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The Arts Warehouse at Cherry Hill's Fine Art Gallery Showcases Works By Artists Elena Adam, Sylvia Bandyke, and Sharlene Welton Now Through August 25, 2026

(Canton, MI – August 7, 2026) The Arts Warehouse at Cherry Hill's Fine Art Gallery proudly presents the featured works of three accomplished artists in a vibrant exhibition, entitled *The Aura of Blue*, which celebrates the expressive power of a single color, inviting viewers into the hearts and minds of artists: Elena Adam – painter; Sylvia Bandyke – photographer; and Sharlene Welton – painter. This captivating group exhibition is currently on display through August 25, 2026.

Centered around the expressive power of a single color, *The Aura of Blue* invites viewers on a journey through the hearts and minds of three distinct artistic voices. Through playful exploration and a shared visual language, the exhibition reveals blue as a color of healing, reflection, wonder, and connection. It draws upon the elements of art, a spectrum of human emotion, the allure of nostalgia, and the generosity of nature's gifts to create an immersive and contemplative experience. Together, the three artists explore the infinite possibilities of blue, offering individual visions that converge into a shared celebration of life, nature, memory, and hope.

According to photographer Sylvia Bandyke, "Blue connotes deep serenity that can open up to mystery and wonder. I interpret the aura of blue to be spacious and welcoming. Without blue, we might have the blues!"

"Blue represents the favorite color of 70% of the people on our planet, but also it denotes peace, trust, immortality, renewal, love and divine joy," stated artist Elena Adam. "Furthermore, the air creates a blue sky, blue rivers gather in blue oceans, and the planet is blue when you look at it from Space."

Describing her connection to the area, painter and collage artist Sharlene Welton shares that "Blue speaks personally in the daily call of Erastus's earth in Canton, MI, in the blue-sky overlooking Michigan's historic homestead property marked by squirrels, hawks, robins and blue jays, in the call of the St. Clair River and Lake Huron in Port Huron, MI, in the call of Virginia's Blue Ridge mountains, in Detroit's blue-green river, and in the nostalgia of items hanging on a clothesline, gently moving across the blue childhood sky of home."

The Aura of Blue is an invitation to pause, connect, and experience the many dimensions of blue through thoughtful photography and expressive, textural painting. Audiences will discover how a single color can evoke memory, inspire contemplation, and reveal the profound beauty found in both the natural world and the human spirit.

An opening art reception will be held on August 15, from 6–8 p.m., that is free and open to the public. Stop by to meet the artists, view the exhibit, and enjoy a variety of light refreshments. There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome.

This special exhibit is free and open to the public during gallery hours: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; as well as during all public Arts Warehouse events; or by special appointment arranged via email to jennifer.collins@cantonmi.gov.

The unique and expansive Fine Art Gallery at the Arts Warehouse at Cherry Hill, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, welcomes visitors to experience art in an up-close and captivating environment. Serving a dual purpose as a bustling point of connection to many of the artists' studios, as well as an immersive art display space, the Fine Art Gallery is truly the heart of the Arts Warehouse at Cherry Hill, where art is created, displayed, experienced, and appreciated. For more information on this latest exhibition, call 734/386-0650 or visit artswarehousechv.com.

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