



ART POSTER RETROSPECTIVE

Selections from 1977-2011

DANE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

celebrating
the Commission's community service spanning over three decades

In the late 1970s, the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission produced its first art poster, a modest attempt, but one which spawned an enormously popular annual series that continues today. Every year thousands of posters highlighting artwork created by Dane County and Wisconsin artists are distributed to the public through area municipal halls, framing partners, and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission Office.

Posters spring up everywhere. New and old editions can be spotted countywide in such disparate places as town halls, medical clinics, school classrooms, nursing homes, neighborhood centers, grocery stores, college dorm rooms, libraries, village police stations, classy downtown Madison offices, and even on a rustic outhouse wall. Many venture farther afield. One year several posters even found their way onto the California set of a nationally televised sitcom to help create an "authentic" Wisconsin backdrop. Every year many posters travel with county residents across the country and around the globe, serving as gifts for foreign hosts representing the good life here at home.

Although the style and content have changed since the Commission launched its first edition, each poster in the series was designed by Phil Hamilton, emeritus professor of art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Through the years poster distribution has been graciously assisted by the Office of Dane County Treasurer.

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