

Nightingale Gallery ends year with student art awards

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LA GRANDE — Nightingale Gallery at Eastern Oregon University will close out its 2021-22 exhibition season with the annual All-Campus Juried Student Exhibition featuring work by EOU students from a variety of disciplines and monetary awards for selected student pieces.

"It's the All-Campus Juried Student Exhibition, so any currently enrolled students can submit pieces. They don't have to be art majors or minors, and the art could have been made at home and have nothing to do with EOU," said Gallery Director Cory Peeke.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, May 13, 5-7 p.m. Awards will be presented at 5:45 p.m. The show runs through June 10.

The juror this year is Oregon

artist and writer Bean Gilsdorf. Her projects have been exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara, the Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts and the American Textile History Museum, as well as exhibition spaces in Poland, England, Italy, China and South Africa.

"Last year because of COVID we weren't having people visit campus from off-campus so we didn't have a juror and the art program juried it themselves," Peeke said. "Usually we invite a dignitary of some prominence. (Gilsdorf) will jury the show, but then she'll also do critiques with upper division art majors one-on-one about their artwork. So it's a way for our students to get feedback on their work."

In addition to choosing the works to include in the exhibit, Gilsdorf will select several works to be recognized with monetary

awards. Also, EOU faculty will present the 12th annual Kathelene Galloway Memorial Scholarship and 13th annual Joseph Dickerson Memorial Award.

The Kathelene Galloway Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 award presented to a sophomore or junior level art major who exhibits exemplary technical and conceptual skill. The award is made in memory of Kathelene Galloway, a professor of printmaking and drawing at EOU, who passed away suddenly in December 2009.

"She was a passionate advocate for her students, art, artists and EOU. She lived to share knowledge and the wonder that comes with discovery. Galloway exemplified the excellence to which we encourage our students to endeavor," Peeke said.

The Joseph Dickerson Memorial Award is in memory of Joe Dickerson, an EOU fresh-

man tragically killed in a 2009 auto accident. Following the loss of their son, Joe's parents, Doug and Kyla Dickerson, made a gift of funds to the EOU art program.

"Joe was a model student whose creative energy and enthusiasm for learning was infectious," Peeke said. "In light of this the EOU art program chose to use the funds so generously given by the Dickerson family to endow an award in their son's name to be presented annually to a student who the art faculty feels best exemplifies Joe's dedication, curiosity and creative spirit."

The Nightingale Gallery is located in Loso Hall on the campus of EOU. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For more information, visit eou.edu/art. Find details about this and other May events at eou.edu/may.



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Kimberly Baum's "Adultery of the Heart," a mixed media piece, won best of show in the 2021 All-Campus Juried Student Exhibition. This year's show opens May 13 at Eastern Oregon University's Nightingale Gallery.

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