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Summit Artspace Gallery News in this Release:

- Gallery Challenges Artists to be FRESH in Annual Juried Exhibition
- Submission Deadline Thursday, April 22
- Prize Winners to be Announced at April 30th Reception

Calling Artists with *FRESH* Ideas

(Akron) – Summit Artspace Gallery is once again challenging area artists to flex their creative muscles in its annual juried exhibition called *Fresh Art* to be held April 30-June 5. Summa Foundation is sponsoring prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for the top three winners of this show featuring artworks created in the last 18 months that reflect novel thinking, original styles, different directions and interesting new materials.

Artists who live, work or attend universities in Summit, Portage and Medina Counties are invited to submit works at the gallery on Thursday, April 22 from noon to 7 pm. It is located in a historic building at 140 E. Market St., one block from the Akron Art Museum. Only one entry is allowed per person, and there is a \$10 entry fee. Works should be display ready. More details and an application form are available at www.summitartspace.org or by calling 330-376-8480.

This year's judges are married couple Clare Murray-Adams and John T. Adams. Murray-Adams is a professor of art at Malone University in Canton. She is also an artist working in collage, mixed media construction, encaustic paint and fiber. Her husband is a painter and sculptor. They live in Southington, Ohio. The judges will select the works to be included in the show from the submissions plus the prize winners.

This is the gallery's sixth *Fresh Art* exhibit. The show attracts works in a wide variety of media by young, emerging artists, arts educators and established artists. The public is invited to a meet-the-artists reception on Friday, April 30 from 5-7 pm, where the winners will be announced.

Summit Artspace is a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government. The gallery is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Welty Family Foundation, Corbin Foundation and Ohio Arts Council

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