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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: Holiday Art Fair & Gingerbread House Workshop

When: Holiday Art Fair: Nov. 21 – 10 am to 5 pm; Nov. 22 – noon to 4 pm
Gingerbread House Workshop: November 21 ONLY – 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Lobbies of Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: Holiday Art Fair: \$4 daily admission; \$6 for two-day pass; free for children 17 and under

Gingerbread House Workshop: \$18 per project (up to 4 people per project; includes 1 adult daily admission to Holiday Art Fair)

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Begin your holiday season at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art with the **30th Annual Holiday Art Fair** on Saturday, November 21, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, November 22, noon to 4 pm, at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI. One of the premier holiday art fairs of the season, this year's fair will be another exceptional event. Visitors can enjoy a wide selection of unique art and gifts, the smell of fresh baked goods, lunch by Café American, and joyful songs. And the first 1,000 paid admissions receive a free shopping bag!

New this year: Design and create your own beautiful **gingerbread house** just in time for the holidays! We supply the basic materials; you bring ideas, unique supplies to share and a firm surface to take it home on. You can even enter your creation in Northwood University's Gingerbread House Contest – applications will be available. Up to four people can share a project. **All ages are welcome.** Ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **The Gingerbread House Workshop** is Saturday, November 21 ONLY, 1 pm to 4 pm, and pre-registration is required by November 16: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org. The Gingerbread House Workshop is part of the Family Discovery Days presented by Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art. Sponsored by Arbury Insurance Agency.

Booths for approximately 80 juried artists will be arranged throughout the Center's lobby areas and Garden Room to display paintings, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics and other

distinctive art and gift ideas. All artisans with displays in this fair were chosen by juried selection.

The festive sound of young musicians and singers from the Midland area will be heard throughout the weekend as they perform classic holiday tunes. Visitors also can observe artist demonstrations by Museum School faculty as they create their works, and purchase goodies from The Sweet Shoppe, offering an array of cookies, breads, pies and other temptations donated by Friends of the Center and members of the Museum.

Join us for this truly merry event and be prepared to catch the holiday spirit with the tempting treasures that will be displayed. You're sure to find a unique gift for that special person or a little something to add to your own holiday collection. **Holiday Art Fair Tickets:** \$4 one-day pass; \$6 two-day pass; FREE for children 17 and younger. **Gingerbread Workshop Tickets:** \$18 per project (includes 1 Holiday Art Fair adult daily admission – a \$4 value). Admission to Holiday Art Fair or Gingerbread House Workshop includes access to the Hall of Ideas. All proceeds from the Holiday Art Fair benefit exhibitions, studio art classes, workshops, school outreach and other educational programs of the Alden B. Dow Museum, a non-profit organization.

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

Midland Center for the Arts, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed under the laws of the State of Michigan incorporating six groups: Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, MATRIX:MIDLAND, Midland County Historical Society, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Music Society and Theatre Guild. Activities at Midland Center for the Arts are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For the latest Center news, visit our web site at www.mcfta.org.

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