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**Summit Artspace news in this release:**

- **Contemporary art photography exhibition October 2-November 7**
- **Free Meet-the-Artists Reception Friday, October 2 5-7 pm**
- **Two workshops offered**

**Works by 10 Art Photographers Featured at Summit Artspace**

(Akron, OH) – Ten established and emerging photographers will be featured in Photo 2009 at Summit Artspace Gallery October 3 through November 7. Curated by professional photographer Andrew McAllister, the exhibition includes landscapes, abstracts and portraits done in a variety of techniques including Polaroid, black and white, hand-printed/hand-toned and large-scale digital photography.

“In selecting these particular photographers, I was looking for use of contemporary materials and contemporary art trends,” said McAllister. “Contemporary art photography speaks to a larger dialogue than snapshot or commercial work. It’s what’s seen in galleries in the world’s art capitals.”

Featured are **Akron photographers Arnie Tunstall, Daiv Whaley, Brian Babb, Tanner Young, Amy Koons, Janice Kreitz, Melissa Stallard and Andrew McAllister** plus **Laura Bidwell of Peninsula** and **John Powers of Bath**. The public is invited to a free meet-the-photographers opening reception on Friday, October 2 from 5 to 7 pm.

The public is also invited to participate in two Saturday workshops during the exhibition:  
October 10 1-3pm Handmade glass beads workshop with Inda Blatch Geib - \$25 fee  
October 17 1-3pm Painting on silk workshop with Margot Eiseman - \$10 fee  
Summit Artspace workshops are designed for adults and older teens. Beginners are welcome. Participants must register by emailing [psargent@neo.rr.com](mailto:psargent@neo.rr.com).

Summit Artspace Gallery is a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government. It is dedicated to displaying works by local talent. Located at 140 E. Market St., the gallery is in a historic, art deco building one block east of the Akron Art Museum. Gallery admission and parking are free. Exhibition hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday noon to 5 pm.

The gallery will also be open Saturdays, October 3 and November 7 from 5-9 pm for the Northside Artwalk of galleries and artist studios plus Sundays, October 4 and November 8 from

12-5 pm for the Sunday Sampler Artwalk in conjunction with the Akron Art Museum and Summit-Akron Public Library. Admission is free for these events with City of Akron trolley service between locations.

The Akron Area Arts Alliance is a non-profit advocacy group. Its membership includes 46 arts and cultural organizations plus 60 artists and arts supporters. It is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, Welty Family Foundation, Brennan Family Foundation, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.

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