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Included below is a press release regarding a faculty exhibit at Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Rankin Art Gallery hosts faculty exhibit

BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design Faculty Art Exhibit will be hosted by the Rankin Art Gallery through Nov. 29. For the past 10 years, this annual exhibit has alternated exhibition sites between Ferris and Kendall, which is located in downtown Grand Rapids.

This year, approximately 20 faculty members are participating in the exhibit, including Ferris faculty Kathleen VanDeMark, Robert Barnum, Lynette Vought and Jill Jepson; and Kendall faculty Elizabeth Hawkins, Tom Post, Jay and Patricia Constantine, Molly Alicki-Corriveau, Sandra Ringlever and Debra Rockman.

The faculty exhibit is an opportunity for both campuses to exhibit and support their current exploration of artistic creativity together, said Rankin Art Gallery Coordinator Carrie Weis. The exhibit also supports the faculty as artists, not just instructors, and offers the student body a chance to see what their professors are creating in their own studio spaces.

Jill Jepson, visiting assistant professor of Art at Ferris added, “This exhibit allows both the Ferris and local community to examine diverse areas of creative research. The (art) work ranges from traditional to experimental in concept, medium and technique that will spark interest to a wide variety of audiences.”

Robert Barnum, professor of Fine Arts at Ferris, appreciates the exhibit for its rarity and uniqueness. “It isn’t often you have such a variety of individual approaches to art in the same place. Visitors get to experience the differences in what defines an artist’s life.”

Personally, Barnum focuses his work on making statements about place and time. Having grown up on the West Coast, he expresses the differing culture of the Midwest through his work. He will have two paintings featured in the exhibit, a watercolor and oil on panel.

The exhibit will feature several forms of art, including prints, paintings, photographs, digital work and sculptures, among others.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Weis at (231) 591-2536 for more information.

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