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Nineteen alumni show off their work in a variety of mediums.

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Exhibition runs through Jan. 22.



Maria Britton's Common Descent

ROCK HILL, S.C. - "Re>Visit: 1", Winthrop University Galleries first ever alumni exhibition, will run in the Rutledge Gallery Nov. 10 to Jan. 22. To celebrate this first-of-its-kind exhibition, an opening reception will take place Friday, Nov. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Rutledge Gallery with entertainment by the Fabulous Wild Cats.

There will also be a performance by current M.F.A student, Jon Prichard entitled "Fixing It All Around A Fake Fire" which will take place at approximately 6:45 p.m. in front of the Rutledge Gallery. The reception is open to the public and free of charge.

The Re>Visit: 1 Alumni Exhibition showcases 19 local, national and international alumni artists working in a variety of mediums from sculpture, jewelry/metals and ceramics to photography, graphic design, printmaking and painting. The scope of alumni work provides an understanding of expression through a range of generations from the class of 1938 to the class of 2005.

"Bringing together this exceptional group of alumni artists gives us a chance to see what influenced these brilliants minds," states Karen Derksen, assistant director, Winthrop University Galleries, "from the inspiration of happy accidents, to the familiar physical surroundings of the South Carolina Low Country. These alumni have travelled near and far from Charleston, S.C. to Helsinki, Finland to pursue careers as art teachers, coordinators, directors, designers, curators, and some still students working on master degrees. We are thrilled to have the alumni share their lives and thoughts with us to show our current students how one event, maybe something as simple as uncovering grandpa's old photo collection of the hometown, can spark a series of artistic creation. We want current students to see how the alumni were shaped in terms of imagination and resourceful articulation of their experiences and help them in every way to follow their own unique paths."

The gallery will also host several lectures by Winthrop alumni as part of the Almost All On Thursdays @ 8 p.m. Gallery Talk series. Im Chan '02, an art conservator graduate student at SUNY Buffalo, will present on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. Justin Van Hoy '04, graphic designer, The Dutch Press, Los Angeles, Calif., will present on Friday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. and Lia Newman '99, director of programs and exhibitions at Artspace in Raleigh, N.C., will speak on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. All talks are in the Rutledge Auditorium and open to the public and free of charge. For more information about the artists and events for the alumni exhibition, please visit www.winthrop.edu/vpa/galleries/alumnishow.

The Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery will exhibit the work of Marge Loudon Moody, associate professor of fine arts and the third recipient of the Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Faculty Grant. "Other Worlds: From Process to Product" will run Nov. 10 until Jan. 22. This exhibition will explore Moody's process work or her investigation, whether through drawing, painting, collage or mixed-media, which leads up to her finished, abstract paintings on canvas she calls "Worlds." These "Worlds" for Moody

are a direct response to various places she finds herself and an attempt to describe the essential nature of each place. Moody will give a public gallery talk on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery.

Also opening is "Re-Containerizing: Rescue and Reuse of Old Tins" in Rutledge Windows with a View. Laura Gardner, assistant professor of art education, examines a personal collection of metal tins, old and new, holders of time, place, history, personal thought and reflection. This exhibition will run Nov. 3 to Jan. 15. Gardner will present a public lecture about this exhibition on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Rutledge Auditorium.

Running until Nov. 7 in the **Edmund D. Lewandowski Student Gallery** is the Foundations Exhibition featuring student work from the 3-D Design, 2-D Design and Drawing courses.

Winthrop University Galleries are located in Rutledge Building and McLaurin Hall on the campus of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be closed for holidays Nov. 27 – 28 and Dec. 22 – Jan. 9. For more information call 803/323-2493 or visit http://www.winthrop.edu/galleries.

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