



About the Art

Location: Portage Public Library

Dates: September 8-October 31, 2023

When not nature...nurture. The primary focus of Mary's exhibit is wheat weaving. Wheat weaving is a cross cultural, traditional folk art of plaiting, braiding, spinning, and applique using various wheats and grains.

It is traditionally used to pay homage to the earth or in life celebrations.

While respecting traditional folk practices she embraces unconventional materials, types of display and functionality promoting a holistic approach to art.

She opened a business in Minnesota called Hair, Head & Heart to combine her passions and interests. This is the *ART* part of *heart*.

All wheat weaving and marquetry pieces or collages outside of the cases can be recreated and customized on commission.

About the artist

Mary Reed grew up in Portage. She graduated from Northern High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University.

She raised her two girls in Minnesota, relocated to Michigan during the early stages of the pandemic and immersed herself in the community. She is elated to re-discover its vibrancy at every level.

A good portion of her time is dedicated to volunteer work representing the Portage Arts Committee, the Public Media Network and Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Beyond the arts she is a business consultant, cosmetology professional and writer.

She invites you to email her at:

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