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Summit Artspace news in this release:

- **Collage Exhibit January 22-February 27**
- **Free Saturday Art Activities**

12 Collage Artists Show at Summit Artspace

(Akron) – Coined in the artistic sense by George Braque and Pablo Picasso in the early 20th century, the term *collage* derives from the French word for glue. Creating collage entails combining disparate items, such as newspaper clippings, fabric, photos and found objects, to create a single work of art. The *Collage X 12* exhibition will be on display January 22 through February 27 at Summit Artspace Gallery in downtown Akron.

Featured are Medina artist Alexander Aitken; Hudson artist Gretchen Bierbaum; Cuyahoga Falls artists Jean Deemer, Shirley Ende-Saxe and Judith Salamon; Akron artist Brenda Keblesh; Ravenna artist Jan Noden; Kent artist Lucy Redick; Monroe Falls artist Cathy Reynolds and Aurora artists Peg Strohmer and Catherine Wooley. All are members of the Ohio Collage Society. The public is invited to a free meet-the-artists reception Friday, January 22 from 5 to 7 pm.

Also during the show, there will be two free Saturday workshops and a demonstration open to the public. Please register for these events by emailing psargent@neo.rr.com.

January 23 at 1-3pm Winter White Collage Workshop with Shirley Ende-Saxe
February 13 at 1-3pm *Playing Card Valentine Collage* with Cathy Wooley
February 20 at 1-3pm *Transfer Techniques Demo for Collage* by Gretchen Bierbaum,

Summit Artspace, a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government, is located at 140 E. Market Street, one block east of the Akron Art Museum. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday noon to 5 pm. Admission and parking are free. *Collage X 12* will also be open February 6 from 5 to 9 pm as part of the First Saturday Northside Artwalk and February 7 from noon to 5 pm as part of the Sunday Sampler Artwalk in conjunction with the Akron Art Museum and Summit County Library. The City of Akron trolley is available to transport participants between artwalk locations both days.

The Akron Area Arts Alliance is a non-profit advocacy group. Its membership includes 47 arts and culture organizations plus 70 artists and arts supporters. The Arts Alliance is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, Welty Family Foundation, the Brennan Family Foundation, the Corbin Foundation, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, Summa Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.

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