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New exhibits at RCC FireHouse and Wiseman galleries

GRANTS PASS — The Rogue Community College FireHouse Gallery will host “Annual Drawings” by Portland artist Nate Orton.

The exhibit, which runs Nov. 3–23, features drawings that document neighborhoods, city streets and open spaces and capture understated moments, explore their mystery and examine their questions.

Born in northern Idaho in 1980, Orton moved to Portland after completing his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Idaho, Moscow. Since then he has lived what he calls a “classy-poor life-style,” drawing, painting and sculpting the city and hinterlands and trying to gain a better understanding of the people and structures around him.

On display in the gallery’s Community Exhibits Room, Rogue Winterfest shares the unique talents and creative abilities of clients from SOASTC, Family Solutions and Options for Southern Oregon. A variety of expressive art mediums celebrate individual pathways to recovery through art.

A First Friday Art Night reception is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Nov. 4. The FireHouse Gallery is located at the corner of H and Fourth streets in Historic City Hall. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; tours by appointment. For more information call 541-956-7489 or 541-956-7241.

In the Wiseman Gallery on the RCC Redwood Campus, “It’s Raining, It’s Pouring: The Global Water Crisis” will be on display Nov. 2 through Dec. 9. The juried exhibit showcases contemporary art from around the nation that reflects current issues relating to water.

Artists are Tom Berenz, Mary Campbell, Vince Carl, Reenie Charriere, Jana Demartini, Al Denyer, Stacy Elko, Milt Friedly, Carrie Grubb, John Holmgren, Daniel Kariko, Marietta Patricia Leis, George Lorio, Mario Marzan, Brittney May, Sandra Mueller, M. A. Papanek-Miller, Camille Perrottet, Laura Petrovich-Cheney, J. Pouwels, J. Michael Simpson, and Joyce Weiss.

Wiseman Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. More information is available by calling 541-956-7241.

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