

Art Exhibits 2009-2010

First Universalist has a long tradition of exhibiting original work by regional artists. Art work is displayed in the gallery located in the church social hall. In some, but not all cases, items are available for purchase. Often additional items are for sale during the artists' receptions. For further information about an exhibit contact Bette DeMars at jbdemars@aol.com or 952-929-2536(H) or 612-991-3657(C).

The Dolls

Women Who Are Homeless Telling Their Own Stories Through Art... An Opportunity for a Unique Diversity Experience

On Display: September 13 - October 11

Reception: September 20

The organization *I Love a Parade* (www.iloveaparade.org) returns to First Universalist with this new exhibit, **The Dolls**. Creating the pieces for the exhibit has given the homeless artists an opportunity to express their individual identities. The organizers hope is that this exhibit will decrease the social distance between mainly middle-class viewers and homeless artists who created the dolls. Additional items will be for sale at the reception.

First Universalist Sesquicentennial Art Show

On Display: October 18 – November 2

Artists' Reception – November 1

This exhibit features twenty church artists who entered pieces based on the Sesquicentennial theme "Illuminate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Inspire the Future". The pieces include paintings, sculpture, stained glass, photos, and ceramics. Some of the art work will be for sale. There will be an opportunity to meet the artists at the reception on November 1st, which will also be the first day to purchase the Sesquicentennial DVD and commemorative book.

Water Color Paintings by Dick Graves

On Display: January 10 - February 14

Reception: January 17

Dick Graves uses his architecture training and love of travel to create bright and bold watercolors of happy places... places you'd like to be. Or maybe, places the way you'd like them to be. Whatever the case, each invites you on a journey of discovery. Examples of his work can be seen at www.richardgraveswatercolors.com.

ALSADU -- meaning “Moving Forward” in Kuwaiti dialect

On Display: February 21 - April 4

Reception -- February 28

Items in this exhibit are from ALSADU Inc, a member of the Fair Trade Federation. This Minneapolis store specializes in historic non-Western arts and crafts, including textiles, rugs, artifacts and architectural forms, jewelry, ceramics, and furniture. These items were created in oceanic, African, Asian and Middle Eastern regions. Sales help support the economic independence in developing countries. Each piece is hand-picked and has its own story. For more information visit www.alsadu.com.

The Youth Cultural Exchange Photo Project

On Display: April 18 - May 30

Reception: April 25

Thirty black and white and color images create a visual forum highlighting the possibilities of communication between young people through a cross cultural exchange and the medium of photography. In the summer of 2008, eight First Universalist youth, ages 13 -16, traveled to Leon, Nicaragua to live with host families for two weeks. This past July, their host siblings traveled to the Twin Cities to complete the exchange. Disposable cameras were used by each youth to document their experiences as both a host and a visitor.

First Universalist Youth Sesquicentennial Art Exhibit

On Display: June 6 – September 5

Artists Reception – June 13

This exhibit includes pieces created by the youth at first Universalist Church during the 2009-10 school year.