

Michigan League of Handweavers 17th Biennial Fiber Show

The Michigan League of Handweavers (MLH) was founded in 1959 to promote the art of hand weaving. MLH welcomes anyone interested in hand weaving or the many related aspects of fiber art and craft. The League provides opportunities for members to come together to learn and exchange ideas by sponsoring lectures, workshops, conferences and exhibits.

As a non-profit, educational organization, they also provide seed money for fiber and hand weaving events around the state. This

exhibition will consist of two categories: Fiber Art and Functional Fiber Art. MLH will be awarding \$250 for "Best of Show" in each of these categories.

An artists' reception will be held April 21 from 2-4 pm, with juror Sherri Smith briefly speaking at 3 pm for the presentation of the awards. Sherri Smith earned her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art and is currently a professor at the University of Michigan School of Art and Design.

"Coyote" from Jim Eppler

Andrews Gallery
of Wildlife Art

When visiting the Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art, one is immediately aware of the watchdog in the room. A life-size coyote greets the viewer standing on a large vitrine, eyes alert, legs poised in anticipation. The bronze coyote is molded texturally, capturing different tones and colors.

Artist Jim Eppler takes the world around us and recreates it for our participation. It is Eppler's respect and appreciation for nature that allow his art to flow so freely.

As a small child growing up in El Paso, Texas, Eppler developed an appreciation for nature, spending hours outdoors, observing animals to sketch and paint. After moving to Lubbock, Eppler earned a BFA from Texas Tech University.

Not only is Eppler an accomplished wildlife artist, but also a

well-known portraitist and skilled musician whose works have been commissioned for the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, MCA Records, Mercury Records, Chappell Music, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.



Coyote, 26" x 45" x 8", Bronze

His wildlife art can be seen at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Frederik Meijer Gardens, West Texas Museum Collection and guarding the Andrews Gallery at the Ella Sharp Museum.

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A Dash Of This And A Dash Of That

Do the dark and dreary days of winter have you feeling down? If so, visit the Granary Restaurant from February 28-April 30 to view the vibrant paintings by Jackson artist, Chris Blank. Chris is a self-taught artist who has been painting since childhood. His artwork is abstracted and he works in mixed-media with acrylic. All paintings by Chris Blank exhibited in the Granary are for sale. Enjoy a wonderful lunch in the historic restaurant and view (and purchase!) the brilliant and dramatic works by a local artist. The Granary Restaurant is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-2 pm.