

New exhibit at Maude Kerns features works by 3 out-of-state artists

Beginning Feb. 7, the Maude Kerns Art Center will feature the works of artists from New York, Colorado and Oklahoma. The artists were selected by a jury from over 200 artists around the country.

New York artist Werner Hoeflich is exhibiting oil on masonite portraits. The works are expressionistic in nature and attempt to capture the inner spirit of those portrayed. Hoeflich has exhibited in a variety of galleries in New York City including the Paulo Salvador Gallery, the Grey Art Gallery and the Kwok Gallery. He also won the prestigious Sean Driscoll award there in 1985. Hoeflich is a native of Eugene and was active here in high school gymnastics. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

Artist Celeste Rehm exhibits photo-surrealistic drawings that are based on a collaging of figures into relationships with surrounding environments. Rehm, who is an associate professor in the Art Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder,

bases her work on images that emerge from the subconscious mind. These images, she believes, are neither dreams nor hallucinations, but represent a mental life that guides conscious action. The images she develops are characterized by unusual and unexpected juxtapositions that

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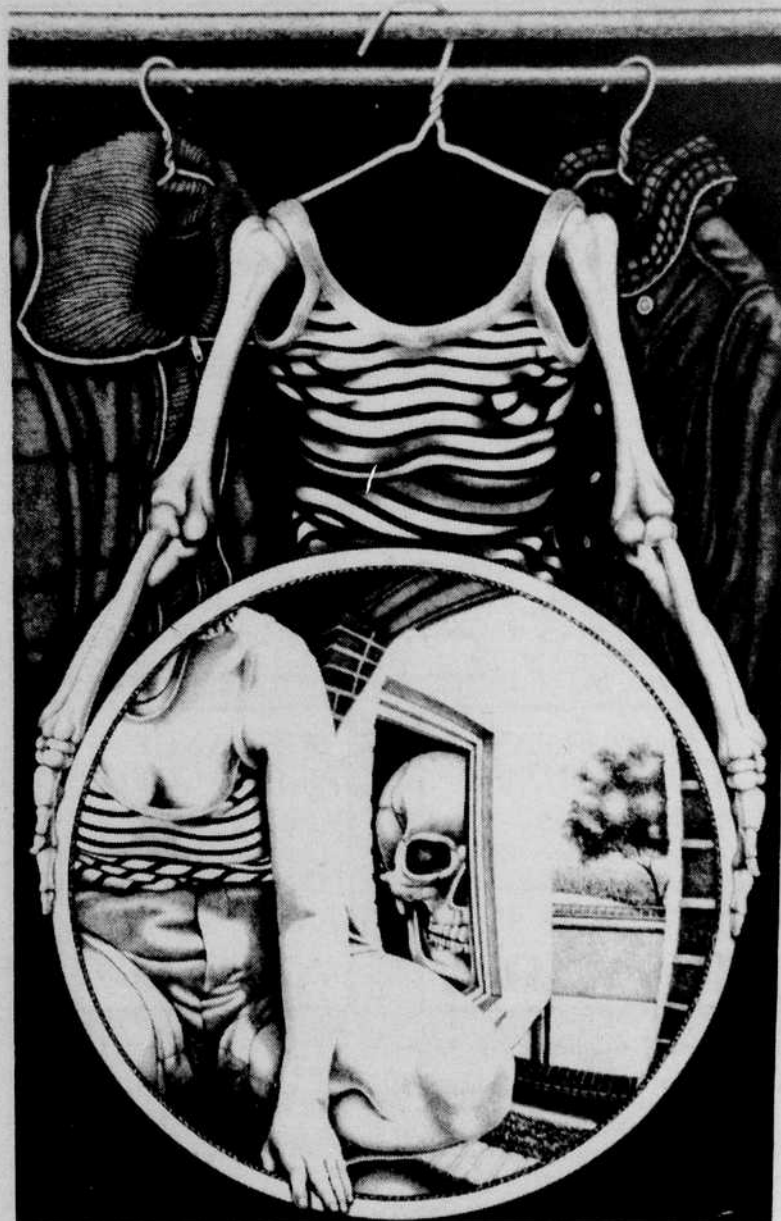
portray a hybrid reality of considerable interest to the viewer.

Oklahoma photographer Dawna Wallis has prepared a suite of photographs based on "found still lifes" for the February show. Wallis believes that ordinary people make important

statements about themselves and their surroundings when they arrange common objects. Whether they arrange a store window in a small town or objects in a car port, Wallis finds that the casual arrangements of ordinary people result in a stimulating statement about life. Wallis searches out these casually arranged still lifes and edits them photographically to focus the viewer's attention on the symbolic richness of everyday life.

Joining the out-of-state artists during the month of February will be 13 artists who will show landscapes in the Center's Mezzanine gallery. Familiar artists from the Eugene area are joined by some new names in this small exhibition of fresh landscapes. Participating in this exhibition are David Thanes, Alex Hughes, Craig Honeycutt, Maude Church, John Torina, Ralph Baker, Margaret Via, Carolyn Orum, Ellen Gabehart, Mark Clarke and Laverne Krause.

An opening reception for this exhibit is on Friday, Feb. 13 from 7-10 pm. The Art Center is open to the public Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 5 pm.



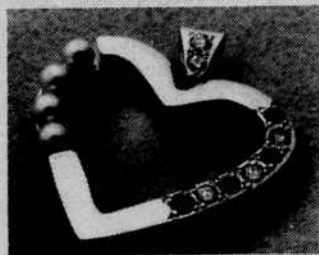
"The curved architectural structures are a direct outgrowth of my obsession and fascination with windows and doors. They represent barriers and obstacles that we must pass by. . . ." —Celeste Rehm

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