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New Art Exhibition at Ferndale Library

Featuring Steffanie Samuels

Opening Reception Hosted on:

**Saturday, September 10**

**2 pm**

222 E. Nine Mile

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## **Ferndale Library Celebrates 10 Years of Art Exhibitions with new Steffanie Samuels Show**

*Artists & Art Appreciators are all welcome to attend an Opening Reception on September 10*

**FERNDALE, Mich. (August 30, 2022)**-- The Ferndale Library Art & Exhibitions Committee hosts an opening reception for a new solo show by Stephanie Samuels on Saturday, September 10, featuring an Artist Talk, refreshments, and live music. This new exhibition marks the 10th anniversary of the library's art programming, with a mission to promote and foster an appreciation of two and three-dimensional art for library patrons through exhibits, lectures, and an expanded collection of art books.

Steffanie Samuels is currently a member artist at Lawrence Street Gallery with more than 25 years of experience, having works appear in galleries, museums, and several art magazines over the years. Samuels is currently a mixed media artist but has vast experience in 3D art like ceramics and sculpture. Her current works have a proclivity toward texture and subtly explore social justice issues, climate change, and politics. Samuels' works will be on display from September 6 through October 9.

The Ferndale Library's current Art & Exhibitions committee was founded in the late summer of 2012. The library put out its first call for art in July of that year, with a press release stating: "...*local artists and photographers seeking to make fresh connections with the community in vibrant, lively spaces will have the opportunity to exhibit...*" And that has held true ten years later! The library has continuously hosted exhibitions featuring works by local artists, with as many as five shows per year before the pandemic. Even during the early stages of the pandemic, when the library was closed, patrons were able to view *virtual art exhibitions* and interact with artists via Zoom receptions.

Artists and art appreciators can still make "fresh connections" and find amazing works "in vibrant, lively spaces" if they plan to attend the upcoming opening reception for Steffanie Samuels on September 10. There is no registration required for this free, open event. Works are on display in the library's Program Room and the front atrium, facing East Nine Mile; this has been the main space for showcasing local artists' works throughout the previous ten years.

But you can also find more art inside the library. Over the years, the library has not only added its collection of circulating art books, particularly with its special *Community Art Collection* and its *Artist Advancement Collection*, but it has also been adding to its permanent collection of artworks on display throughout the main library space; there have been five new pieces added to the permanent collection this summer.

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