Preview: 1st Gallery Walk of the season

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Mark Felix and Henry Wynstra are at two different points in their careers.

The former is a recent college graduate in photojournalism who has taken pictures around the country and overseas.

The latter, who is 91 years old, began pursuing his lifelong passion for art in multiple mediums after retiring.

On Friday night, their work will be placed side by side at Thomas Duncan Hall. The exhibit is one of more than two dozen inside galleries and businesses downtown for the season's first Gallery Walk.

Each has produced work rife with rich life experiences.

Wynstra fought in World War II, earned a degree in dentistry, served as a dentist in the military and then practiced for 35 years in Racine, Wisconsin.

When his daughter and son-inlaw moved to Greenville, Illinois, he said he obtained his degree in art at Greenville College to fulfill a passion that was born when he was a teen.

Wynstra fell in love with the mediums he studied in school and will show several, including an oil painting, carving and watercolor, at Duncan Hall, he said.

"I developed artwork from my experiences," Wynstra said.

Felix, who grew up in Lafayette, graduated from the University of Indiana in 2015 and has had internships at the Orange County Register and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, he said. He also worked as an intern and freelance photographer for the Journal & Courier.

Felix, who has won several awards for his work, said he also received a grant in college to travel to Romania to document the displacement spurred by gold-mining in a village. He's now in Lafayette working independently on a piece about heroin use in the community.

He didn't intend to study photojournalism when he started college but said he fell in love with it after working for the Indiana Daily Student in Bloomington.

"I love to see things that I've never seen before," Felix said.

"I'm a fairly curious person, and sometimes the best way to see the world and see things that you normally wouldn't see is through a camera."