

CANTON NEWS UPDATE



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Village Arts Factory's Fine Art Gallery to Exhibit Glassworks By Robert Wollenhaupt

(Canton, MI – February 26, 2024) The Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory is proud to present the featured glassworks of artist Robert Wollenhaupt in a special exhibit, entitled “Coming Full Circle”, which will be on public display from March 4-29, 2024. An opening art reception will be held on Thursday, March 14, from 6 – 8 p.m., with a special “Q&A Discussion with the Artist” at 6:30 p.m., which will explore his experience working at the Village Arts Factory when it was a functional factory and warehouse several decades ago.

Founder of Woolhead Glassworks studio, Wollenhaupt is a Michigan native who has developed his own unique processes to create stained glass and steel panels over the last three years. Utilizing his experience as a mechanical engineer, the artist uses a CNC Fiber Laser to precisely cut the steel frames that both support and frame his pieces. This pioneering technique allows Wollenhaupt to explore finishes that cannot be used in traditional stained-glass art, such as powder coating, printed vinyl, and epoxy resin. With his technique, both the glass and frame are thus masterfully unified into a singular expressive work.

While still in high school, Wollenhaupt had his first drafting job with the W.E. Hennells Company which was located in a building on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road in Canton; the current location of the Village Arts Factory. Having his first solo exhibit at the same location that started his engineering career truly makes this a full-circle moment for the artist.

This art exhibit at the Fine Art Gallery at the Village Arts Factory is free and open to the public during gallery hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; during all public events; or by special appointment arranged via email to kevin.ryan@cantonmi.gov.

The unique and expansive Fine Art Gallery at The Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48188, welcomes visitors to experience art in an up-close and captivating environment. Serving a dual purpose as a bustling point of connection to many of the artist studios, as well as an immersive art display space, the Fine Art Gallery is truly the heart of the Village Arts Factory, where art is created, displayed, viewed, and appreciated.

For more information about this latest exhibition, please call 734/386-0650 or visit <https://villageartsfactory.com>.

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