

## **Kay Westhues**

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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.

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

### **Selected solo exhibits**

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**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**

**Kay Westhues: Photographs of Rural Indiana**, Fire Arts Inc, (South Bend IN) **2007**

**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 exhibits**

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**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**

**"Beyond Bloomington" Atypical Urbanscapes, through the lens of 7 photographers**, Prima Gallery, (Bloomington IN) **2008**

**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**

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

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**

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

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

## **Collections**

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

City of Bloomington, Bloomington IN

## **Bibliography**

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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.

Julie Audery "Back Home in (Exotic) Indiana," *Daily Yonder*, October 17, 2007.