

Rescuing a Rare Find at StoneGate

A formerly hidden treasure is on display at StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

After the City of Bedford acquired the facility in 2014, an inventory of the building revealed an oil painting secreted away in the dusky, dusty corners of a maintenance room.

Dated 1947, the painting bears the signature of Albert Miller and depicts the Empire Quarry in Oolitic.

In contrast with the painting's long-hidden, gloomy hideaway, the dynamic manner in which Miller depicts the quarry is remarkable: six figures in varying degrees of undress are enjoying the chilly waters.

Yes indeed, those swimmers are naked.

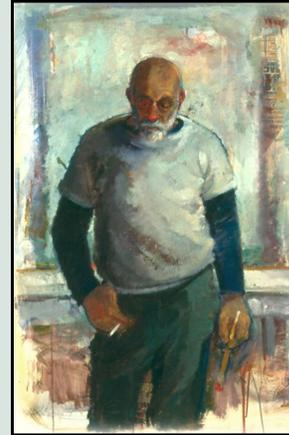
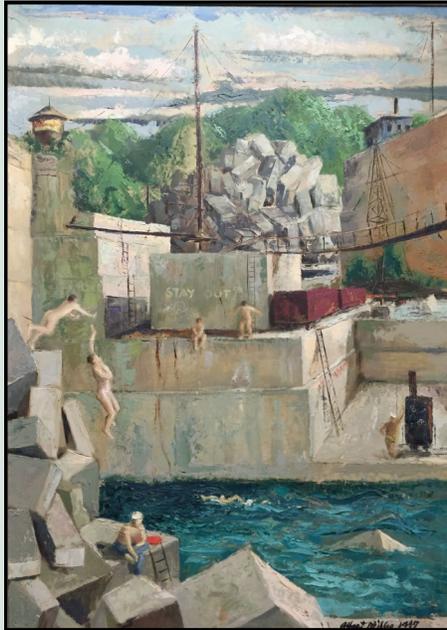
Apparently, in 1947 like today, the call of the cool quarry waters beckoned trespassing swimmers. It's a familiar – albeit dangerous – Indiana tradition.

It's possible the work was commissioned by Indiana Limestone Co., as were other of his works during the time period, or he simply may have illustrated his surroundings.

Albert Wilton Miller was born in Ozark, Mo. in 1917, but grew up in Bedford, according to his official website.

He launched his 50-year art career at Indiana University's Herron School of Art, where he earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees in fine arts.

Miller was awarded grants to study as a



LEFT: A 1947 oil painting by Bedford artist Albert W. Miller depicting swimmers in Oolitic's Empire Quarry hangs at StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

ABOVE: A self-portrait of artist Albert W. Miller featured on his website, © Sidney Miller.

director of the advertising and public relations firm, Motivation Dynamics, in Chicago during the 1960s.

He left the business world for a career as a free-lancer in 1969, stating his desire "to create a more basic and meaningful life," the website notes.

Throughout his lifetime, Miller designed more than a

dozen homes and buildings, including two of his own homes, one of which he incorporated into a 120-foot limestone bluff in Hermann, Mo.

Miller died in 2009, and was survived by his wife Sidney and son Albert.

For more information about the artist and to view some of his artwork work, visit www.albertwmillerartist.com.

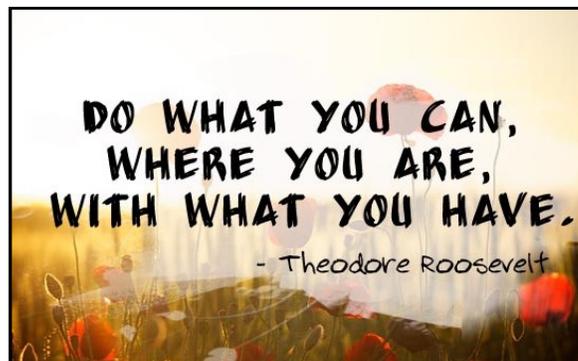
Guggenheim Scholar in Europe in 1950. Afterward, he returned to the Midwest, earning his graduate degree at the University of Illinois and teaching there for five years.

In pursuit of his love of art, he served as a visiting professor at Cincinnati Academy of Art and owned and operated Rookwood Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio from 1955 to 1959.

Miller was founder, partner and creative

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FRC STEAMRollers to Compete in World Tourney



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KOKOMO — The Limestone Robotics FRC STEAMRollers team competed in the Indiana State FRC Robotics Championship on April 15-16 in Kokomo. The team won Top Rookie Seed and Top Rookie All-Star, and the opportunity to compete in the World Robotics Tournament on April 27-30 at the Edward Jones Dome in St Louis.

StoneGate Center: Welcoming Entrepreneurs and Start-Up Businesses

In support of the City of Bedford's focus on "building a better Bedford," StoneGate Arts & Education Center is making offices available for entrepreneurs interested in launching new small business enterprises in the Lawrence County area.

Currently, these incubator spaces are available free of charge. Ideally, as the businesses begin to flourish, rental costs will adjust on a sliding scale until the individual enterprises are solvent enough to strike out on their own.

Interested business owners must provide a business plan, offer an estimation of how long the business will remain at StoneGate Center, convey the specific accommodations they will require, and be willing to discuss costs related to phone, internet and electrical usage. Businesses also must provide proof of general business liability insurance.

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