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Kay Westhues is a photographer who is interested in documenting the ways in which rural tradition and history are interpreted and transformed in the present day. She is co-owner of and curator for Artpost in South Bend, Indiana, a gallery and performance space that specializes in regional contemporary and folk art (www.artpostblog.com).

Kay studied photography at Rhode Island School of Design and has a BS degree in Photography and Ethnocentrism from the Individualized Major Program (1994) and an MS in Instructional Systems Technology (1998) from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Selected solo exhibitions

Well Stories, 2739 Edwin (Hamtramck, MI), **2011**

Well Stories, South Bend Museum of Art (South Bend, IN), **2011**

A Sense of Place: Rural Indiana Narratives, Noyes Cultural Arts Center (Evanston, IL), **2010**

Fourteen Places to Eat: A Narrative, Pictura Gallery (Bloomington, IN), **2010**

Fourteen Places to Eat: A Narrative, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN), **2009**

Everyday Mysteries: Photographs by Kay Westhues, Lubeznik Center for the Arts (Michigan City, IN), **2008**

Symbols of Patriotism, Cushwa-Leighton Library, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN), **2006**

Retratos de Cuba, John Waldron Art Center (Bloomington, IN), **1996**

Images from Our Cultural Cellar, School of Fine Arts Gallery, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), **1994**

Selected group exhibitions

Surface Tension: The Future of Water, Science Gallery, Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland), **2011**

The Project, Woman Made Gallery (Chicago, IL), **2011**

Artpost x3: Joe Casey, Jake Webster and Kay Westhues, Atrium Gallery, The Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Vallery (South Bend, IN) **2011**

Take a Look: A Selection of Recent Photography Acquisitions, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN), **2010**

Art from the Heartland (Made in the Midwest), Indianapolis Art Center (Indianapolis, IN), **2010**

Salon Show, South Shore Arts (Munster, IN), **2009**

Grand Prix Fotofestiwal 2009, 8th International Festival of Photography (Lodz, Poland), **2009**

The Rockford Midwestern, Rockford Art Museum (Rockford, IL), **2008**

Focus: Midwest, Midwest Museum of Contemporary Art (Indianapolis, IN), **2008**

Joyce Elaine Grant Photography Exhibition, Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX), **2008**

Mary Beth Creiger Memorial Photo Exhibition, Around the Coyote Gallery (Chicago, IL), **2007**

Photography What Now? Lexington Art League (Lexington, KY), **2007**

Group Show #19, Humble Arts Foundation (online exhibit: <http://humbleartsfoundation.org>), **2007**

Salon Show, South Shore Arts (Munster, IN), **2007**

Biennial 24, South Bend Regional Museum of Art (South Bend, IN), **2007**

Awards

Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artist Project Grant **2009, 2007**

Indiana Artisan Development Grant **2009**

Past President's Award, Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster, IN **2009**

Best 2-D, The Rockford Midwestern, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL **2008**

Merit award, Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster, IN **2007**

Collections

Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

City of Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Visiting Artist Lectures

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY **2011**

Part-time Lecturer, Department of Art, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN **2010**

Indiana University, South Bend, IN **2009, 2011**

Midwest Museum of Art, Elkhart, IN **2006**

Bibliography

Robert Hariman, "Photographer's Showcase: A Sense of Place," *No Caption Needed*, September 3, 2010, <http://www.nocaptionneeded.com/?p=6502>.

Erik Eckholm, "Bubbling Up From the Earth, A Cool, Clear Gift," *New York Times*, June 7, 2010, A10.

Rhod Sharp, Interview, BBC Radio 5 live, London, United Kingdom, June 7, 2010.

Julie Audery "Free and Clear: Gathering at Artesian Wells," *Daily Yonder*, May 11, 2010, <http://www.dailyyonder.com/well-stories/2010/05/06/2731>.

Julie Audery "Back Home in (Exotic) Indiana," *Daily Yonder*, October 17, 2007, <http://www.dailyyonder.com/back-home-exotic-indiana>.

Interview, Vocalo, Chicago Public Radio, Chesterton, IN, August 3, 2007.

Photo feature: "Il fotoblog dei ristoranti Usa" *La Repubblica.it*, May 2006, <http://www.repubblica.it/2006/05/gallerie/esteri/ristoranti-usa/ristoranti-usa.html>.