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UP inspired exhibit by Carstensen displayed at the Mary Ann Beckwith Gallery

The College of Education and Human Services is pleased to present the first-ever exhibition in the Mary Ann Beckwith Gallery titled “Dream of a Landscape” by award-winning artist, Jens T. Carstensen.

Carstensen is a Danish-American inventor, scientist, educator, novelist and accomplished painter. He believes his positive outlook and background in science are strongly related to his career as a painter since both require a great deal of imagination. Wherever he happens to be, he paints, employing bold and dramatic color.

Carstensen’s work is heavily influenced by his familiarity with Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. By skillfully bringing out the interplay of colors, the magnificent spontaneity of his paintings reveals an intense feeling behind his inspirations. He acquires much of that inspiration from the Michigamme area in western Marquette County. It is there that he finds peace, light, and freedom from distractions.

Carstensen has exhibited widely, most recently at the Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery in Michigamme, Mich.

“Dream of a Landscape” will be on view through the end of December at the Mary Ann Beckwith Gallery.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This exhibition is free of charge and open to the public. Metered parking is available before 4 p.m. and free in Lot 56 from 4 p.m. to 10 pm. The venue is handicapped accessible. For additional information, please visit www.cmich.edu/ehs or call (989) 774-7528.

About the Mary Ann Beckwith Gallery

Directed by the College of Education and Human Services, this casual and serendipitous gallery exhibits the work of established and emerging local and regional artists, as well as work by students and faculty. It is located in the north wing of the Education and Human Services Building on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.