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Dave Dunn's 'Reelfoot Critters' on display at DPA

Discovery Park of America will open an exhibit featuring sculptures by Dave Dunn in the museum's Southern Artist Showcase gallery with a free reception and discussion with the artist on Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m.

The gallery features a new exhibit each year spotlighting Southern painters, photographers, sculptors and other fine artists. "Southern Artist Showcase with Dave Dunn" is sponsored by Discover Reelfoot and will be on display from Friday through Sept. 7.

Dunn is a metal sculptor based in Silver Spring, Md. He creates movement and whimsy by welding found, repurposed and new metal objects into his artwork, which are displayed around the United States and in Europe.

This collection, titled "Reelfoot Critters," is inspired by his childhood summer visits with family in the nearby river port town of Hickman, Ky., with days spent on the Mississippi River and at Reelfoot Lake.

"I was fortunate to have been able to spend a lot of time with my grandparents, Judge John and Doris Bondurant, at their Hickman, Ky., home," said Dunn. "The art in this exhibit has been especially meaningful for me since it reflects treasured days spent on and around the Mississippi River and Reelfoot Lake with family."

Dunn's DunnInMetal Studio is in Silver Spring and his work can be found in



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galleries around the country and in private collections in Paris and Normandy, France; Willerzell, Switzerland; New York City and Shelter Island, N.Y.; Los Angeles and Malibu, Calif.; Washington, D.C.; New Orleans; Lexington, Ky.; Asheville, N.C.; Austin, Texas; Key West, Fla.; Santa Fe, N.M.; Talbot County,

Md., and others.

"This is going to be a fun way for our visitors to Discovery Park to experience some of the 'critters' of Reelfoot Lake," said Jennifer Wildes, the museum's senior collections and exhibits director. "We've been working closely with Dave on how each sculpture is to be displayed. With titles like

"Boom Snake," "Goober Fish" and "Raijin Catfish," this exhibit is going to be enjoyable for children and adults."

"Southern Artist Showcase with Dave Dunn" will premiere on Thursday with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. featuring a conversation with the artist, light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.