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Crowder Art Instructor Exhibit on Display

NEOSHO, MO - Allen Bishop, Art Instructor at Crowder, will have an art exhibit on display from January 14-February 6, 2014 (Museum closed January 20). An artist reception will be held Friday, January 24, 5-7 p.m. Regular museum hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The Longwell Museum is located inside the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Neosho campus.

“Allen Bishop is the instructor of Art Appreciation, 2 Dimensional Design, Drawing, and Painting at Crowder College. He is also the coordinator of Crowder’s Mural Program and he works with the Newton County Tourism Council and the Neosho Arts Council.

This exhibit includes a mish-mash of both past and recent work and represents a departure from the conventional approach of displaying only quality works that focus on a more narrowly defined direction within an artist’s self-determined “style.” The usual approach has its value, of course; it encourages the young or emerging artist to concentrate on what they consider most vital, thus developing a cohesive body of work and a sense of creative direction.

It can also stagnate, particularly with the onset of any financial or critical success, or age. After years of work, with its cycles of failure and success, I have felt a need to review and reassess past work and explore a broader range of ideas again. Here then is work derived from observed nature as well as the nonobjective; pieces that combine both, and even different approaches within each genre; some from years ago, including work I was not then willing to exhibit – for whatever reason.”

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