

# *Spirituality of the Land*

*Art Exhibit*

*February 12 - March 20, 2010*

Benedictine Women of Madison hosts an art exhibit combining the poetry of Michael E. Belongie and the landscape and wildlife paintings of Jonathan Wilde

Exhibit Hours

M, Tu, Th, F: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; W: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm; Sa: 1:00-4:00 pm

Holy Wisdom Monastery

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## Jonathan Wilde

Wilde's oil paintings are a keen observation of the natural world. Throughout his career, he has shared a connection with the wooded hills and river valleys of the northern United States, and the pastoral landscapes of the Midwest. His connection with nature can also be seen in his depiction of animals in their natural habitat.

## Michael E. Belongie

Belongie is a poet and educator. He has served as president of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets and won the Congressional Teaching of Excellence Award twice. Michael is also a long-time environmental volunteer in the restored prairie at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton, WI.

## *In Winter Stillness*

*Barren of leaves, the oaks, maples and elms offer capillary silhouettes on the horizon.*

*In winter stillness, the saps, although sluggish, are accruing resolve for budding.*

*Starkness of the trunks and limbs broach extravagance, both symmetry and asymmetry, in this cold and contrast.*

*The rooting ball in each anchors these crowns, laid bare; we are to stay the course.*

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*Weaving prayer, hospitality, justice and care of the earth into a shared way of life as an ecumenical community*