



# Mid-States Art Retrospective

EVANSVILLE MUSEUM OF ARTS, HISTORY & SCIENCE

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# About the Exhibition

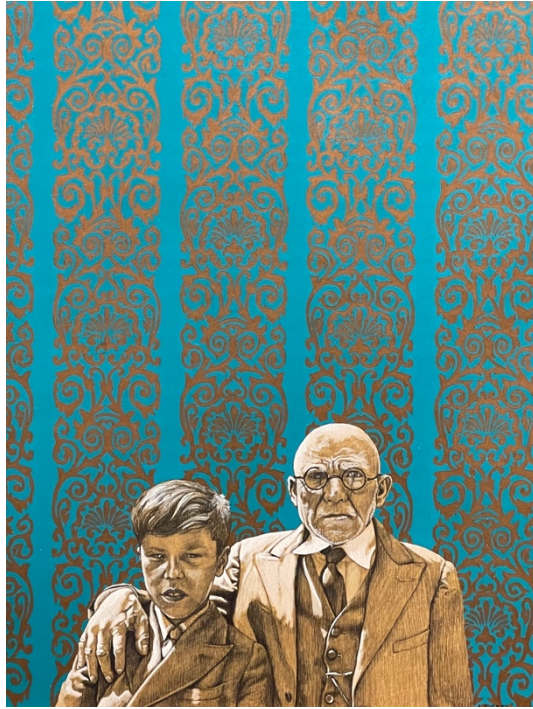
The year 2020 is a historic one for the Evansville Museum's biennial *Mid-States Art Exhibition*, as it marks its Jubilee Anniversary. The biennial exhibition provides recognition for emerging artists and the opportunity to receive a purchase or merit award. Selected for this retrospective are top award-winning works spanning sixty years which provide a unique overview of the development in trends and techniques of artists in the Midwest.

The annual juried competition was organized in 1948 by the Museum's Director, Charles Bogg; Registrar, Florita Eichel; and Museum Trustee William A. Gumberts. Originally named the *Tri-State Art Exhibition*, the competition accepted paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, and crafts for consideration by a jury of two or three art professionals. In the first decade, the number of entries steadily grew; and, in 1960, the Museum organized a separate regional juried exhibition devoted to craft. The *Mid-State Craft Exhibition* and the *Mid-States Art Exhibition* were presented annually until 1994 when the decision was made to offer one regional juried competition each year and the two competitions became biennials. The competition is open to artists residing in the six Midwestern states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Missouri.

In the exhibition's sixty-year history, the purchase and merit awards donated by local individuals, businesses, corporations, and philanthropic organizations have allowed the Evansville Museum to purchase 326 works for the *Mid-States Art Collection*. On this Jubilee Anniversary, we congratulate all the artists who have participated in the *Mid-States Art Exhibition* and thank the many generous patrons whose gifts have made the acquisition of this important collection possible.

**Tory Schendel Cox**  
**Virginia G. Schroeder Curator of Art**  
**Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science**

# EXHIBITION CHECKLIST



Amanda Sibrel, **Tradition**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Pencil and Paint on Wood Panel  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 58th (2016)



Andrew Langoussis, **In the Light of the Past**  
Rockford, Illinois  
Oil on linen  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 47<sup>th</sup> (1994)



A. Y. Wong, **Illusory Space**  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 36<sup>th</sup> (1983)



Barbara Mohr, **Strawberries II**  
Lafayette, Indiana  
Oil painting  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 27<sup>th</sup> (1974)



Billy Morrow Jackson, **Primary**  
Urbana, Illinois, 1926-2006  
Oil on masonite  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 19<sup>th</sup> (1966)



Catherine Mills Royer, **Family Dining**  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 33<sup>rd</sup> (1980)



Carolyn Gassan Plochmann, **The Birds**  
Carbondale, Illinois  
Oil on board  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 18<sup>th</sup> (1965)



Dominic Finocchio, **Centaur**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 50<sup>th</sup> (2000)



Dominic Finocchio, **Male Nude with Hands on Ankle**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Watercolor on paper  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 51<sup>st</sup> (2002)



Donald Lanham, **Faith**  
Louisville, Kentucky, 1926-2003  
Metal Sculpture  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 15<sup>th</sup> (1962)

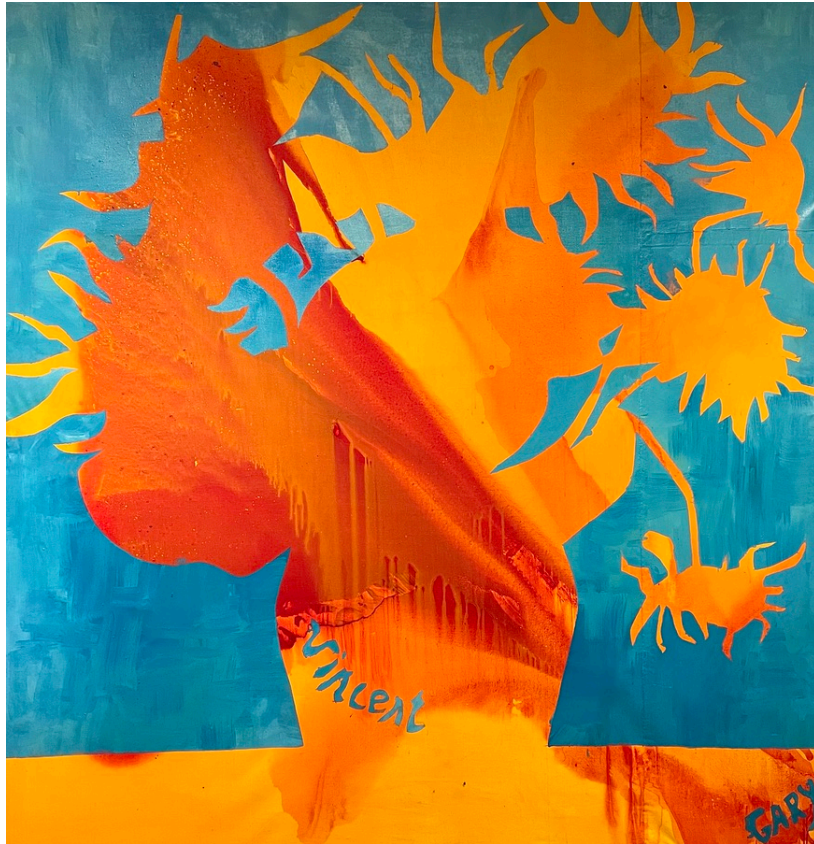


Etta Jansen, **Alae Noctis**  
Louisville, Kentucky, 1913-1998  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 17<sup>th</sup> (1964)



Frank L. Engle, **Terra Cotta Head of a Woman**  
Newburgh, Indiana, 1916-2002  
Terra cotta  
Tri-State Art Exhibition, 1<sup>st</sup> (1948)





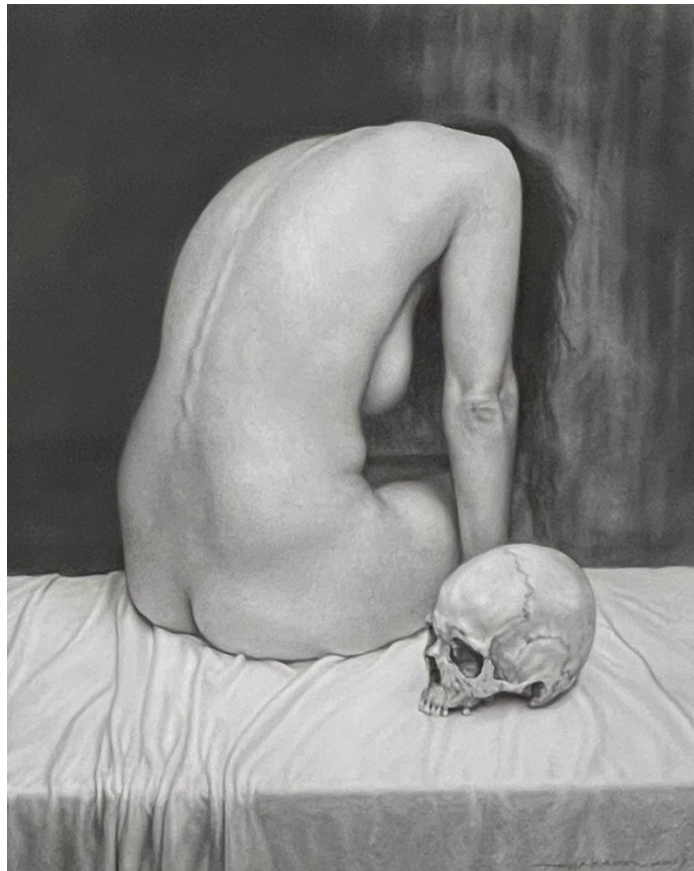
Gary Lawrence, **Vincent, Paul, Gary**  
Carbondale, Illinois  
Oil and acrylic on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 45<sup>th</sup> (1992)



George Timock, **Raku Slab Triangle**  
Muncie, Indiana  
Clay  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 24<sup>th</sup> (1971)



Harry Davis, **Light and Shade**  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 1949-2018  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 23<sup>rd</sup> (1970)



Hiroshi Hayakawa, **Vanitas 11**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Graphite and paper  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 59<sup>th</sup> (2018)



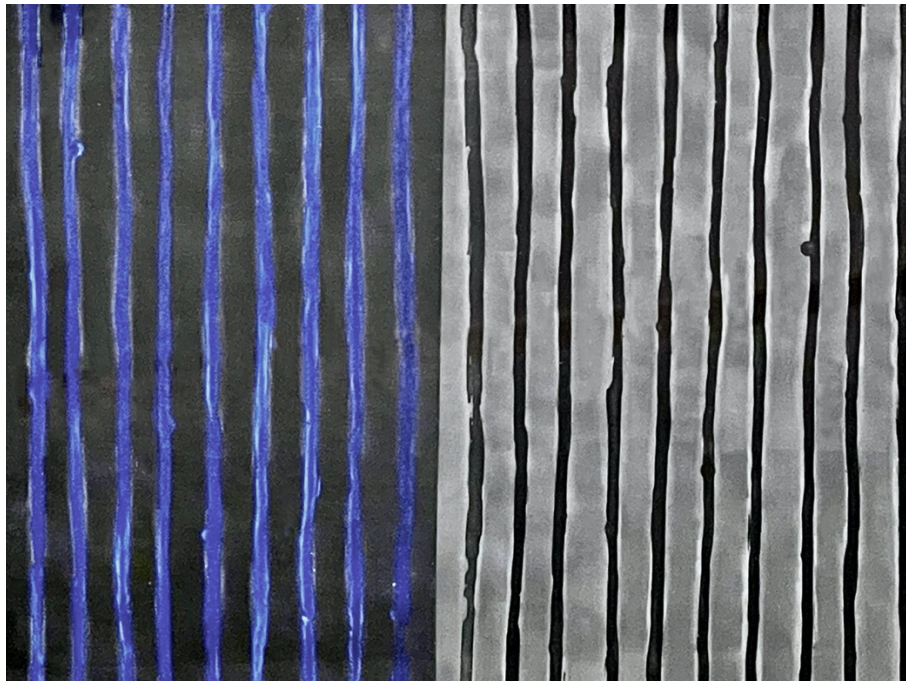
James Butler, **Black Pot/White Pot**  
Edwardsville, Illinois  
Lithograph  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 36<sup>th</sup> (1983)



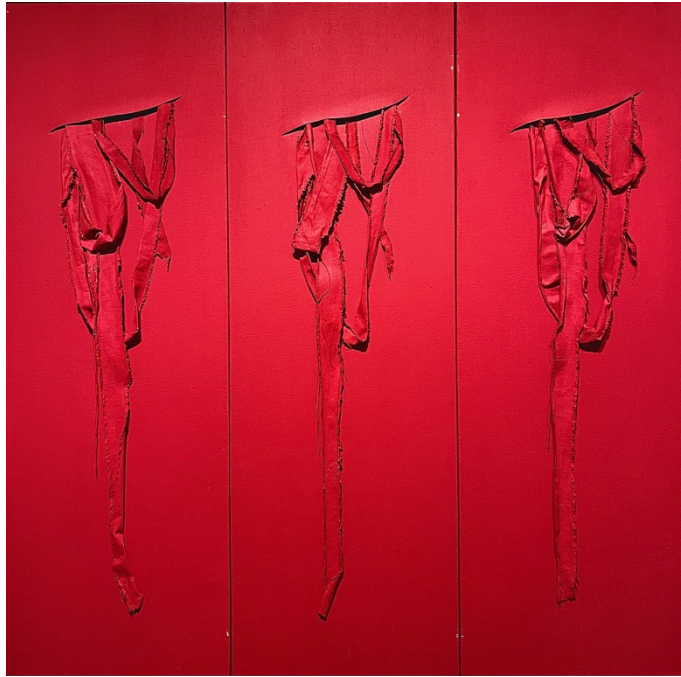
Jason Franz, **2017\_10\_25**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Ballpoint pen on paper  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 59<sup>th</sup> (2018)



Jean Koeller, **Death Shelf**  
Dayton, Ohio  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 42<sup>nd</sup> (1989)



Jennifer Daily, **Blue/Grey**  
Columbus, Ohio  
Monoprint  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 49<sup>th</sup> (1998)



John Hubbell, **Trio: Mortal Wounds**  
Bloomington, Illinois  
Acrylic, canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 25<sup>th</sup> (1972)



John Laska, **Confrontation**  
Terre Haute, Indiana, 1918-2009  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 18<sup>th</sup> (1965)



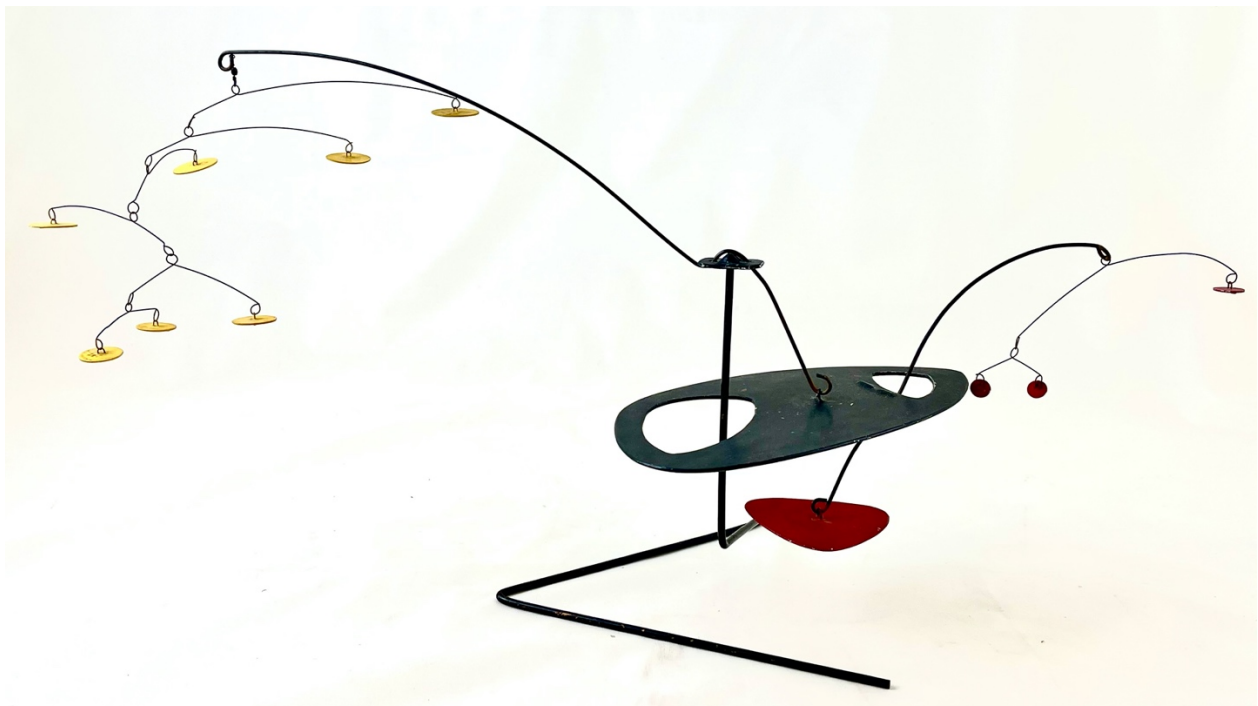
Juanita Todd, **Landscape with Donkey**  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Acrylic on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 35<sup>th</sup> (1982)



Kathryn Waters, **Night in August**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Pastel on paper  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 46<sup>th</sup> (1993)



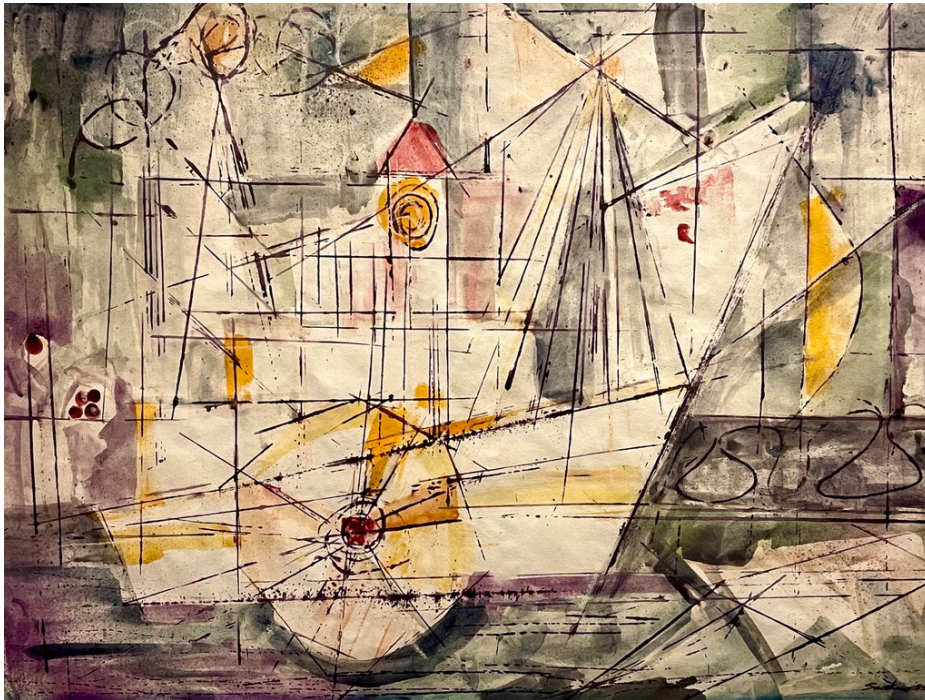
Kathryn Waters, **Night Traveler**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 47<sup>th</sup> (1994)



Margery Kahn, **Construction #161**  
Evansville, Indiana, 1916-1996  
Metal and Wire  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 14<sup>th</sup> (1961)

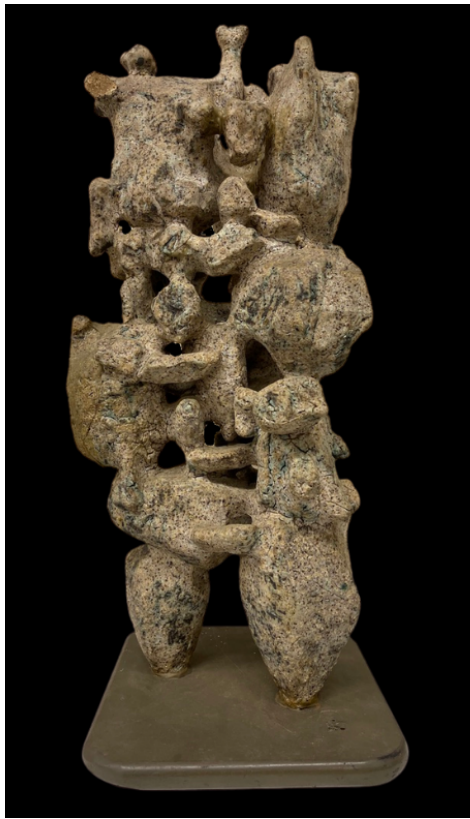


Marvin Stoner, **Forms Left by My Father**  
Granite City, Illinois  
Oil on canvas with mixed media  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 34<sup>th</sup> (1981)



Merrill Snethen, **Night Boat**  
Evansville, Indiana, 1904-1974  
Watercolor  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 6<sup>th</sup> (1953)





Nicholas Vergette, **Sentinel of Time**  
Carbondale, Illinois, 1923-1974  
Ceramic  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 13<sup>th</sup> (1960)



Rex W. Robinson, **Tribute to the Small Town Diner**  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Acrylic on linen  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 30<sup>th</sup> (1977)



Richard Painter, **Entity**  
Gallatin, Tennessee  
Oil and lead glass  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 40<sup>th</sup> (1987)



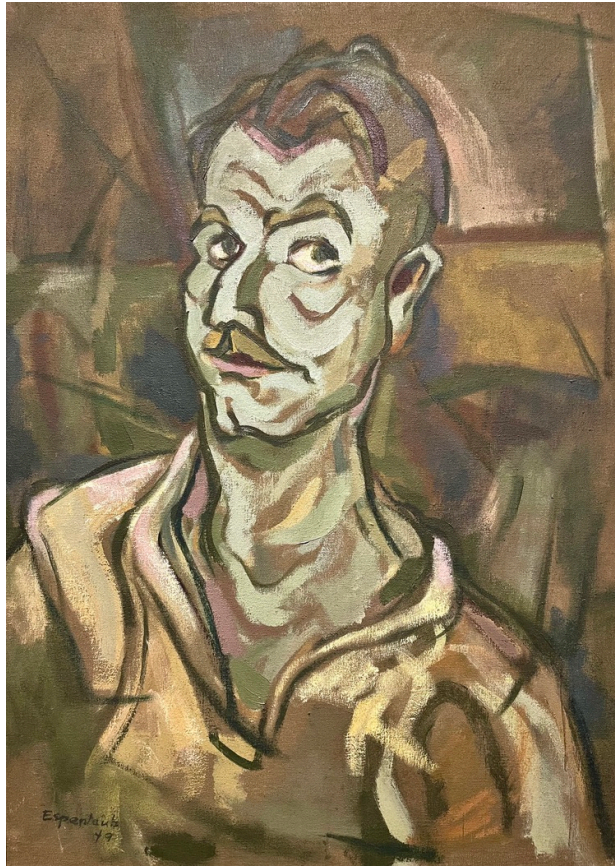
Robert Crump, **Fallen Sparrow**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Casein painting on board  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 15<sup>th</sup> (1962)



Robert E. Friedrich, **Purple People Eater**  
Bloomington, Illinois  
Oil on canvas  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 25<sup>th</sup> (1972)  
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Robert Lockhart, **Small Bear Rug**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Polychrome, laminated pine  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 21<sup>st</sup> (1968)



Virgil Espenlaub, **Self Portrait**  
Evansville, Indiana, 1918-1966  
Oil on canvas  
Tri-State Art Exhibition, 2<sup>nd</sup> (1949)



Warner Sandell, **Mantis**  
Normal, Illinois  
Steel  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 16<sup>th</sup> (1963)



Will Freund, **Surface Ripple**  
Alton, Illinois, 1916-2014  
Watercolor  
Mid-States Art Exhibition, 26<sup>th</sup> (1973)



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