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Hudson galleries present shows for Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, 86 galleries and studios across Northeast Ohio will feature exhibitions and events in March that honor women artists and their creations. Hudson Fine Art & Framing, Uncommon Art Gallery & Studios and The Red Twig are among that number. Each will have a reception on Friday, March 10 from 5-8pm.

Hudson Fine Art & Framing, 160 N. Main St., will feature "All Different But Just Like Me," a collection of women's portraits by Kent painter Linda Hutchinson. "I am intrigued by human behavior and seek to unearth that which lies beneath the surface, sometimes a sublime gesture, a memory, a visual metaphor ..." she says. The show runs through March 31. For gallery hours, visit hudsonfineartandframing.com.

Uncommon Art Gallery & Studios, 178 ½ N. Main St., presents "Threads of the Past," artwork created with an eye to history. Dana Giel-Ray will feature jewelry created with Egyptian influences. Shannon Casey will show paintings inspired by an old autograph book found at a Hudson antiques show. Karen Koch's mixed media pieces evoke memories and layers of time – some with stitching to connect and embellish. The building that houses Uncommon Art (and Hudson Oriental Rugs at street level) was built in 1833 by Owen Brown and its history and timeline will also be featured. The show runs through April. To learn more, visit uncommonarthudson.com.

The Red Twig at Hudson Park Center, 5245 Darrow Road, is an eclectic space where floral design is part of a bigger design story. Owner Michelle Touve-Holland does artistic arrangements for weddings, bridal shows and more and her newly expanded space provides more gallery area for local artists. In March, she will feature work by Deborah French, Cynde Hujarski, Cari Miller, Judy Takacs, Jennifer Worden, Tiffany Jones, Debra-Lynn Hook and Mo Gartland. To learn more, visit facebook.com/theredtwig.

These venues are included in a directory of regional galleries hosting events for Women's History Month, some donating a portion of their sales to women's causes. The full listing may be found at lakelandcc.edu/gallery. Gallery coordinator Mary Urbas at Lakeland Community College created the directory and also curated, "From Woman X ... Created by Women, of Women & About Women" at the college. The show features artwork from 44 women including Hudson artists Karen Koch and Dana Giel-Ray.