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Gallery Hours:

April 1 to December 31-- Tues-Sat 11am-4 pm, Sun 12 noon - 4 pm
January 1 to March 31 -- Wed-Sat 11 am - 4 pm, Sun 12 noon - 4 pm

LOWELL GALLERY RAISES FUNDS FOR UMASS LOWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Exhibit: Mar 9 to March 30, 2019
Raffle Event: March 30, 2 to 4 PM (SNOW DATE: March 31)

Lowell, MA – The Four by Four for Education has become an annual tradition in the Lowell arts community. This year about 140 artists are participating.

Who Benefits: The Four by Four raises funds for the Brush Scholarship and Special Perspectives. A \$1000 scholarship is granted to a deserving UMass Lowell art student. Special Perspectives programming brings art instruction to challenged adults.

The Brush provides a blank, stretched canvas. We ask visual artists to create one 4 inch by 4 inch work of art. Artists create whatever they wish with whatever media and materials they like. Artists then donate their work to the gallery for the exhibit and event.

The Raffle Event: Guests buy tickets on March 30th and leave with a work of art. Names are drawn at random and your place in line is determined by the drawing. **Tickets are \$25 and are purchased at the door. No tickets will be sold in advance.**

As an added attraction, UMass Lowell Faculty artwork will be on display in conjunction with the Four by Four exhibit. Faculty who are exhibiting recent work: Anna IsaakRoss, Ellen J. Wetmore, Hanna Melnyczuk, Deborah A. Santoro, Pavel Romaniko, Michael Roundy, Laurel McMechan, Yuko Oda, Regina Milan, Jennifer Houle, Padmini Chandrasekaran, Melissa Schrenker, Stephen Mishol, Samnang Riebe, Mary Robbins, Meghan Ambra, and Markus Haala.

It makes sense to have faculty work here during the same time period as our Four by Four for Education fundraiser -- it's basically two exhibits in one and it reinforces our relationship with UMass Lowell.

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Brush is supported by Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National.

Image: Samples of previous 4 x 4 canvases by Colleen Sgroi

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