

Artist's abundant colors expand spirit



The year 2011 marked Susan Teague's 40th year as a professional artist, but she has been fascinated by color since she was a child. "Today," she says, "I still feel that same exuberance as I view the rainbow spectrum world around me. Color energizes me emotionally, spiritually and physically."

That energy is abundantly represented in Teague's exhibit *Colors of Life*, through which she intends to provide pleasure, explore emotions and provoke thoughts. "In this way," she states, "these works are both a vehicle and a destination for spiritual expansion."

Colors of Life will be on display in the second floor art gallery in the WMU College of Health and Human Services from January 9 – March 12, and the public is invited to meet the artist and view the works at a reception from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Teague received her A.S. in Liberal Arts from Kalamazoo Valley Community College and B.S. in Fine Art from WMU. After graduation, her studies included art education and creative expression at Murray State University and the

University of Kentucky at Lexington. She has also studied with nationally recognized artists Jack Beal, Michael Berger and Martha Meyer Erlebacher.

Over the years, this colorful artist has shown her work in numerous shows and has received many awards and recognitions for her paintings, drawings, workshops and book illustrations. A 400 linear-foot mural she painted is on display at Bronson Children's Hospital in Kalamazoo, and her work can be found in many private and public settings in Michigan and around the U.S.

After 23 years of service, Teague retired from teaching at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA), but she continues to share her time and expertise with the KIA and through workshops, art enrichment programs and instruction in a variety of settings.

Colors of Life can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, visit www.susanteagueart.com and contact Gay Walker at 269/387-3839 or gay.walker@wmich.edu.