



PRESS RELEASE: Lawrence to Present Wildlife Drawing Workshop at Ferris

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming on-campus workshop at Ferris State University's Card Wildlife Education Center in Big Rapids. Rod Lawrence, of Kalkaska, will be presenting a wildlife drawing workshop for beginners. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Rod Lawrence is set to present a wildlife drawing workshop for beginners on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Ferris State University's Card Wildlife Education Center as part of the Festival of the Arts celebration in Big Rapids.

Lawrence, an artist from Kalkaska, plans to cover basic drawing methods and techniques.

Carrie Weis, director of Ferris' Rankin Art Gallery, noted that she met Lawrence in 2002 as she researched wildlife art. The idea of bringing Lawrence to campus was an opportunity worthy of exploration, according to Weis.

"Rod Lawrence is an outstanding and very well-known wildlife artist who has won numerous awards for his work," Weis said.

She believes that Lawrence's popular informal workshops create a relaxed and educational learning environment for art and creative efforts.

"Having a wildlife drawing workshop at the Card Wildlife Education Center seemed to be a natural fit," Weis said. "Not many people can sit six inches away from a roaring lion to sketch his portrait."

Ferris' Card Wildlife Center is a 5,000 square foot museum that features wildlife specimens from around the world. The facility is an educational resource for students and the public.

Artists do not have to specialize in wildlife subjects or a specific medium to participate in the workshop. The event is open to all. Weis hopes that people who choose to participate in the workshop are inspired to develop their own artistic skills and have a greater appreciation for the technical skill that is involved in this style of art.

"I also hope to increase recognition of the wonderful facilities that we have here on our campus," Weis said. "It's always a pleasure to introduce people to the genre and to the wonderful work of Rod Lawrence."

To learn more about Lawrence or view images of past workshops, visit www.rodlawrence.com.

The event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and participants must register in advance. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Carrie Weis at (231) 591-2536 or email weisc@ferris.edu.

For more information about the Card Wildlife Education Center, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/card/>

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