

Good Things Do Come in Small Packages

UW-Parkside Holds Annual Small Print Art Show



Joshua Brennan

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The University of Wisconsin-Parkside's annual National Small Print Exhibition offers art lovers a chance to see some of the finest printmaking art in the county.

This year, one of the prints was created by a Parkside student who also happens to be a native of Kenosha.

"I was so, so happy when one of my prints was chosen," Joshua Brennan said. "I'm a junior, majoring in art, and very involved in the show itself. So to have one of my prints chosen ... well, I was thrilled."

Brennan's print, *Endangered in ways we don't...*, is one of 122 works chosen from 830 submitted to the show. Ninety-four artists from 34 states are represented at the exhibit.

Wayne Kimball, a printmaker and faculty member at Brigham Young University, was the juror for this year's show.

"Kimball is an amazing artist," Brennan said, "so to have him choose one of my prints was an incredible experience for me.

"The print of mine he chose for the show is really a subconscious drawing, one I did as kind of a stream-of-conscious poem.

"It is very much an abstract piece, and it will have a different meaning to whoever sees it."

His sense of the drawing, Brennan said, has to do with his concerns about the environment and the number of organisms that are killed every day, "many of them are organisms that we don't even know exist."

Brennan is the first Parkside student from Kenosha whose work has been featured while he is a student.

"I went to Parkside because I wanted to teach grade school art," he said. "Then, when I discovered printmaking with (UW-Parkside art professor) Doug DeViny, I knew that was what I wanted to do.

"I plan to get my master's degree in printmaking, then maybe teach one day."

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