



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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William Thonson Gallery

Stefano Cusumano *The Evolution of A Style*

Although one can see the influence of Cezanne and Picasso on Stefano Cusumano's paintings, his style and the journey it took over his career is uniquely his own. Stefano Cusumano was born in Florida in 1912 and his work came of age in New York City at the dawning of Modernism and Abstract Expressionism. A self-taught artist and teacher, Cusumano's work is caught between tradition and the modern world, and only through the shift of delineated planes, lines and angles, and the dramatic use of color do we see evidence of the evolution of his style, a style both embracing and rejecting direct influence of the two movements. His subject matter remains constant throughout his career—family and strangers, the scenery and his environment, objects of the natural world and of daily life—yet his style evolves, the progression perfectly illustrated in his self-portraits, still lifes, landscapes and figurative works.

Homer Balabanis Gallery

Morris Graves & Selections from the Humboldt Arts Council Permanent Collection

Come explore the work of Morris Graves as well as a selection of paintings by Fermin Aguayo from the Humboldt Arts Council's Permanent Collection. Enhance your interpretation of Graves' artwork on display by perusing the Interactive CD-ROM *The Life & Art of Morris Graves*. This educational tool allows the visitor to view a selection of artwork, the Loleta Studio of the artist, and to hear interviews from his friends and colleagues.

Youth Gallery, Annex and Museum Gift Shop

Featured in the Annex Gallery, Youth Gallery and Museum Gift Shop is great gift items from artisans from Humboldt County and around the globe.

Tom Knight Gallery

Selections from the Humboldt Arts Council Permanent Collection: The Harry Blumenthal Photographic Collection

A fantastic selection of photography from many well-known photographers, the Harry Blumenthal collection features work by Bernice Abbott, Edward Curtis, and Jack Welpott.

Dr. Richard & Elizabeth Anderson Gallery

Edward Weston, 1920-1942: Selections From the Humboldt Corporate Group Collection

Known as one of the most influential American photographers of the Twentieth Century, Edward Weston's work has had a profound effect on photography today. Loaned from the Humboldt Corporate Group Collection, this exhibition features selections from some of Weston's most well-known series as well as some rare images.

Performance Rotunda

The Late Sculpture of Maris Benson & Drawings by Maggie Moore

Humboldt State University Professor Maris Benson passed away in 2005 before being able to exhibit his newest sculptures, but the profound effect they had on Maggie Moore's work is keeping his work alive and is illustrated in this exhibition.

Floyd Bettiga Gallery

Selections from the Humboldt Arts Council Permanent Collection: The Morris Graves Collection

A selection of abstract paintings and drawings gifted to the Humboldt Arts Council by Morris Graves and Robert Yarber.

Family Arts Day Youth Classroom Gallery

Mardi Gras Masks

View the children's art in the Youth Classroom from the January Second Saturday Family Arts Day. Children experimented with various media to create Mardi Gras masks.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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