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North Carolina Community College Art Exhibition Open *Virtual Tour Unveiled*

RALEIGH - The 12th annual Community College Art Exhibition has officially opened for viewing at the Caswell Building in downtown Raleigh, and for the first time a virtual tour of the exhibition is available on the NC Community Colleges website.

The exhibition began in 1998, when students, faculty, staff and alumni of the state's community colleges were asked to submit artwork for display in the system office. Over 1500 pieces were submitted for entry into the 2009 exhibition, with 135 pieces being chosen for display. Forty-five community colleges, from Tri-County to Pamlico, are featured in the current exhibition which includes quilts, pottery, photography, paintings, drawings, furniture, baskets and mixed media.

"The art exhibit is a wonderful way for us to showcase the fantastic talent that can be found at our community colleges," says NC Community College System President, Dr. Scott Ralls. "Not only do we train the state's workforce, but we encourage the arts individually and as part of our state's creative economy."

A virtual tour of the exhibition is available online at www.nccommunitycolleges.edu. The virtual tour is courtesy of a Wake Technical Community College photography class, under the instruction of Michael R. Schore, instructor of web technologies.

The exhibition features both new and returning artists, and has experienced enormous success over the years, with several pieces being purchased. Since 2002, the North Carolina Department of Insurance has selected pieces from the prior collections for display. In 2006, the North Carolina Museum of Art displayed 19 photographs from previous community college exhibits.

Those interested in learning more about the exhibit should call (919) 807-7100.

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