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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The ceramics of Michael Schwegmann and the paintings of alumna Kay Seefeld will be displayed in Illinois Wesleyan University's Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, respectively, from May 5 through May 26. The galleries are located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). The opening reception for both exhibitions will be held on Thursday, May 6 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Seefeld received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Illinois Wesleyan in 1983 and went on to receive a master's degree in painting from Illinois State University in 1987. She is the former art program coordinator for Blair House Retirement Center and is the former owner of 300 Gallery in Bloomington. "Since graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University, my work has pursued a central core of themes which speak continuously of hope, transformation, and rebirth; needs and desires that are timeless," said Seefeld of her work.

Schwegmann received his bachelor of fine arts in ceramics from the University of Illinois in 1999. He has served as president of the Champaign-Urbana Gallery Guild and has been the chairman of the City of Champaign Arts Commission since 2005. Schwegmann works as a full-time potter and artist at Boneyard Pottery in Champaign, which he has owned and operated since 1995.

For additional information, contact the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, at (309) 556-3822.

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