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Art Exhibit Includes Raku and Metal Sculptures at Crowder

Neosho, MO – The Crowder College Longwell Museum located inside the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Neosho campus will display an exhibit by area artists Al Letner and Tim Booyer, September 16-October 8, 2014. An artist's reception will be held Sunday, October 5, 2-4 p.m.

"This exhibit consists of examples of my most current work. This series is the culmination of forty years of teaching and working in the visual fine arts. I have never been a fan of "artist's statements" as I believe the work should stand or fail on its own merit, particularly when art/craft work is involved. My work is of a stream that moves from a set design idea through the manipulation of material and process to stretch that idea to a point where it leads to another direction or design concept. This idea of a series is the unbroken thread of the creative process I hope to bring to my raku work. I have always felt my work represents experimentation. The introduction of mixed media, as well as wheel thrown and hand built forms allow for a more expressive and energetic relationship between the form, the color, and the texture of the piece. Thank you for taking the time to observe and, hopefully, enjoy my work." -- Al Letner

"The metal sculptures I create are ideas and visions that pop in my mind. I have been a self-employed welder for many years and have learned to use the media readily available to me. If my artwork can light someone's eyes and make them smile, I feel my job as an artist is complete." - Tim Booyer

View Tim Booyer's artwork online at www.timbooyer.com

The exhibit is free and open to the public regular museum hours are: 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday as well as the artist's reception.

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