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***Fresh Art* Winners To Be Announced Friday, April 30**

(Akron, OH) – Three artists will be awarded top prizes this Friday, April 30 at the opening of *Fresh Art* at Summit Artspace Gallery in downtown Akron. This meet-the-artists reception is free to the public from 5 to 7 pm. *Fresh Art* is an annual juried show in which area artists are challenged to stretch their creative muscles by producing new works that reflect novel thinking, original styles and unusual materials. Summa Foundation sponsored the awards.

The guest judges, married couple Clare Murray-Adams and John T. Adams, selected 79 pieces from 120 entries to display through June 5. Murray-Adams is an artist and professor at Canton's Malone University. Her husband is a painter and sculptor. They also selected the prize winners.

The exhibition of two and three dimensional art includes all types of materials – paint, ceramics, fabric, photography, metal and mixed media. In the opinion of Summit Artspace Gallery coordinator Joan Colbert, the entries for this sixth *Fresh Art* exhibition were the most outstanding she has seen. "It's obvious that area artists are taking seriously our challenge to be very creative very," she said.

Summit Artspace is located at 140 E. Market St., one block east of the Akron Art Museum. This growing art center is a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government. The building also houses artist studios and a second gallery called *the Box*.

Summit Artspace Gallery presents seven exhibitions per year and is dedicated to displaying works by local artists. Admission and parking are free. Regular hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday noon to 5 pm. On Saturdays, May 1 and June 5, the gallery is open until 9 pm as part of the Downtown Akron Art Walk and on Sundays, May 2 and June 6, from noon to 5 pm in conjunction with the Akron Art Museum's Sunday Sampler.

The Arts Alliance is a non-profit advocacy group. Its membership includes 48 arts and cultural organizations plus 68 artists and arts supporters. Summit Artspace is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Welty Family Foundation, Corbin Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.

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