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1. **Main Gallery Exhibition:** *Unmoored* by Mary Zeran [solo]
2. **2nd Floor Exhibition:** *Colorful Surrounding* by Gordon Kellenberger [solo]



3. **1st Floor:** Annual Jewelry Showcase [group]



3. Jewelry by Eastern Iowa Artists: Amber Carlin, Satomi Kawai, Cristina Leonard, Jillian Moore, & Kimberlee Rocca

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Description: Gilded Pear Gallery is excited for the holiday season and 2 solo winter exhibitions: by Mary Zeran and Gordon Kellenberger on view in the 2nd floor gallery. The Annual Jewelry Showcase kicks off with our Holiday Cocktail Party.

"Unmoored" by Mary Zeran: Main Floor Gallery

On View: November 11, 2024 - February 8, 2025

Reception: November 15, 5:00-7:30pm

Mary Zeran (b. 1964, Iowa City, IA) is a third generation woman artist who creates abstract paintings and sculptures full of intense color and patterns suggesting the unknown. The artist holds a B.F.A. and M.F.A. in art from University of Iowa. Zeran's collages are shown internationally, with exhibitions at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, SOIL Gallery, Seattle, WA, and Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

"This show is in honor of my mother. Following her loss, the absence left me feeling untethered, as if I were floating aimlessly through the atmosphere. Initially, this sensation was unsettling—a reminder of the fragility of existence and the ephemeral nature of our connections. However, as time passed, I came to embrace this feeling of weightlessness, recognizing it as a testament to the eternal bond between us. Rooted in a family history rich with textile artistry, my Shibori pieces are an homage to the enduring love for fabric passed down from my mother, a skilled maker, and my grandmother, a textile designer. Introduced to the Shibori technique during my college years, I was captivated by its organic spontaneity, which now forms the essence of my artistic expression.

www.gildedpeargallery.com/unmoored

"Colorful Surrounding" by Gordon Kellenberger: 2nd Floor Gallery

On View: November 11, 2024 - February 8, 2025

Reception: November 15, 5:00-7:30pm

Gordon Kellenberger is a full-time painter working out of his Wasch Haus Studio in High Amana, Iowa, one of the seven historic villages of the Amana Colonies. Gordon is a past recipient of the Iowa Arts Council's Iowa Arts Award, which honors individuals for their commitment to excellence in the arts. His pastels are found in many private and public collections throughout the United States.

"My inspiration comes from what I know best; the earth and architecture of the upper Midwest region offered in an endless variety of changing light, color, and topography. I tend to simplify my subjects and infuse them with bright and fresh colors. The resulting intensity and richness convey my delight in painting and my desire to express something good about rural America. My work begins with a sound structure or composition and then becomes a work of contrasts; light against dark, warm against cool, sharp against soft, rough against smooth, organic against geometric... this along with the immediacy and intensity of the pastel medium makes painting both challenging and enjoyable."

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Annual Jewelry Showcase featuring works by Eastern Iowa Artists

On View: December 6, 2024 - February 15, 2025

Holiday Cocktail Party: December 6, 5:00-8:00pm

Eat, Drink, and be Inspired! Our Holiday Cocktail Party serves as the grand celebration for our Annual Jewelry Showcase; some of our local artists will be in attendance for a meet and greet to talk about their jewelry. Gilded Pear Gallery features jewelry from talented local and international artists: Amber Carlin, Satomi Kawai, Cristina Leonard, Jillian Moore, and Kimberlee Rocca. Our Library and Gift Niche has a selection of stocking stuffer-sized creations. **Attendees receive a special offer: Purchase a pair of earrings over \$70 and enjoy 15% off of 1 necklace or 1 brooch. Simple no?**

The Party has become a festive tradition; join us for shopping, holiday spirits and appetizers.



Gallery operations and features:

Event: Receptions are open to the public and there are no admission fees.

Visit Us: Drop in anytime during gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm, and CLOSED on Sunday. Appointments for our services (i.e.-custom framing, art appraisals) are preferred.

Features: A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street parking is available on 3rd Avenue and 8th Street- non-metered. The MedQuarter features protected bike lanes and bicycle "parking" can be found on the opposite side of the building by the Pocket Park on 3rd and 8th.