



PAOLI HOUSE GALLERY

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ONE MORE GREAT REASON TO VISIT PAOLI WISCONSIN - PAOLI HOUSE GALLERY

PAOLI - Paoli House Gallery opened its doors to the public on May 18th with a group exhibition of paintings, prints and drawings by four artists of national and international reputation: Warrington Colecott, Christian Andrew Grooms, Sally Hutchison and Frances Myers. The exhibition runs through July 13, 2007.

Beverly and Michael Thom, Jennifer Grooms, and featured artist, Christian Andrew Grooms, founded Paoli House Gallery in 2007 in the beautiful historic town of Paoli Wisconsin. Once a turn-of-the-century hotel, *Paoli House* has recently been restored to its original charm by Bill Hastings. In honor of his endeavor, The Madison Trust presented Hastings with a *2007 Historic Preservation Award*. For the last 20 years the township of Paoli has undergone a restoration process, revitalizing several other key historical buildings, in turn, creating a small oasis of culture nine miles south of Wisconsin's capital, Madison.

Due to the inevitable expansion of Madison area communities, citizens are witnessing and participating in an evolution of intellectual and cultural growth. In response, Paoli House Gallery's mission is to provide an exhibition space for local and nationally emerging artists as well as established artists working in the contemporary visual arts. The gallery seeks to foster a unique connoisseurship with the Madison area community, as well as larger metropolitan communities, while maintaining a rich heritage in Midwestern artistic tradition.

The artists and guest artists represented by Paoli House Gallery have exhibited their works locally, nationally and internationally and are deeply involved in creating artwork that speaks about the diverse contemporary societies in which we live. Paoli House Gallery will have 4 to 6 exhibitions a year and will host events ranging from charity fundraisers to collaborative Paoli / Madison area social events.

Christian Grooms' successful string of Midwestern and New York City exhibitions proved to be invaluable preparation for Draw the Line Productions, LLC (a promotional company formed by the Thoms and Grooms in 2004) in creating Paoli House Gallery. Michael Thom comments: "I had been toying with the idea of obtaining our own gallery space in order to provide a consistent environment for potential patrons to see Andy's [Christian Grooms] work and meet him in person ... a combination that I was convinced would result in a mutually satisfactory relationship." Thom's and the gallery's vision is to show exceptional under-represented artists and established artists together, offering a unique variety of artwork for all kinds of patrons. Thom continues: "It is my belief that talented artists need simply to have the opportunity to have their work seen by enough people in order to establish a long-term artist/patron relationship. Likewise, the gallery/patron relationship will flourish by representing and exhibiting outstanding artists."

Fresh coffee served daily, a bit of Midwestern hospitality that never goes out of style.

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