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Ludington Area Center for the Arts' Gift Shop Features Regional Artists of the Month

LUDINGTON— The new gift shop at the Ludington Area Center for the Arts is featuring two artists for September: Yvonne Carlson, a Ludington-based painter, whose landscapes have been beloved for decades and Terry Wickart, a metalwork artist from Holland, MI.

The new gift shop showcases paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photographs and many hand-made craft items from the Mason County area and beyond.

Yvonne Carlson's work in acrylic is strongly influenced by the natural beauty of her native Michigan. The sweeping dunes, quiet woodlands, the ever-changing and always fascinating waters of the Great Lakes have provided her with a continuing source of inspiration. A lifelong resident of Ludington, she studied at West Shore Community College and with various private instructors. She has exhibited in juried and invitational shows throughout the Great Lakes region, winning numerous awards. Her work is represented in public and private collections in North and South America, Scandinavia, Europe and the Middle East and Australia.

For 40 years, Terry Wickart has been an artist and graphic designer. After attending Valparaiso University in Indiana as an art major, he studied at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. His paintings have been included in over forty national and international watercolor exhibitions, and have won awards from shows across the United States. For the last seven years, Wickart's artistic pursuits have been entirely focused on metal sculpture, both welded and forged. His work consists of sculptures on a personal scale. garden art, commissioned pieces, specialty projects and signs.

The gift shop at the Ludington Area Center for the Arts may be viewed during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Ludington Area Center for the Arts at 231-845-2787 or through its website: www.ludingtonartscouncil.org. The Center is at 107 S. Harrison in the historic former home of the United Methodist Church in downtown Ludington. Parking for Center events is available in the public lot south of the Center at the corner of Harrison and Loomis streets.

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