Art Department Alumni Return in 50th Anniversary Alumni Art Exhibition

The “50th Anniversary Alumni Art and Design Exhibition,” an invitational exhibition held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of California State University, Dominguez Hills, will feature 75 works of art in varied media by more than two dozen alumni from the art and design departments. The exhibit will open on Wednesday, Sept. 29, and continue through Oct. 27 at the University Art Gallery.

“On the 50th anniversary of CSU Dominguez Hills we are so pleased to present dynamic works of art by alumni artists who live and work in the South Bay/Los Angeles area,” said gallery director Kathy Zimmerer. “Long after graduation our alumni artists continue to create art, maintain studios and exhibit. We are very proud of their work in the art community as K-12 teachers, gallery curators, professors, artists, art historians and arts managers.”

Highlighting the alumni exhibit will be the glowing ceramic plates and brilliant oil pastels of Geoff Guerrero (Class of 1977), the intricate silk screen prints of Matt Jackson ('93), Janice Lloyd Govaerts' ('91) fragile ceramic seed pods, the vigorous abstractions of H.K. Zamani ('86), a delicate bronze rectangular sculpture by Susan Venable ('81), Class of '77 alumnus Joe Edward Grant's luminous paintings of houses, and Class of '87 alumnus Eric Myles' strong mixed media drawings and collages of monumental African American figures.

Share Your Memories!

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of California State University, Dominguez Hills, we invite you to share your stories about campus life.

From our alumni, we'd like fond memories of fellow students or professors, reminiscences of student life and academic progress, or how your experiences at CSU Dominguez Hills have shaped your lives and careers.

Please send submissions, either in written (not to exceed 200 words) or photographic form, to jharmon@csudh.edu.

Please include your name, major and graduation year; if you are also CSUDH staff or faculty please include your title and department, and the year you began your employment here.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your stories on the 50th Anniversary website.

Upcoming Events
Pete Van Hamersveld won a California Dreamin' Series medal for completing three races in the series, the last in San Francisco in July; courtesy of Pete Van Hamersveld

**Pete Van Hamersveld: Fight Against Cancer Won at Marathon Finish Line**

In December, 2007, Pete Van Hamersveld (Class of ‘92, M.A., sociology) was told on his 50th birthday that he had colon cancer. It had been discovered during a routine colonoscopy, and the resulting surgery revealed that the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. Van Hamersveld had Stage 3C colon cancer, which is one level before a terminal diagnosis. That was in January 2008, and throughout more than a year’s worth of chemotherapy, radiation, and a second surgery, he decided to take on a regimen of physical conditioning that included running—thus entering a race to save his life literally and figuratively.

“When I was going through chemo, I was given a lot of material by the American Cancer Society,” says Van Hamersveld, who is the associate director of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning at California State University, Dominguez Hills. “Some of it indicated that you should start exercising when you’re on chemo to help your appetite and keep up some levels of energy, so I started walking a mile everyday. After a few weeks, I got to the point where I could slowly jog that mile and kept improving. It took me six months, but on the morning of my last chemo session, I ran two and a half miles.”

Van Hamersveld’s training was not without its difficulties.

“One of the side effects I developed at the end of six months of chemotherapy was neuropathy in my feet and sometimes I would fall when I was running,” he says. “It got bad enough to prevent me from running for several weeks until I got over that. Later, a different chemotherapy I got during radiation treatments warned against foot damage that could occur from activities like
running, so I had to stop again.”

Click here for entire article.

Monika Martinez: Life’s Work is a Sustainable Journey

As Lomita’s assistant city clerk, Monika Martinez (Class of ‘00, B.A., public administration) is proud to be part of a local government that has always operated lean enough to ensure that getting through the state’s economic crisis would not be as dire as the circumstances other communities are facing. As a fiber artist whose knitted and felted creations will be featured in the prestigious Contemporary Crafts Market in November, her personal philosophies of green living and sustainable practices are interwoven through both her personal and professional life.

“I’m very much into the green lifestyle,” she says. “When I wash my dishes, I’ll use the [leftover] water to water my garden. For the week, I have two little bags of [actual] waste. It makes me feel good when I know I don’t leave much impact on the environment.”

In her administrative role with the City of Lomita, Martinez also helps the South Bay community economize and use its resources wisely.

“In a small city, there’s so much [to do], you don’t just do one thing,” she says.

Click here for entire article.

Alumni Notes

Jason Coleman (BS ’04) has recently received the 2009 "Best Group Booking Sales Effort" Trendsetter Award from Travel Age West Magazine. Coleman was also recently named one of the "Top 25 Agents of 2010" by Travel Agent Magazine.

Lui Toilolo (BA ’87) was recently installed as abbot of the Benedictine community at St. Andrew’s Abbey, Valyermo.

cultural and social opportunities for retired an semi-retired individuals age 50 and above.

Upcoming OLLI events below:

Sunday, Oct. 10
1:00pm-2:30pm
"Songs for the Second Half,” a concert reading of a musical
Admission: $15 OLLI members and $20 non-members
Location: EE-1213

Tuesday, Oct. 19
1:30pm
Open House: learn about becoming a member of OLLI
Location: EE-1213

Wednesday, Nov. 10
1:30pm
50th Anniversary Alumni Event. Presentation by Dr. Judson Grenier, Emeritus Faculty, History Department
Location: EE-1213

For more information about OLLI contact Jim Bouchard at 310-243-3729 or jbouchard@csudh.edu

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