

Matthew Holt *unsung beauty*



Alley During July, Oil on Linen, 20 x 16"

The McLean County Arts Center presents the exhibition *unsung beauty*, paintings by Matthew Holt, from November 1 through November 30, 2013. A reception for the exhibition will be on Friday, November 8 from 5pm to 8pm in the Armstrong Gallery during the Opening Gala for the Holiday Treasures exhibition, a donation of \$20 is suggested at the door.

Matthew Holt's plein air oil paintings depict Midwest landscapes, small town streets, and intimate home interiors. His interest in conveying the beauty and richness within seemingly mundane subject matter is the common theme in all the work. Created from direct observation, Holt paints with a skilled freshness that captures time, atmosphere, and feeling; the dappled light on a tree lined driveway, corroded metal around the old wheel well of a Ford pickup, or shadows on the bedroom walls at daybreak. Places seem familiar and moments linger on in images that play with memory and nostalgia in an authentic and honest way.

Matthew Holt is an artist and medical illustrator in southeastern Wisconsin. After growing up in Bloomington, he received his BA from Augustana College and his Masters of Applied Medical Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has exhibited at many Midwest art festivals and won numerous awards, including Best of Show at Sugar Creek Arts Festival 2013.

This exhibition is generously sponsored by Barbara & Bill Taft.

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