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# WWII Love Story Written Across an Ocean Returns in 2026

**Naperville, IL — May, 2026**— Naperville artist Marilyn Dale’s solo exhibition *Between the Lines* returns in 2026 at the Ferguson Art Gallery, Concordia University, Kretzmann Hall, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, IL, and will be open to the public for four weeks, from October 12 through November 13, 2026.

Inspired by her father’s correspondence from the Pacific Theater during World War II, Dale transforms the intimate story of love and devotion into luminous mixed-media paintings and new three-dimensional works. While some letters are embedded in the pieces, the exhibition focuses on the artistic interpretations they inspired—layered narratives of longing, faith, and comradeship brought to life through color, texture, and form.

The public is invited to an Artist Talk and Reception on Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 1 to 3 p.m., with an Artist Talk at 2 p.m.

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## Letters Across the Pacific—Now Expressed Through Art

*Between the Lines* traces one soldier’s devotion and resilience through visual storytelling. “These letters are the heart of the work,” Dale explains, “but the paintings themselves carry the emotions—distance, longing, faith, and reunion—into a tangible, immersive experience.”

This 2026 presentation introduces new 3D pieces and a selection of recently completed paintings premiering in River Forest while expanding the original exhibition and deepening its exploration of memory, devotion, and wartime correspondence.

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## Exhibition Details

**Between the Lines — A Solo Exhibition by Marilyn Dale**  
**Ferguson Art Gallery, Concordia University**  
Kretzmann Hall, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, IL

**On View:** October 12 – November 13, 2026

**Gallery Hours:** Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Artist Talk + Reception:** Sunday, November 8, 1–3 p.m. with an Artist Talk at 2 p.m.  
Open to the public | Free admission | Refreshments served

More information, exhibition catalog pre-orders, and a 2026 wall calendar benefiting the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 are available at [www.marilyndale.com/letters](http://www.marilyndale.com/letters).

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### **About the Artist**

Marilyn Dale is a contemporary painter and Signature Member of the National Association of Women Artists and member of American Women Artists. Her work has appeared in juried shows at the Salmagundi Club in New York and in numerous galleries. A former marketing executive, Dale's recent studio practice is exploring memory, devotion, and the quiet heroism of everyday lives.

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