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## Gainey Gallery at the Van Singel Fine Arts Center features *Mosaic Art - Rediscovered*

**Byron Center, MI (September 14, 2009):** The art of mosaic is ancient. Over 5,000 years ago in Babylon, Sumerian cities were decorated with mosaics using clay cones. The Greeks used pebbles, and the Romans used marble cubes to decorate their floors and public bath houses. As the Roman Empire expanded throughout the Mediterranean, North Africa, Europe and Britain, flourishing mosaic centers were commonplace due to cross-sharing information from traveling master mosaicists. After the decline in mosaic artistry during the Renaissance era, there were periods of mosaic art's resurgence in the early and mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century. With the birth of the Internet, 21<sup>st</sup> Century mosaic art is once again in vogue around the globe. Technology has provided the communications tools necessary for artists to share their work and techniques.

The Byron Bank Gainey Gallery Art Series is currently featuring *Mosaic Art-Rediscovered* through October 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 20 area mosaic artists are featured in the exhibit. Artists include: Diann Bartnick, Jacqueline Beauvais, Margi Behrens, Shonda Bottke, Linda L. Drinkhorn, Judy Goings, Tia Grass, Joette House, Sherry Jantz, Susan Majewski, Liz Messer, Larry Mobley, Jacqui Ridley, Theresa Ruby, Jackie Russo, Joan Schwartz, Gregory Sipp, Renee Spears, Virginia Stevens, Linda Szyniskzewski, Kathleen Thorrez, Marlies Wandres, Marilyn Willingham.

The mosaicists of today are liberated and courageous using diverse materials to express themselves. Many use the traditional mosaic tesserae, such as Venetian smalti. Others recognize the significance of recycling and incorporate recycled materials in their work. Whatever their style or method, the mosaic artist will go to great lengths for endless hours searching for the precise material and the exact color to piece together their tesserae to achieve the right rhythm in their compositions.

Gainey Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 12 pm to 5 pm. The gallery is located in the lobby of the Van Singel Fine Arts Center, 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Burlingame SW, in Byron Center, just 1.5 miles west of US-131. For more information call 616.878.6800.

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