Normandale Student Art Exhibit

Gallery Director Kris Holmgren reported that this year there were over 230 art pieces in the annual Normandale Student Art Exhibit. The Reception and Award presentation was held on April 6th. The event was well attended by faculty, staff, students and their friends and families. The juror was Minneapolis-based artist Keren Kroul. She holds an MFA from Parsons School of Design (NY) and a BA from Brandeis University (MA). She presented purchase and cash awards and spoke about her choices at the awards ceremony.

Purchase Award Winners
Autumn Cooper Video “Still Life”
Taylor Otterlei for her digital photograph series of the contents of purses and bags.

Merit Awards
Trent Spies
Chris Carlson
Kendra Wagner
Ed Benka
Noah Seltzer
Shauna Ruthenbeck
Toni-Renea Franceschi
Sarah Lynn Dorn

Pottery Club Award
Avery Thoresen

Blick Arts Award
Amanda Wegler
Amber Adkins
Gretchen Askew
Ashley Griffin
Kris Carlson
Elizabeth Thielen

Taylor Otterlei

Autumn Cooper
High School Art Day

The ninth annual High School Art Day was held at Normandale on February 20th. Twelve high schools participated: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Jefferson, Kennedy, Eastview, Chanhassen, Eagan, Shakopee, Rosemount, Prior Lake, Lakeville North and Lakeville South. One hundred thirty-four students and eighteen high school art teachers attended the daylong event. High school students and teachers participated in hands-on workshop sessions in the morning and afternoon presented by Normandale art instructors, guest artists, and art alumni. Art students also volunteered to assist during the workshops. There were twelve different workshops including, Watercolor, Raku, Glass, Felting, Sheet Metal Sculpture and Light Painting.

Jeffrey Stenbom met with Glass 2 Students and presented his MFA Thesis Show “Thank You”. Jeffrey is an AFA in Art graduate of Normandale. He is currently an MFA in Glass student at Tulane University in New Orleans.
**Wood Firing**

On April 11th, the Ceramics II class fired a wood kiln at Concordia University. This kiln is part of the Extraordinary Education Collaboration Grants awarded in 2013. This project involves the construction and continual joint usage of atmospheric kilns located at Concordia University. Atmospheric kilns are usually high temperature kilns in which specific firing atmospheres, (beyond simply heating the kilns), are introduced for a variety of aesthetic and sometimes practical effects. This type of kiln is very labor intensive but creates effects on pottery that cannot be made any other way. This firing took around sixteen hours to complete.

**Jake Caruson**

Former student Jake Caruson, opened his senior show “The Process” at Concordia University on April 23rd. Jake exhibited a wide variety of ceramic art that included installation, rattles, pots, and wall tiles. Jake invited the viewer to interact with the artwork in various ways. Many works were visually seductive with deep layered surfaces, gold luster and texture. Those same vessels were pierced from the inside with nails and other hardware which gave the forms the appearance of sea urchins but made it difficult to pick up the tactile interactive forms. Another interactive work involved multi colored shards of ceramic piled into a wooden box on the floor. When you step into the box, the sound and texture under your feet creates a very interesting interaction between the artwork and the surrounding space. His show runs through May 6th, 2015 - H. Williams Teaching Gallery, 1301 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.
Art Scholarship

The Art Faculty selected Shauna Rutenbeck to receive the $750 Felicity Abby Jane Mathieu Art Scholarship for the fall 2015 term. Shauna is an AFA in Art Student. The award was announced at the Student Show Reception on April 6th. The $750 Bryant Family Art Scholarship will be awarded for the spring 2016 term. Application information will be available at the start of the fall 2015 term.

Time Capsule - A New Addition to Normandale’s Permanent Art Collection

The Art 2202, Mixed Media class and guest artist Greg Gossel unveiled Time Capsule, a collaborative screen-print created for The Normandale Permanent Art Collection, on Thursday, April 16, outside room C1101.

On February 26, 2015, the Mixed Media class visited Gossel’s studio in Northeast Minneapolis. During that time he worked with the students on a collaboration using Time Capsule as a theme. Students designed stencils and screen-printed their images along with Greg’s. Gossel finalized the collaboration with his visuals – a signature of sorts.

TPT Public Television created a MN Original segment on Gossel. It can be seen at http://www.mnoriginal.org/artist/gossel-greg/
AFA in Art Courses

Beginning Fall Semester 2015, the Art Department will be offering the newly revised Portfolio Creation class, now entitled, Portfolio & Professional Practices class for AFA in Art degree students and any interested student who has completed a minimum of 3 three-credit college art studio courses. This course is now only offered each fall semester.

AFA in Art students will now prepare and realize their exhibition as part of a new course, entitled, AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition. Students will work with fellow AFA in Art students to learn how to professionally prepare, promote, and realize their culminating degree exhibition. Take note: this course is only offered each spring semester.

The Art Department is excited to offer these courses to our students! We look forward to seeing you take part in them and grow professionally in your art careers!

Portfolio & Professional Practices – Fall Semester (only)
Focus on portfolio creation and the practical applications of presentation, documentation, business skills, and career planning specific to studio art. Provides a foundation of practical information to assist art students in transfer and building a successful career.

AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition – Spring Semester (only)
Focus on aspects of exhibiting a body of artwork as a culminating activity for the AFA degree in a gallery setting. Planning, design, installation, and promotional materials will be addressed.

Fused Glass

Fused Glass 2 student, Hanna Aveldson, creates a glass bead during a session conducted by Glass Artist Chuck Burton.
Study Abroad Course in Italy

ART/HIST 1900: Special Topics
The Medici & Their World

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10 Days: Departing May 17, 2016
Trip Highlights: 4 nights Florence, 4 nights Rome

Florence: Pitti Palace, Boboli Gardens, Florence Cathedral, Church of Santa Croce, Palazzo Medici-Riccardi, Galileo Museum, Ufizzi Museum, Medici Chapels

Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis—Giotto and Cimabue frescos

Rome: Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto and San Sebastiano

Vesuvius and Pompeii

For Itinerary details and enrollment information: http://www.passports.com/participants/enroll and type Tour ID: DRAYSON2016

Dates for Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

AFA in Art Exhibition: April 27– May 8, Reception: May 8, 4– 5:30pm
Metro West High School Conference: May 12 – May 29, Reception: May 21, 6– 8pm
Glass 2 Exhibit: June 2 – July 31, Reception: June 8, 5– 7pm
Young at Art: June 8 – July 31
Liz Miller / David Hamlow (installation): August 19 – Sept. 15
Justin Quinn (printmaking/collage): Sept. 18 – Oct. 15
Steven Lang (photography): Oct. 20 – Nov. 17
Lias Bergh (installation, painting): Nov. 20 – Dec. 18
South Suburban High School Art Exhibit

The South Suburban High School Art reception took place in the Normandale Art Gallery on March 10th. The following awards were given:

**Normandale Award of Excellence**
The student received an award of $100. The work will be featured on the postcard for the 2016 South Suburban show.

Kristin Anton       Lakeville South

**Awards of Merit**

Amanda Karges       Rosemount
Erin Mahre          Lakeville North
Julia Hance         Shakopee
Emma Schoenfelder   Shakopee
Andrew Fenton       Prior Lake
Ubah Siyad          Eastview
Malaina Carver      Apple Valley
Peter Liffrig       Eastview
Jack Nordell        Apple Valley
Jade Tran           Shakopee
Irina Bernard       School of ES
Claire Mugge        Eagen
Onita Cha           Eagen
Jes Kalina          School of ES
Nicole Wallerick    Lakeville North

**Awards of Excellence**

Emma Vincent       Apple Valley
Vera Malanina      Shakopee
Alex Mohn          Shakopee
Hayley Cleary      Eagen
Anya Udovik        Eagen

Kristin Anton
Watercolor / Pen
Ice caves from near Bayfield, Wisconsin