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New shows hang in RCC art galleries

Through April 25, the Rogue Community College FireHouse Gallery will host “MANual,” a two-person exhibit that explores social and cultural fears, vulnerabilities and conceptions of sexual identity. The FireHouse Gallery is at 214 SW Fourth St., Grants Pass.

Through the use of salvaged objects, images from modern advertising of classical body proportions, Cory Peeke and John Townsend investigate the objectification and idealization of male beauty and find unity among the social classes through common imperfections.

Townsend received a master of fine art degree in painting from the San Francisco Art Institute; he has exhibited his work throughout Oregon and has pieces in private collections in Oregon and Washington. Peeke received his MFA in painting from the University of Idaho. He currently serves as the director of the Nightingale Gallery and Assistant Professor of Art at Eastern Oregon University.

On display in the Community Exhibits Room, Ruth Marsh will be showing watercolor paintings on Yupo paper. A First Friday Art Night reception is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. April 3.

In the RCC Wiseman Gallery, regional artist Curtis Otto will exhibit his latest series of oil paintings April 15 through May 15. Otto’s new work explores a wide variety of subject matter mounted on burlap, scraps of wood and paper bags. The Wiseman Gallery is located on the RCC Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass.

In the Wiseman Gallery Annex, “Pathway to Peace” will be on exhibit April 9 – 23. The show features work by students at Illinois Valley High School and New Hope Christian School competing in the Grants Pass Russian sister city art contest.

More information about the RCC galleries is available by calling 956-7339 or 956-7489.

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