

Akron artist Don Drumm crafts an enduring career

Open house, show at gallery to celebrate four decades of work

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Suggest to Don Drumm that he and his art are considered landmarks on the Akron landscape and he grimaces, saying that makes him feel as if his feet are encased in the concrete he has used so creatively over the decades.

If he sold widgets or served food, the banner advertising his business might read something like "Serving Akron for 40 years," or "A Family Tradition Since 1960."

All of which are true.

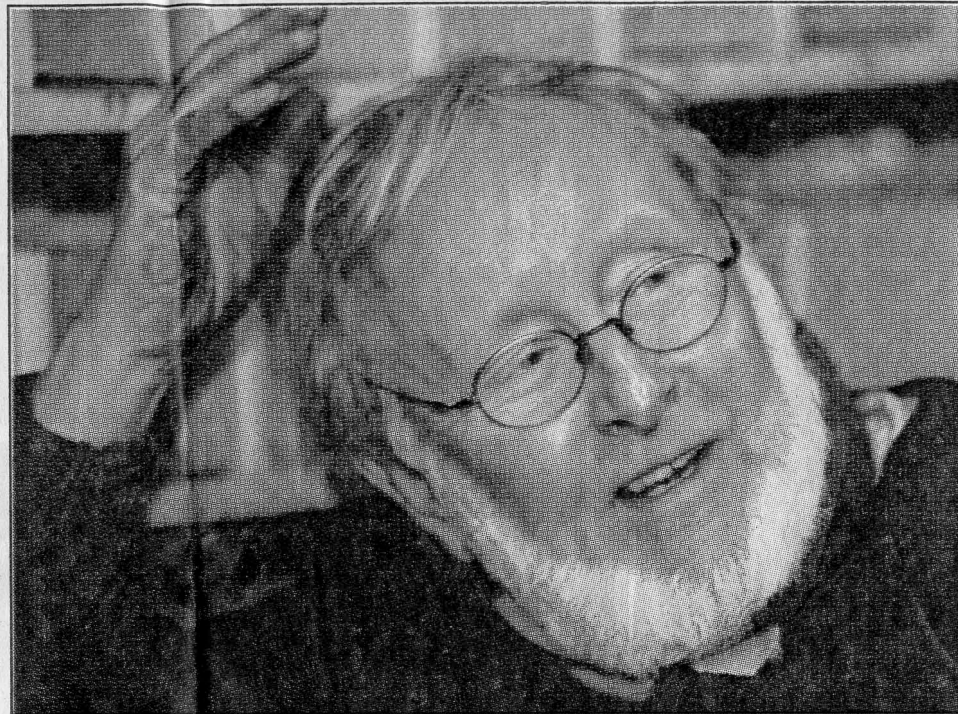
Drumm's gratitude to Akron for supporting him and his art are well known, almost as familiar as his murals and sun faces. As for the family tradition - he and his wife and business partner, Lisa, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last weekend.

The Drumms will host a 40th anniversary open house and a special show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow at their gallery at 437 Crouse St.

Drumm is a fan of the city. He says people don't appreci-

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Don Drumm began his art career in 1960 when he was laid off by the industrial design firm that brought him to Akron in 1958.



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