

Local artist to present exhibit at IIT gallery

art@iit at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) will present Emergence, an exhibit of new works by Beverly resident Dr. Audrius Plioplys. The exhibition will be on display from Thursday, March 5, through Thursday, May 14, in the Kemper Room Art Gallery of the Galvin Library, 35 W. 33rd St.

Plioplys, who is of Lithuanian background, was born and raised in Canada, and has spent the better part of his life creating art while in his practice as a neuro-researcher. He has been a neurologist and neuroscientist for 32 years, and a profes-

sional artist for 31 years. His neurologic and neurobiologic research concentrated on

finding causes and cures for cognitive disorders, from autism in children, to Alzheimer's disease in the elderly. Over the past 19 years, in caring for severely cerebral palsied children, Plioplys has reported the world's best

survival rates data.

His artwork is an ongoing metaphorical investigation of consciousness, thinking, and the thought process. He has transformed the neurobiology research laboratory into an artist's studio. As a child neurologist, neurobiologic researcher and accomplished artist, his artwork attempts to incorporate all aspects of his professional career. His preoccupation is thinking and the thought process. For almost two decades, his artwork has been concentrated

in this area. His mediums include photography, electroencephalograms, and other scientific mappings, merged into multi-layered images, and printed in archival digital format.

Emergence is the first postretirement body of work.

For more information about this art series and about the artist, visit plioplys.com.

An opening reception for the exhibition will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, in the Kemper Room Art Gallery. At 6 p.m., Plioplys will lecture on his work and process.

Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information. call (312) 567-5293 or visit

art.iit.edu.



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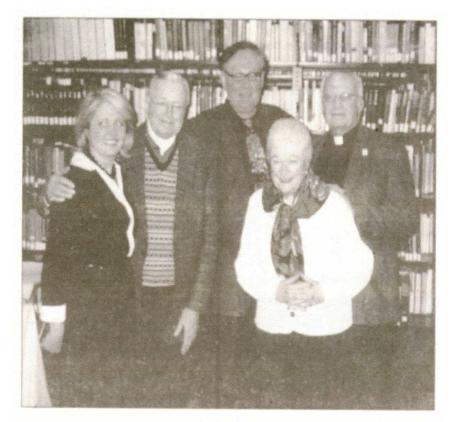


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Sigita Plioplys (from left), Beverly artist Jack Simmerling, newly retired neuroscientist Dr. Audrius Plioplys, Beverly Review columnist Pat Somers Cronin and the Rev. James Nako, pastor of Holy Nativity Church, enjoy a light-hearted moment after a serious half-hour discussion of "Emergence," an exhibit of new works by Audrius Plioplys. Also in attendance was Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM, president of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, where Plioplys maintained an office for many years. "Emergence" continues until Thursday, May 14, in the Kemper Room Art Gallery at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 35 W. 33rd St. For more information, call (312) 567-5293 or visit art.iit.edu.