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Wormfarm to Open New Art Exhibition This Fall

REEDSBURG, Wis. — From October 3 through November 18, Wormfarm Institute will host an art exhibition at the Woolen Mill Gallery, located at 28 E Main Street (2nd Floor) in downtown Reedsburg, featuring more than 50 artists who have participated in Wormfarm's programs over the last 25 years.

The show's title — **Produced and Attracted: Wormfarm Celebrates 25 Years of Artists in Reedsburg and Beyond** — is taken from a City of Reedsburg Intensive Survey commissioned in 1984; the chapter on Fine Arts begins: "Reedsburg has not produced or attracted many artists."

"I was struck by the irony of this statement," said artist and Wormfarm board member Catherine Schwalbe, who is curating the exhibition. "We hope to show how much the arts have thrived in the area, and we have received an incredible response from the artists in Wormfarm's orbit — from sculpture, painting, prints, multimedia, textiles, interactive works, and poetry."

Some participants are former residents from Wormfarm's foundational artist residency program, where each growing season, artists engage in life on a working farm. Others were commissioned to create temporary, site-responsive works in farm fields over 10 years of the Farm/Art DTour.

"Every good thing Wormfarm has done has grown out of the intersection of farming and art," said Director of Strategic Partnerships and co-founder Jay Salinas. "This exhibition is a snapshot of the artists who have left their mark on this place — whether they were here for ten days, a growing season, or have made Wisconsin home."

The exhibition will open with a public reception on Friday, October 3, from 4–7 pm, and a reading by poets and writers will take place Saturday, October 4, starting at 2 pm at nearby restaurant Beastro & Barley.

The Woolen Mill building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the second-floor gallery has recently had new windows installed, replacing the aging original windows from 1891. This is the first exhibition in the newly fenestrated space.

About Wormfarm Institute

Founded in 2000, Wormfarm Institute is an evolving laboratory of the arts and ecology, and fertile ground for creative work. Wormfarm explores the links between urban and rural communities within and beyond the food chain, creating opportunities for cross-sector collaboration.

Gallery Hours

Opening Friday: October 3, 4–7pm

First Saturday: October 4, 10am–4pm

First Sunday: October 4, 12–5pm

October 5 through November 18, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am–4pm, or call/text (608) 717-8699 to make an appointment.

Participating Artists

Abrahm Guthrie (Milwaukee, WI)

Actual Size Artworks (Stoughton, WI)

Alexis Lee Ortiz-Duarte (Sheboygan, WI)

Alicia DECOY Cosnahan (Wonewoc, WI)

Amber Ginsburg (Chicago, IL)

Ben Binversie (Mequon, WI)

Bonnie Huang (Eastsound, WA)

Brenda Baker (Madison, WI)

Brent Houzenga (New Orleans, LA)

Catherine Schwalbe (Chicago, IL)

Cherie Sampson (Canton, MO)

Christine Holm (Madison, WI)

Denise Rolland Troyer (Zionsville, IN)

Erika Nelson (Lucas, KS)

Gabriela Jiménez Marván & Ryan Rothweiler (Viroqua, WI)

Hannah Perry (Brooklyn, NY)

Hannah Taylor (Albuquerque, NM)

John Himmelfarb (Spring Green, WI)

Jongil Ma (Brooklyn, NY)

Julia Blair (Appleton, WI)

Katie Godfrey Demmer (Owatonna, MN)

Katie Schofield (Madison, WI)

Kristin Plucar (Sheboygan, WI)

Kyle Martin (Reedsburg, WI)

Laura Annis (Baraboo, WI)

Laurel Radzieski (Reading, PA)

Lexi Ames (Minneapolis, MN)

Lindsay Koontz (Columbus, OH)

Loyola (Loey) Colebeck (Minneapolis, MN)

Madigan Burke (Chicago, IL)
María Patricia Tinajero (Beverly, MA)
Mars (Milwaukee, WI)
Matthew Vivirito (Milwaukee, WI)
Michael Frels (Jackson, TX)
Michael Kautzer (Sussex, WI)
Olly Costello (Chicago, IL)
Omar de Kok-Mercado (La Farge, WI)
Paul Karner (Chicago, IL)
Peter Krsko (Wonewoc, WI)
Peter Makela (Madison, WI)
Rachele Krivichi (St. Paul, MN)
Ramon Lopez (Barcelona, Spain)
Regin Igloria (North Chicago, IL)
Rosalynn Gingerich (Chicago, IL)
Sarah Butler (Berlin, Germany)
Sarah FitzSimons (Madison, WI)
Sarah Kavage (Seattle, WA)
Shari Gullo (Lake Zurich, IL)
Shawn Fitzgerald Ahern (Berlin, Germany)
Sheila Novak & Erin Genia (Ithaca, NY)
Tory Tepp (St. Petersburg, FL)
Woody Leslie (Oswego, NY)