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SUBJECT: ESTHER RANDALL AT THE KREMPP GALLERY

EXHIBIT DATES: FEBRUARY 4-28, 2020

FIRST THURSDAY OPENING RECEPTION: FEBRUARY 6, 2020, 5-7 PM

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present Kentucky Prismacolor and Copic Marker artist, Esther Randall, for the month of February.

Randall's art is about her life in Kentucky; its landscape has become imbedded in her psyche. "Someday I am going to wreck my car because I am always observing my surroundings. I am slaked by my environment as I drive, and am continually seeking visual phenomena to 'feed' my art. First there is sky and light; my state has a very big one compared to my childhood home state, and its variability enthralls me. Emphasizing cloud formations allows me to create dramatic and often irrational lighting effects. The second is 'place'. I look for odd, out of the way sites easily overlooked, as a means to explore different levels of visibility, of spaces, of existence. They become the set for what I think of as magical realism or 'Central Kentucky Gothic,'" states Randall.

Her goal is to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. "I do this through the drama of detail as I include elements meant to evoke a narrative. However, I leave it up to viewers to provide their own explanations as to what is going on. I am a story 'suggester' rather than a 'story-teller' in that regard. My work is about color, light, space, and mystery," says Randall.

Esther Randall holds a Master of Fine Art in Sculpture from Indiana University, Master Workshop from South Hampton College, and a Bachelor of Fine Art in Art Education from the University of Georgia.

Join us for the First Thursday Opening Reception at the Krempp Gallery on February 6th, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Cash bar and refreshments will be served.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJ campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs, and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Arts Center at 812-482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by Jasper Community Arts, a department of the City of Jasper. JCA is supported by Friends of the Arts, Inc., Indiana Arts Commission, Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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