Northern Illinois University
Art Museum celebrates alumni and former faculty from the School of Art and Design with exhibitions.

DeKalb, IL – The Northern Illinois University Art Museum opens two exhibitions that coincide with the NIU School of Art and Design’s 50th Anniversary Celebration of Jack Arends Hall. The Art Museum mounted SWEET, Golden and Delicious…”Faculty-select and Museum-certified” NIU Studio and Design Alumni Artists, open now, and Imagery and Icons: Former Tenure and Tenure-track Faculty opening September 18th to celebrate this milestone. Both exhibitions run through October 19, 2018 with a public Reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th.

SWEET, Golden and Delicious… is an invitational exhibition of studio and design alumni artists recommended by current and former faculty and presents recent work by six dozen artists from five decades representing eleven areas of visual study. Artists needed to be actively practicing and showing their work. Works on view represent a variety of approaches to photography, sculpture, fiber, jewelry and metalwork, printmaking, illustration, ceramics, painting, drawing, graphic design, and time arts. In addition, there is a sound piece, and video documentation of an artist creating a lithograph, and of a large public art piece being made.

Imagery and Icons showcases work from former faculty in an intimate, salon style exhibition. Participating artists at this time include: Renie Adams, Walter Ball, Jay Paul Bell, Richard Beard, Dorothea Bildner, Robert Bornheutter, David Bower, Karen Brown, David Driesbach, Yale Factor, Larry Gregory, Andrew Liccardo, Ben Mahmoud, Ron Mazanowski, Philip Melnick, Ashley Nason, Mark A. Nelson, Jack Olson, Charlotte Rollman, John Rooney, Lee Sido, Doug Stewart, Ed Syrek, and Bruce White.

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Public Reception

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About the NIU Art Museum
Serving Campus and Community by Balancing Traditional and Contemporary Art to Explore the Connections Made Through Visual Culture.

Part of the College of Visual and Performing Arts’ vibrant and active arts community on campus, the Northern Illinois University Art Museum is a resource for the NIU campus, local community and beyond. The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, on the corner of College Avenue and Castle Drives on the main campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. Parking is available in the Carroll Avenue Visitor Pay Lot and metered spots in front of Altgeld Hall. Campus parking is free on weekends and after 5 p.m. weeknights.

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Gallery Hours
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Noon – 7 p.m. Thursday
Noon – 4 p.m. Sunday
By appointment for group tours.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

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