

ART NEWS

MJ JOHNSON: THE MADISON QUILTS now graces the walls of the Besse Gallery, a blast of color, warmth, and talent from our esteemed retiree now raising Cane in Wisconsin's capitol. Several are for sale, a few have been sold already. The exhibit will run through October, with an artist's reception scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, at 3:30.



Along with the reception, we'll hold a brief dedication for the two major pieces of sculpture installed this summer, Ryan Brayak's **IN THE WIND**, an imposing structure of stainless steel, concrete, and stone near the Besse entryway.

Ryan dedicates the work to "Dreams, Peaceful Rivers, and Shooting Stars." It's there to be not only seen, but touched, sounded, and entered, if you're a bit smaller than I am. His entry was a finalist in the Bonifas Art Center's outdoor sculpture competition earlier this summer. Ryan's from Bark River, a very active and creative artist, and he also has two pieces in the new Math-Science Learning Center. He's won a major prize at NMU's Devos Gallery.



We'll also dedicate Michele Dugree's sculpture, **ANNA MARIE CHANDELIER**, a captivating work comprised of about 1500 hand made porcelain tiles that hangs in the Besse entryway. She wants it to be touchable, to tingle to the touch. Michele's a former Bay art student who went on to NMU for a BFA degree in art.

You'll also notice, in the Besse/LRC gallery, **THAKITA THAKA**, a poem on fabric by Barbara Henning, sister of someone you know on campus, who has made several pilgrimages to India and captured her impressions in this book length poem. On the opposite wall, find poems gleaned from **SERENDIPITY**, the College's literary magazine of some forty years.

Next Wednesday, at 3:30, the college will host an opening for the Ed, Julie, and Thea Risak, Marquette potters whose work wowed the College two years ago. They specialize in masterfully crafted raku pottery. Most of their work will be for sale, and, if last time is an indicator, will go fast. Please join the art faculty and students for **GENERATIONS II: JULIE, ED, AND THEA RISAK**.