Royal Nebeker Gallery presents 'Empathies and Energies'

ASTORIA — "Empathies and Energies," an exhibit of ceramics, prints and photographs by three Oregon artists, will be shown at the Royal Nebeker Gallery at Clatsop Community College from Monday, April 2, to Thursday, May 10.

The show features ceramics and prints by internationally acclaimed artist Frank Boyden of Otis; infrared photographs by Rich Bergeman of Corvallis; and ceramics and sculpture by Renee McKitterick, chair of the Art Department at **Linn-Benton Community** College in Albany.

A public reception will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the gallery.

"Empathies and Energies" takes its name from the co-mingling of Boyden's dry-point etchings of anguished faces with the fire



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Rich Bergeman's "Winter Cornfield"

and light that McKitterick and Bergeman use to create their ceramics and infrared photographs.

Anchoring the show is Boyden's "Empathies," a suite of 96 intimate dry-point psychological portraits that he presents in four large grids

of 24 prints each. The series was undertaken in response to the artist's disillusionment with the depravity of humanity and evolved into one of empathy and personal introspection. He is also showing a selection of other recent prints and ceramic work in

the Clatsop exhibit.

McKitterick is an Ohio native who studied and taught in New Mexico before relocating to Oregon to join the art faculty at Linn-Benton. She is a sculptor, painter, designer and potter whose work has



CYNTHIA MADRIGAL PHOTO

A ceramic sculpture by Frank Boyden

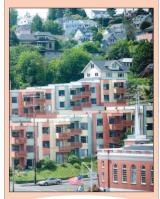
been shown nationally and internationally.

Bergeman, also an Ohio native, is a retired journalism and photography instructor who has enjoyed a double life as a fine art photographer for the past 30 years. His black-and-white

images of the vanishing traces of Northwest history have been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the

The Royal Nebeker Gallery (1799 Lexington Ave.) and is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Astoria artists invited to join Open Studios Tour in July

ASTORIA — Astoria Visual Arts invites local artists to participate in the 2018 Astoria Open Studios Tour, Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29. Studios must be open to the public both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and be located in Astoria.

Registration forms are available at astoriavisualarts.org or may be requested via email (astoriastudiostour@gmail.com). The cost to participate is \$30 per artist, \$15 for AVA members. The deadline to register is Tuesday, May

This event draws thousands of visitors to Astoria and benefits artists and our



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region in many ways. AVA will publish a full-color tour guide featuring all participating artists

and will be widely publicizing the event. Contact Annie Eskelin at 503-791-0575 for more information.

Master photographer featured on PBS, at Northwest By Northwest



COURTESY NORTHWEST BY NORTHWEST GALLERY A photo by Christopher Burkett

CANNON BEACH — Christopher Burkett, a master fine art photographer, will be Northwest by Northwest Gallery's featured artist at Cannon Beach's upcoming Spring Unveiling Arts Festival, Friday, May 4, through Sunday, May 6.

You can meet the artist at the Friday reception, from 5 to 7 p.m., or on Saturday from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

This Saturday, March 31, Burkett will appear on PBS News-Hour. The show airs at 5:30 p.m.