

Reid Norris and Alice Kiderman art on display at Jasper Arts Center

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Three dimensional stone sculpture by Cleveland, Ohio artist, Alice Kiderman

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present the work of Saint Louis, MO artist, Reid Norris and Cleveland, Ohio artist, Alice Kiderman. The artists both explore the world of abstraction, Norris is a two dimensional artist and Kiderman is a three dimensional artist.

Alice Kiderman's artwork is primarily created from stone and bronze. Her fascination with mountains, rocks, and stone, along with her passion for creating art forms from stone, allowing it to be one of the most ancient ways of "preserving" history, has led us to her three dimensional work today. Kiderman's work is about translating the human emotions into a three dimensional visual sculpture. The focus is on the beauty and complexity of the humankind, rather than the ugliness and misery. "The goal is to 'touch' the viewer, to connect through the sculpture with his/her inner feelings, memories and send him/her on own path of exploring one's own emotions", says Kiderman.

Reid Norris' artwork provides an opportunity to play with the experience of looking, and in doing so to activate the spirit and the senses in a poetic experience. Norris states, "The painter, I believe, is like the storyteller who challenges habitual modes of narrative in order to question how we come to understand ourselves in the world." You will find in Norris' work, that it hovers inside and outside the grasp of recognition, evoking stages, heads and mirrors, chairs, windows, shadows, sky, and boundaries between interior and exterior spaces. "It is important that the atmospheres that make up these paintings feel inhabited. I choose objects, therefore, that suggest presence, even if there is no recognizable human figure within the painting." To learn more about the artists, visit their websites at www.reidnorris.com and alicekiderman@sculpturedimension.com.

Join us at the Art Center for our monthly opening reception in collaboration with 'FiRST THURSDAY: Community Showcase' event at the Krempp Gallery on Thursday, May 2nd, 2013 from 5 to 8 p.m. Scout Mountain Winery will be our featured winery for the evening.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJC campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Art Center at 482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by the Jasper Community Arts Commission, a department of the City of Jasper. The JCAC is supported by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

