Narrative paintings have Chinese flair

Rogue Community College will host “Dao De Jing Illustrated,” by Portland artist Dante Cohen, June 2-25 in the FireHouse Gallery.

Cohen uses Chinese brush and paper, combining fine details with loose expressionistic brush strokes. His memories and his social, cultural, and physical environment inspire his narrative paintings.

Cohen received his bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s degree in Asian Studies from Yale University. He also studied Chinese calligraphy and brush painting at the Kander School of Chinese Art in Taipei, Taiwan. Cohen currently teaches at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Ore., and shows his work throughout the Northwest.

Artwork by local artist Helene Riera will be on display in the Community Exhibits Room.

A First Friday Art Night reception is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. June 4. The FireHouse Gallery is located in the RCC Historic City Hall, corner of Fourth and H streets, Grants Pass.

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