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Photo exhibit examines gender notions

GRANTS PASS – “Gender Bending Photographs” by Abby Aldrich are on display through May 14 in the Rogue Community College Wiseman Gallery annex, Redwood Campus.

“My photography reflects my desire to dissolve the polarities of sex and gender, to show that individual expression must be free from predetermined notions which cause sexism and homophobia,” said Aldrich, a photography student at Southern Oregon University. “Gender benders exist everywhere, standing in opposition to gender roles, which limit freedom and equality. They face sexism, homophobia, and economic and political discrimination on a daily basis.”

Also on display in the Wiseman Gallery through May 7 is the annual exhibit of work by RCC art instructors. This year’s show features jewelry, painting, drawing, and sculpture. Participating faculty are Bobbie Blakely, Madalin Blue, Louise Brickey, Vince Carl, Andrea Ciaston, Tee A. Corinne, and Tommi Drake, Billie Miracle, Walt Padgett, Sherry Peterson, Walt Peterson, Carl Seyboldt, Tom Wilson, and Fred Vassar.

Beginning May 16 and continuing through June 8, a wide range of artistic outlooks will be represented at the annual RCC student art exhibit in the Wiseman Gallery. An award ceremony and artists’ reception is scheduled at 4 p.m. May 19 in the gallery. The RCC Wiseman Gallery is on the Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Highway, about five miles west of Grants Pass on Highway 199. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 956-7339 or visit the Web site at www.roguecc.edu/Galleries

Firehouse exhibit spotlights HIV/AIDS awareness

“Passage: History Lesson,” a site-specific exhibit by artist Mike E. Walsh, will be displayed May 4-28 at the Rogue Community College Firehouse Gallery. The exhibit features symbolic images that memorialize HIV/AIDS victims. Walsh incorporates text, oak leaves, sleds, and photographs to create the memorial. Elements of the exhibit reflect the need for government support, media awareness, and the existence of cultural indifference.

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In the gallery’s Community Exhibits Room a selections of AIDS awareness support materials will be displayed, including information about prevention, statistics, and popular mythologies.

A First Friday Art Night reception is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. May 6.

The RCC Firehouse Gallery is in Historic City Hall, Fourth and H streets, Grants Pass. The gallery is open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 956-7339 or visit the Web site at www.roguecc.edu/Galleries

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