

Earth Speaks VI Exhibition Winner Glenn Koehler

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TANNERSVILLE - Lehigh Valley artist wins photography award in Pocono Arts Council's Earth Speaks VI Exhibition

Lehigh Valley-based photographer Glenn Koehler has won the Photography Award in the Pocono Arts Council's The Earth Speaks VI: A Juried Exhibition on the Environmental Crisis. The exhibit, originally slated to be displayed at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus in the Dunning Art Gallery, has moved to a virtual platform at the Pocono Arts Council's website. "The Earth Speaks is an artist's means of capturing their concern regarding the climate crisis and how it affects our planet, as well as an opportunity to offer possible solutions," the council said in a statement.

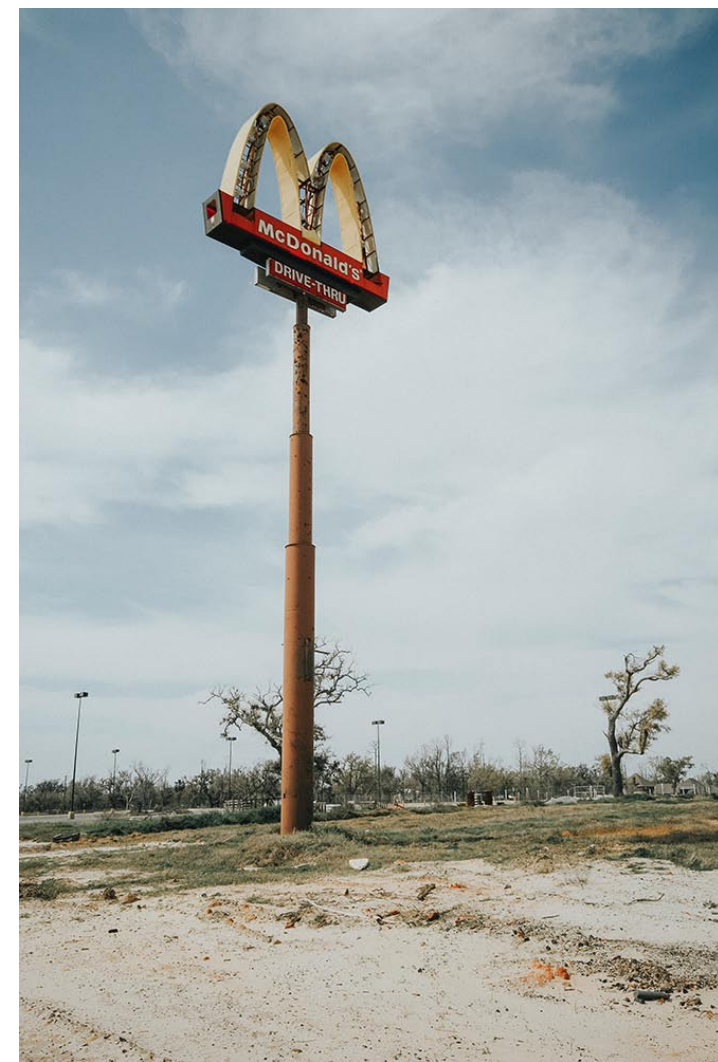
Koehler's award-winning work, Biloxi, Two Years After Katrina, is part of a series spanning the days immediately following Hurricane Katrina through the subsequent rebuilding of a home in the community eighteen months later.

Koehler, then a senior at Saucon Valley High School, was deployed to Mississippi as part of a search and rescue team just days following the storm. He spent a week and a half serving as part of a ground crew going house-to-house in Waveland, MS, considered 'ground zero' of the hurricane. Documenting the ravaged landscape along the way, Koehler's work Old Glory, Hurricane Katrina from this time period was also accepted into the exhibition.

Koehler's award-winning photo depicts a barren landscape and a wind and storm surge-battered McDonald's sign just off the coast in Biloxi, Mississippi, nearly a year and a half following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Serving as part of a group rebuilding homes for residents, he returned to the same areas, capturing the shocking amount of inaction and destruction still evident in the communities long after the storm was gone.

"I'm honored to have my photography, especially some of my earliest work, recognized by the Pocono Arts Council," Koehler said in a statement. "The incredible damage wrought by the hurricane was heartening to see in person. Witnessing it, combined with the principles and ethics raised by my fellow artists in The Earth Speaks, show that humanity has a long way to go towards achieving a sustainable relationship and understanding our role with our planet."

Koehler and his fellow award winners were invited to present and speak on their works virtually in a program that can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MzeaqsI-4E>. The Earth Speaks VI exhibit is viewable online and selected works can be purchased at <https://poconoarts.org/gallery/>. The exhibit was juried by Santa Bannon, the founder of the Pennsylvania Museum of Art & Design, and the director of Santa Bannon Fine Art.



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Website Helps Pennsylvanians Support Local Restaurants

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many restaurants to make drastic changes in operations, including temporarily eliminating dine-in options. A new website helps Pennsylvanians support their local restaurants by providing a list of takeout, curbside and delivery services operating during the public health emergency.

The Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association developed the new CarryoutPA website to serve as a resource to connect community residents with dine-out options in their area.

Restaurant owners who would like to be featured on the new site can enter their business information at www.carryoutpa.com/join-now/.

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COVID-19 REOPENING PHASES

	WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS	SOCIAL SETTINGS
RED PHASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY • RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE • SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION • MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAY AT HOME ORDERED • LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED • RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY • ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES
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HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE MASK OUT OF FABRIC OR CLOTH



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- Fabric (100% cotton is most effective)
- Fabric ties
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or a needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS:



- Measure and cut two pieces of fabric in a rectangle pattern to fit snugly around the face (size 12 inches by 6 inches is standard for adults)
- Tightly sew both layers together on all edges
- Cut fabric ties to fit around the ears
- Sew the ties to the insides of the mask on the smaller edge, repeat on both sides
- Resew the sides to ensure a tight seal between both pieces of fabric and the earpiece

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