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Firehouse exhibit features intricate drawings and tiny bridges

“Metaphors are to be Mined,” a series of finely detailed drawings by Linda Berkley, will be shown July 1-30 at Rogue Community College’s Firehouse Gallery.

Berkley creates fluid and meticulous ink drawings on wood, depicting trees and plant life and intricate woven patterns. She is a fine arts instructor at Portland Community College.

In the Community Exhibits Room, approximately 20 small bridge sculptures built by local artists as part of the “Bridge as Metaphor” project will be displayed and available for purchase July 1-30 through a silent auction.

“Bridge as Metaphor” is a collaborative project of ArtWorks and the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, said Tommi Drake, RCC art galleries coordinator. The project symbolizes bridging the waters of change as the community develops a viable arts economy.

The artists had been invited to build the wee sculptures for an April arts event. Bridge criteria called for projects to be no more than 18-inches long and 12-inches high.

A First Friday Art Night reception will take place July 1 from 6-9 p.m.

The Firehouse Gallery of Rogue Community College 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, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 956-7339 or visit the Web site at www.roguecc.edu/Galleries

“Beyond the Walls” explores growing chasms

Paintings by Irena Kononova will be shown July 11 through Aug. 24 at the Rogue Community College Wiseman Gallery.

In “Beyond the Walls” Kononova overlaps architectural elements and landscape to provoke the viewer into contemplating the ever-widening gap between natural and man-made worlds.

The Russian-born artist currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. Using sand mixed with oils she creates a symbolic gesture of reconciliation between the realms of art and nature.

The Wiseman Gallery of Rogue Community College is on the RCC Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Highway, about five miles west of Grants Pass on Highway 199. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 956-7339 or visit the Web site at www.roguecc.edu/Galleries

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