

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

**ROBERT WILBERT**

- 1929 b. Chicago, Illinois.  
1951 BFA, University of Illinois.  
1954 MFA, University of Illinois.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2011 Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale, MI  
2004 Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale, MI  
2001 Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, MI  
1999 Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
1997 Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
1995 Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
1992 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1990 Roger Ramsay Gallery, Chicago, IL  
1989 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1987 John C. Stoller & Co., Minneapolis, MN  
1986 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
Roger Ramsay Gallery, Chicago, IL  
1984 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1982 Wayne State University (two-person exhibition), Detroit, MI  
1980 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1979 Droll-Kolbert Gallery, New York, NY  
1977 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1975 J. B. Speed Museum, Louisville, KY (two-person exhibition)  
1973 Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1972 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1967 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
1964 Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1962 Park Gallery, Detroit, MI  
1960 University of Illinois Student Union, Champaign/Urbana, IL  
1958 Rackham Memorial, Detroit, MI  
Saginaw Museum of Art, Saginaw, MI

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION**

- 2009 *Michigan Masters Invitational*, Kresge Art Museum, East Lansing, MI  
2006 *An Assessment of Contemporary Figuration* David Klein Gallery, Birmingham, MI

- 2003 *Detroit, Detroit* Susanne Hilberry Gallery, Ferndale, MI
- 1994 *The Detroit Show: Objects for and about Detroit* Center Galleries, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI  
*Still Working* Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., (Traveled through 1996: Chicago Cultural Center; New School for Social Research, New York City; Virginia Beach, (VA) Center for the Arts; Fischer Art Gallery, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Portland (Ore.) Museum of Art.
- 1993 *Dusk –Firmament - Dawn* (David Barr, Mary Frank, Robert Wilbert) Donald Morris Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
*The Fine Art of Patronage* Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 1992 *Under the Influence, Mentors/Teachers/Colleagues* Tatischeff Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Expressive Visions and Exquisite Images: Two Aspects of Art of the 80's* Meadowbrook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, MI
- 1990 *Flowers in Art* Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI  
*Eight Michigan Artists: An Invitational* Flint Institute of Arts, MI
- 1987 *Art in Michigan, 1961 – 1986* Detroit Institute of Arts  
*New Territories, Pewabic Pottery*, Detroit, MI  
*Fifty States Exhibition: A Salute to Michigan's Sesquicentennial* Traverse City Art Council, MI
- 1986 *Michigan NEA Fellowships* Detroit Focus Gallery, Detroit, MI
- 1984 *Cross Portraits* Detroit Focus Gallery
- 1982 *David Barr – Robert Wilbert* Donald Morris Gallery, Chicago International Art Exposition  
*A Quartet from Detroit* Muskegon Museum of Arts, Muskegon, MI  
*Contemporary Art in Detroit Collections* Detroit Institute of Arts
- 1979 *Downtown Detroit: 21 Detroit Artists* Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 1978 *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Art on Paper* Weatherspoon Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC  
*Full Spectrum: Michigan Moderns* Michigan Council for the Arts Art Train
- 1976 *Works in Progress II* Detroit Institute of Arts
- 1974 *Detroit Art: Diverse Directions* University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1971 *Eight Michigan Artists* Kresge Art Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
*All Michigan Artists Exhibition* Flint Institute of Arts
- 1966 *The Collection of Mr. and Mrs. James Lofstrom* J.B. Speed Museum, Louisville, KY
- 1965 *1965 National Exhibition, California Society of Etchers* San Francisco Museum of Art, CA  
*Survey of Contemporary Art* J.B. Speed Museum
- 1964 *Art Dealers Association of America Exhibition* Parke-Bernet Galleries, New York, NY
- 1963 *Michigan Art Yesterday and Today* Flint Institute of Arts
- 1962 *Mr. and Mrs. Keith Davis Collection* Flint Institute of Arts  
*Watercolor Panorama* Flint Institute of Arts

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Kresge Art Center, Michigan State University

Saginaw Museum of Art, Saginaw, MI

South Bend Art Center, South Bend, IN

Upjohn Manufacturing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Lehman Bros., Kuhn, Loeb, New York, NY  
 Kalamazoo Art Center, Kalamazoo, MI  
 Bendix Corporation, Southfield, MI  
 Manufacturers National Bank, Detroit, MI  
 City National Bank, Detroit, MI  
 First National Bank, Chicago, IL  
 American Medical Association, Chicago, IL  
 Maccabees Mutual Life Insurance Co., Birmingham, MI  
 Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI  
 Federal Mogul Corporation, Southfield, MI  
 Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Detroit, MI  
 Little Caesar's Inc., Detroit, MI  
 SPX Corporation, Muskegon, MI

#### **COMMISSIONS AND AWARDS**

1998 Selected by Blanchard Portrait Committee to paint Governor's official portrait.  
 1994 Inducted into Academy of Scholars, Wayne State University.  
 1987 Awarded commission to design the U.S. Postage stamp commemorating the sesquicentennial of Michigan Statehood.  
 1981 Michigan Arts Award, Michigan Foundation for the Arts.  
 1977 Awarded National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

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