

Hidden Faces: Selected works from the Roy Burges Collection

**Second Floor Gallery
January 8 - March 5, 2022**

Exhibit Statement:

This exhibit is a Director's selection of paintings by Iowa artist Roy Burges from the collection archives on long-term loan to the Blanden from the artist.

In 2017 prior to the artist's permanent move to the Island of Maui, Roy established a long-term loan agreement with the Blanden to house an extensive collection of his paintings, drawings, and archives, making the museum the home to a great Iowa master.

Hidden Faces is a selection of images that Roy Burges created while living in Kansas City of homeless men he befriended. The face is an entrance into a person's soul. The emotions of the person's life become imprinted on the surface of a face. People carry meaning, identity, beauty, and character on their faces. The face becomes a place to hang all our memories of a person, gives us first impressions, and helps identify friends from foe. The power and interest of faces have captivated artists throughout history.

Roy has a talent for capturing people, which is enhanced by his kindness, each individual he captured he knew personally. He was interested in their story. This exhibit showcases Roy's self-taught abilities and a window into humanity often overlooked and unseen.