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Earth Day and Arbor Day Are Approaching Waukesha Art Gallery Features is “Green” Though Visual Expression

Waukesha, WI, April 17, 2009 – The River's End Gallery announced today an exciting exhibit of “green” natural jewelry and glass wall art which is exhibited at the gallery.

“The exhibit showcases art that is environmentally friendly and one of a kind, explains Joan Skimmons, owner of River's End Gallery. “The pieces are made from natural substances, but don't think that they are boring; they sparkle and are the talk of the town.”

The featured artists are Margie's jewelry collection and glass art from Martha Kauppi and Jim Sanders.

Margie's Semi Precious Stones

Jewelry's shift from material of value to visual expression made with gold, silver, semiprecious stones has taken hold in the art community and with consumers. The treasures range in size and shape, which are dictated by the natural semi precious stones. Margie's most popular wire wrapped natural jewelry pendants of gemstones and semi-precious stone include Amethyst, aquamarine, citrine, turquoise, garnet, opal, pearl, peridot, ruby, mookite, crystal, mother of pearl, rose quartz, amber, and more.

Martha Kauppi and Jim Sanders Glass Artists – Glass Wall Art

The River's End Gallery is also exhibiting two major Wisconsin glass artists. Glass is made from natural substances and is very green.

Martha Kauppi from Madison earned a B.A. in studio art from Michigan State University in 1982 and soon after took her first glassblowing class. She uses multiple techniques and materials to bring her vision into tangible form. Martha combines kiln working, off-hand furnace work, and blowing, flame working, and cold work to create remarkable wall art.

Jim Sanders from Waukesha has a university degree in Forestry but his 20 years of interior decorating and design experience have given him an excellent sense of proportion, design, and color, as well as a wonderful sense of style. Jim began working in glass in 2003 with classes at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y. His work is called “fused glass” which is an ancient art form to which Jim is constantly bringing modern in innovations.

The exhibit is a permanent collection.

About River's End Gallery

The gallery carries a variety of works for all interests and hosts special exhibits monthly. The gallery offers sculpture, art glass, art jewelry, large and small paintings, and some prints. River's End Gallery, located in Historic Downtown Waukesha at 380 W. Main Street. Free parking is available behind the gallery in Clinton Street parking lot.

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Hours:	Sunday	Appointment only
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	Tues. Wed. Thurs	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
	Friday	11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.