



VILLA TERRACE
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Dan Nauman: Expressions In Iron
April 14 – June 27, 2010

Opening Reception: Wednesday, April 14, 2010
5:30 – 8:30 p.m. with artist's talk

Milwaukee, WI – The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Ave., is pleased to present the work of Wisconsin blacksmith Dan Nauman in a solo exhibition, ***Dan Nauman: Expressions In Iron***, on view April 14 – June 27, 2010. The opening reception is the evening of Wednesday, April 14, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and will feature an artist's talk with Dan Nauman. Nauman will also appear at the Villa Terrace on the evening of Friday, April 16 (Gallery Night) at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the exhibition.

Longtime Wisconsin blacksmith Dan Nauman has worked closely with the Colnik Collection at the Villa Terrace. His solo exhibition covers new works, some of which draw on lessons learned while studying Colnik.

On his love of iron Nauman states, "My motivation comes from the desire to uncover, to discover, and to rediscover as many aspects of this elastic material as is possible. By nature I crave to share what I have learned, what I have experienced, and what I have created; to convey to those around me the excitement and the energy of what I have experienced in iron."

Artist's Statement:

"Forging metal has become a passion and a livelihood that has patterned my vision in life. I have arrived at a stage where I no longer grapple with the material. I revel in exploring the styles of the past, as well as expressing new visions in metal. The essence of my skills flow from intense tutelage as well as the finished works of numerous metal artists, coupled with many years of my own practice and studies in iron and copper. Fortune has allowed me the pleasures of forging a potpourri of styles and designs in furniture, accessories and architecture. I derive immense satisfaction knowing that my work resides alongside other architectural master's works—both past and present."

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About the Artist

Daniel Nauman is a Kewaskum resident and a native of Wisconsin. He is married to Toni Farrell, and together they raise horses and other livestock on their 5 rural acres. As an industrial traveling salesman, a manager of industrial quality control, and a foreman of an industrial production line, he has had the privilege of working a well-rounded industrious life in southeastern Wisconsin. In 1984, Nauman founded Bighorn Forge Ironworks, and incorporated the company in Kewaskum, in 1991. He opened a second forge in 1995 on Hwy. 57 in Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin, on the picturesque Door County peninsula. In 2000, he acquired another shop at the historic Cedar Creek Settlement in Cedarburg, WI. The Baileys Harbor shop was closed in 2001, and the Cedarburg shop closed in 2006 to concentrate solely on commissions in the Kewaskum shop.

About the Museum

Overlooking Lake Michigan, the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum is an Italian Renaissance-style villa designed and built by architect David Adler in 1923. The building was originally the residence of Lloyd Smith of the A.O. Smith Corporation and his family. The Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum features fine and decorative arts dating from the 15th through to the 18th centuries, wrought-iron masterpieces by Cyril Colnik, a formal garden and changing exhibitions. Located at 2220 N. Terrace Ave., the Museum is part of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Corporation and a partner of the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave.

Museum Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

General Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for Seniors (62+), Military and Students with a valid ID, and FREE for Museum Members and Children 12 and under.

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