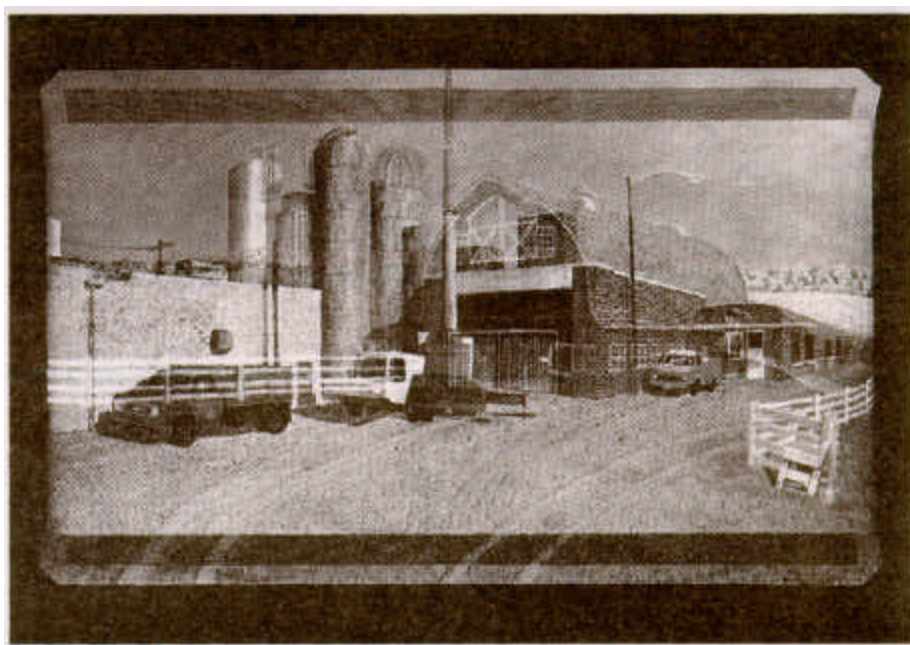


Landmark Decisions at Old Court House Arts Center



A Factory is Barn by Nancy L Steinmeyer

Inspiring and informing through art is the goal of the *Landmark Decisions* exhibit at the Old Court House Arts Center in Woodstock.

Through February 23, 2001, everyone interested in art, land use, environment and evolution will be awed and affected by the three-dimensional paintings and photographs. You decide which vision you prefer as artist Nancy Steinmeyer's landscapes depict one image at two points in time—before and after development. Photographs from a compilation of 200 photographers for the year 2000 are also on display. Professional and amateur photographers are represented with black and white scenes of McHenry County during this historic year.

Artist Steinmeyer has created the *Landmark Decisions* board game to complement the impressive visuals on display. The strategy game, which targets players age 8 to adult, emphasizes the concept that land development has a direct effect on the environment. McHenry County Defenders' Full Moon Theater will showcase *Landmark Decisions* in a "Tournament of Turf" from 7 to 10 PM, February 7, at the Old Court House Arts Center. The public is welcome to participate.

Becky Clayborn, membership coordinator for the McHenry County Defenders, is pleased to support the *Landmark Decisions* exhibit/Her organization sees the exhibit as an opportunity to educate the



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public on the environment in an artistic and enjoyable manner. "We really like the unique collaboration between the artists' community and the environmentalists. They provide different perspectives on the same issues," she remarked. "From our point of view, the art is educational, great to look at and the playing game is just a bonus."

Ann Nevills, owner and photographer for CLIX photographs & savabies, coordinated the photography exhibit. It was her goal for photographers of all skill levels to be involved in a compilation of images of every part of life in the year 2000. "It's presenting a slice of life' at a moment in time. In 50 years, our community will look so very different, and folks can look back and see scenes from today." An album of selected photos will be property of the McHenry County Historical Society.

"Looking to the future with an eye on the past allows us to make landmark decisions with more wisdom," said artist Steinmeyer. "Our intention is to bring together those who love art and creative concepts with those who care about environmental issues and encourage consideration when making irrevocable decisions about land use."

For 20 years, Steinmeyer has been a nationally recognized artist whose diverse works have been exhibited around the country. Current exhibits include the Illinois State Museum in Springfield and the State of Illinois Building in Chicago. One of her murals can be viewed in Robinson, Illinois, as part of the Indiana-Illinois Oil Fields Heritage Tourism Tour.

For more information, call Steinmeyer at 815-334-8825. The Old Court House Arts Center is on the Square at 101 N. Johnson in Woodstock. Gallery hours are 11 AM to 5 PM, Thursday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 PM on Sundays. For additional information on the McHenry County Defenders' "Tournament of Turf," call 815-338-0393.

