

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Au Sable Forks, NY Hardscrabble/Tough Au Sable Forks/Detroit Detroit arts comes to Au Sable Forks

Tahawus Lodge Center, Windows Gallery Opening & Reception, Friday, 7/20/12, 5-8pm, 14234 Rte 9N, Main St, Au Sable Forks, NY Hi res photos upon request

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PRESS RELEASE: 18 Detroit Artists at Tahawus Lodge Center Gallery: Hardscrabble/Tough Au Sable Forks/Detroit

Curator Bill Dilworth writes: When Irene caused the Au Sable River to rise up and rip through towns at the end of last summer, people and places had barely recovered from devastating Spring floods. When I thought of how hard hit Au Sable Forks was and of the challenges people faced there, I thought of Detroit and how some people there chose to respond to the challenging environment of that city by making art. It occurred to me that they might be a good example for the folks of the Forks. And so I've put together an art show at the Tahawus Lodge Center of Detroit Artists; to essentially link Au Sable Forks with Detroit and thereby propose that making art is a good way to respond to hard times in hard places.

The 18 Detroit artists include: Nancy Bonior, Jim Chatelain, Mary Louise Dilworth, Wm. Dilworth, John Egner, El De, Steve Foust, Brenda Goodman, Janet Hamrick, Patrice Haupert, Michael Luchs, Steve Magsig, Steve Montgomery, Gordon Newton, Kurt Novak, John Obuck, Ivy Sky Rutzky, Denny Tomkins

This drawing by Nancy Bonior announces the show Hardscrabble/Tough

Au Sable Forks/Detroit

Nancy's drawing combines maps of Au Sable Forks and Detroit in creative purpose and inspired vitality. She has drawn the hard edges of the city in soft grey contours, showing a weathered Detroit. Au Sable Forks is blue and fluid, a nod to a town characterized by river. By spotlighting Detroit art in Au Sable Forks this show joins the hardscrabble North Country to that persistently tough American city, offering art as discovery to exploration, as answer to inquiry. As in Nancy's drawing Detroit & Au Sable Forks combine beautifully. BD



Called a "exciting new gem of a space," by the Lake Placid Visitors' Bureau, TLC opened in 2011 with exhibits of photography by Mark Hobson (Au Sable Forks) and Todd Bissonette (Lake Placid). TLC hosted "Imagining Makebelieve," an exhibit honoring Arto Monaco. TLC also has a collection of Rockwell Kent prints on view. Contact TLC to view by appointment. Tahawus@verizon.net.

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Attached photograph of Drawing by Nancy Bonior, "Au Sable/Detroit", 2012