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**SUBJECT: JUDI KREW AT THE THYEN-CLARK CULTURAL CENTER**

**EXHIBIT DATES: MAY 4 – JUNE 25, 2023**

Jasper Community Arts is pleased to present the work of Canton, OH installation artist, Judi Krew for the months of May, and June 2023 at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center.

Krew's exhibit will feature over thirty wearable pieces of artwork titled, 'Hoard Couture: Where Art Meets Fashion'.

Krew states, "This ongoing wearable art series under the trademarked name Hoard Couture uses clothing design to creatively display a collection of items, explore contemporary social issues or work with unconventional materials as textiles. I embrace the mantra of reuse, repurpose, reconsider and reimagine to guide the overall concept of each piece. What began nine years ago as a small-scale sculptural dress series to explore the idea of why we feel the need to hold onto "things", this project has grown into an exploration rooted in problem solving. Many questions are asked before a garment begins to take shape and hardly ever does a piece turn out as expected due to issues with weight, attachment, material or purpose. How can a sensitive social issue current to our times best be presented so as to start a conversation without making a personal judgement? How can delicate items attach together so as not to damage the material or its essence yet still highlight a collection? How can one wear a garment on the runway taking into consideration its weight, mobility and conditions of the staging? These are only some of the challenges I face when deciding what to create. The original intent of Hoard Couture, to reduce an accumulation of things, has evolved over time into a series that sometimes looks back at our past and perhaps also forward to our future. These wearable works of art embody the joy of the creative process and the inherent elements of visual design. Provided for the viewer with each garment are separate individual statements in my own words to enhance understanding and appreciation for what is on display."

Judi Krew has been a working artist since 1982 upon graduation from the University of Akron, having established the Honors program for the Art Department. A Master degree in Art Education from Case Western Reserve University dual program with the Cleveland Institute of Art followed in 1984. Since then, she has worked in visual merchandising, museum education, as a high school art teacher and an active community volunteer all while maintaining a successful studio and exhibition career.

Krew's solo exhibition will be on display from May 4<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Opening Reception will take place on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

The galleries at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center, located at 100 3rd Avenue, Suite A, Jasper, IN 47546, are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Sunday from noon to 3:00 pm. School groups, clubs, and students are welcome. Admission is free. Donations appreciated.

For more information, please call 812-482-3070. Jasper Community Arts is a department of the City of Jasper. JCA is supported in part by Friends of the Arts, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission, The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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