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Art students to display best works in exhibition

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The works of more than 40 students from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Department of Performing and Visual Arts’ art program will be featured in the second annual “November Show” student art exhibition, to be held Wednesday, Nov. 29-Friday, Dec. 15 in the Art Building at UW-Platteville.

A reception and open house will be held in the Five Legs Gallery in the lobby of the Art Building on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 4-6 p.m. All are welcome.

Artwork will span a range of media and formats, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics and graphic design. This year, the art program is also pleased to announce a new prize for Best in Show, which was made possible due to the generosity of Thomas Hickey, an arts program patron. The award will be selected by guest judge Dana Gevelinger, UW-Platteville alumna and senior graphic designer at Kristin Mitchell Design in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and will carry a cash prize of \$250. The prize will be awarded during the opening reception on Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The goal of the exhibition, which will include on-going student work produced in the last year, is to share art work completed by UW-Platteville art students with university faculty, staff and students, and open the Art Building to the Platteville community. The show also will help students view their work as more than a classroom exercise and as an active contribution to their community.

“Art work does not happen in a vacuum, rather it is crucial for the development of young artists to show their work, see it on display, and think about how it functions in the presence of an audience,” said Dr. Tyler Ostergaard, assistant professor of art history at UW-Platteville. “We participate in a number of exhibitions throughout the year, both on- and off-campus, but the ‘November

Show' is an opportunity for students of all years to show their work to their friends on campus and to the larger Platteville community."

"The 'November Show' is a yearly polaroid of the ingenuity, passion and talent put forth from each group of students and faculty as a community," said Bernadette Hawley, a junior art major from New Glarus, Wisconsin. "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and at this event, the beholder is opened to a variety of artistic visions and ideas that can connect to all aspects of life; which is why this show is an event every member of campus can relate to and enjoy."

"The 'November Show' is a great way to showcase the dedication that UW-Platteville students have for the arts," said JoAnna Polebitski, a junior art major from Waupaca, Wisconsin. "The show is an excellent opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with presenting their work to the community while being proud of their accomplishments."

"November Show" complements "Senior Show," a student art exhibition held every spring in the Nohr Gallery, and provides a more casual exhibition opportunity open to all art students.

Art faculty involved in planning the show include Ostergaard; Greg Nelson, associate professor of graphic design; Steve Vance, professor of art; Richard Moninski, distinguished lecturer; Carole Spelic', senior lecturer; Daniel O'Brien, lecturer; and Scott Steder, lecturer.

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