

## First Friday to feature Mesko baseball exhibit

### Exhibit named Mudville USA

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As blue skies and sunshine signal the arrival of spring, Metro Detroiters eagerly await the start of another tradition — baseball season. With the Detroit Tigers' Opening Day just around the corner on April 9, Detroit artist Eric Mesko takes us on a whimsical yet evocative trip into the past of America's favorite warm-weather sport at a new Northville Art House Exhibit.

Mesko's grandfather, Francis Lynch, played amateur baseball with a Pennsylvania coal mining team in 1908 and continued playing for the next three decades with various coal mining and steel mill teams.

Mudville USA offers homage to that history and to the innocent joy the sport offered in its earlier days, hinting that we might do well to remember where we came from and cherish certain aspects of that past.

Mesko is a longtime Detroit resident who has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in fine art from Wayne State University. A former Marine, he is known for his social and political activism. He has shown his work at The Detroit Institute of Arts and has had one-person shows at Oakland University, Willis Gallery, Zeitgeist Gallery, Marygrove College, and the Michigan Gallery among others. The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, with Mesko giving a brief talk at 8 p.m.

The show will continue through April 24 during the

Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.). In addition, the Friends of the Library will also hold a used sports book sale in the lower gallery of the Art House from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow.

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Northville District Library and the Northville Art House.

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or go to [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org). The Art House, at 215 W. Cady Street, is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to the facility's shows is always free and open to the public.

STARRING, "THE GALLERY"

Starring, "The Gallery," at 118 W. Main Street, will present work from the

The Birmingham Society of Women Painters during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk tomorrow. A special bonus will be music provided by Sheila Landis.

The event will take place during the regular First Friday hours of 6-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 347-1642 or go to [www.starringthegallery.com](http://www.starringthegallery.com).