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## For Immediate Release

### Summit Artspace news in this release:

- **FRESH & SPOOKY exhibition October 4-November 8**
- **Meet-the-Artists Reception Friday, October 3 5-7 pm**
- **\$1,000 in prize money to be awarded by OMNOVA Solutions Foundation**
- **3 Free Art Workshops**

## Art Gets Spooky at Summit Artspace

(Akron, OH) – Hairy monsters, gaping maws, alien beings, diabolical dolls, graveyards, ghosts and nightmares are just a few of the eerie images on display October 4 through November 8 at Summit Artspace. *Fresh & Spooky*, a show of 91 wild, weird and unearthly works of art, opens with a meet-the-artists reception on October 3 from 5 to 7 pm.

Traditionally *Fresh Art* is the gallery's annual juried show featuring new work, new ideas and new media submitted by local artists. Since the show fell in October this year, the spooky theme was added. "The theme inspired enthusiasm and some unexpected inspiration from even our most traditional artists," said Joan Colbert, gallery coordinator.

All types of media – paint, ceramics, photography, metal, and mixed -- are represented, including two and three dimensional art. The diverse group of artists includes all ages and experience levels from established to emerging to students.

Guest juror Mark Soppeland, an artist and University of Akron professor, was so delighted with the bizarre and eccentric work submitted that he decided to display it all. "It's a perfect exhibition for the Halloween season," Soppeland said. "There's something to offend everyone."

Soppeland selected the three top-prize winners, who will be announced at the October 3 reception. "There are so many extraordinary pieces that I'm also giving several honorable mention, as well as dishonorable mention awards, he said. OMNOVA Solutions Foundation underwrote the cash awards of \$500, \$300 and \$200.

There will also be free Saturday workshops during the exhibition:

October 18: Art from Found Objects with Gwen Waight

October 24: Pinched and Pulled Totems with Beth Lindenberger

November 8: Looking Closely at Trees with Ardyse Mund

All are from 1-3 pm. Register by emailing [psargent@neo.rr.com](mailto:psargent@neo.rr.com).

Summit Artspace Gallery, located at 140 E. Market St. in downtown Akron, is a project of the Akron Area Arts Alliance in cooperation with Summit County government. It presents seven exhibitions per year and is dedicated to displaying works by local artists. Admission and parking are free. Hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday noon to 5 pm.

The Arts Alliance is a non-profit advocacy group. Its membership includes 46 arts and

cultural organizations plus 80 arts supporters. Summit Artspace is supported by the Akron Community Foundation, Mary S. & David C. Corbin Foundation, Welty Family Foundation and Ohio Arts Council.

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