing and sharing your artistic talents.

Thank you for participating in the State WRAP exhibition. I also look forward to seeing you September 26th and for what I am sure will be a wonderful State Conference Weekend.

Sincerely,

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**WRAP/WRAA Social Media:**

WRAP Web address:  http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/art/wisconsin-regional-art-program/about.htm
WRAA Web address:  http://www.wraawrap.com/
Wisconsin Regional Art Blog:
Wisconsin Regional Art Facebook Page: