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Summit Artspace Gallery News in this Release:

- Gallery Challenges Artists to be **FRESH** in Annual Juried Exhibition
- Prize Winners to be Announced at April 30th Reception

***FRESH* Art Opens April 30th**

(Akron) – The public is invited to Summit Artspace Gallery on Friday, April 30 from 5-7 pm, for a meet-the-artists reception to celebrate the opening of the *Fresh Art* exhibition. This annual juried show challenges area artists to flex their creative muscles by creating new work that reflects novel thinking, original styles and interesting materials.

Summa Foundation sponsored prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for the top three winners, who will be announced at the opening. This year's judges are Clare Murray-Adams and John T. Adams. Murray-Adams, a professor of art at Canton's Malone University, is also an artist working in collage, mixed media construction, encaustic paint and fiber. Her husband is a painter and sculptor. The judges also selected the works included in the show.

Summit Artspace, a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government, is located in a historic building at 140 E. Market St., one block east of the Akron Art Museum. This is the gallery's sixth *Fresh Art* exhibit. The show attracts artworks in a wide variety of media by young, emerging artists, arts educators and established artists.

Regular gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday 12-5 pm. Admission and Parking are free. The gallery will also be open 12-9 pm on May 1 as part of the Downtown Akron Artwalk. *Fresh Art* will be on display through June 5.

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