



This year's Au Naturel exhibit includes "Foyer with Llweyn," by Jessica McCoy.



"Holding the Line" by Tanya Tewell will be on display in this year's Au Naturel exhibit.



"Upon the threshold of memory" by Chris Sheridan will be featured in the 2020 Au Naturel exhibit at Clatsop Community College.

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featuring nudes by contemporary artists so students can study them for an extended period of time.

"As a practicing artist myself who focuses on the nude human form as the primary focus of my own work, I know how difficult it is to find venues to exhibit nudes," Shauck said.

Henk Pander, the juror of this year's show, went through more than 500 submitted pieces to select this year's pieces.

The show includes the work of 32 artists, including three local artists: Jane Herrold and Robert Paulmenn of Astoria, and Drea Frost of Cannon Beach.

Painting the nude human body has been done since time immemorial, but criticism of the art form has increased in the last few decades, Pander said. The exhibit

is a chance for artists to be celebrated and taken seriously.

"These exhibitions tend to be about the human condition more than about eroticism. It's real people at their most vulnerable," Pander said. "Especially in a world that's become more cruel, disturbing and dehumanized, it's really important to look at these exhibitions."

The college plans to hold a free community reception at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 when Pander will talk about the exhibit. A gathering after the reception is planned at Inferno Lounge in Astoria.

Those visiting the gallery will get to vote for their favorite piece. At the end of the exhibition a People's Choice Award will be announced along with several other awards.

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