

HURST GALLERY

State Wide Fine Arts Competition

January 12 through March 6, 2008

Each year The Ella combats the winter grays with a statewide art competition—filling the Hurst gallery with a wide variety of media. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ella Sharp Museum.

Formerly a regional competition, submissions now are eligible from all over the state, are juried by a respected person in the field, and exhibited at the Museum.

The 2008 Juror Gary Wertheimer has been teaching sculpture at Olivet College since 1986 where he serves as the chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department. Mr. Wertheimer's own work consists primarily of animal and plant imagery executed in traditional materials such as bronze, marble, and limestone. The challenge of linking concept, image, and media appeals to him. He states, "The physical engagement of working in cast bronze and stone (seductive materials of consummate beauty, but vastly different capabilities and constraints) is also, in and of itself, impetus for me to produce works that live in three dimensions." His recent exhibitions include a 2005 Solo Exhibition at the Flatlanders Art Galleries (Blissfield), a 2004 Faculty Art Exhibition at Olivet College (Olivet), and a 1997 Solo Exhibition at the Tomato Head Gallery in Knoxville, Tennessee.

