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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--"Illinois Painters III," an exhibition of 35 paintings by 12 artists, will open at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Merwin Gallery at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The show, which will run through Oct. 29, will be open free to the public from 1-4 p.m. daily and from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Illinois Arts Council, William DuVall, chairman, and is being circulated throughout the state by the Visual Arts Touring Programs of the Council.

The Merwin Gallery show will be approximately one-third of the total Illinois Painters III exhibition, which contains 95 paintings by 33 artists. The show was put together by former Wesleyan faculty member Walter Thompson, director of the division of art at Bradley University.

Artists included in the Merwin Gallery show will be Lisa Allen, Craig Anderson, Bill Benway, JoAnne Carson, Stephen Lowery, Stephen Luecking, Owen McHugh, Dale Mills, Sandra Perlow, Joanna Pinsky, James Rousonelos and Jacquelyn Ruttinger.

The show will represent the full range of concerns of Illinois painters at this time. The works cross a wide spectrum of interests from realism to abstraction and the many variations these categories have undergone.