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CALENDAR LISTING

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“Stop, Look – And See!” an exhibition featuring works by Santa Fe Community College students John Gardner, Debe Holland and Shelly Moore, opens Thursday, Oct. 19 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. in the SFCC Design and Media Arts Gallery, 6401 Richards Ave. The exhibit runs through Dec. 8. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (505) 428-1517 for information.

SFCC Design and Media Arts Gallery Features Student Work

Santa Fe, Oct. 9, 2006 – Three Santa Fe Community College student artists — John Gardner, Debe Holland and Shelly Moore — will show recent works in an exhibition titled “Stop, Look – And See!”, which runs from Oct. 19 through Dec. 8 in the college’s Design and Media Arts Gallery.

An opening reception will be held from **5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19** in the Design and Media Arts Gallery in the 600 Wing, Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Ave., Santa Fe. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

The Design and Media Arts Gallery was created not only to showcase student and instructor work, but also to provide an opportunity for students to gain real-life experiences in what it takes put together an exhibit. They create art, assemble marketing materials, frame their work, hang the show and host the reception. For many students this is their first experience for exhibiting their work.

Gardner, Moore and Holland are three experienced photographers from Santa Fe, N.M. who use digital imaging to enhance their photographic images. Their work represents an opportunity to experience a greater sense of appreciation and awareness of the beauty in the world surrounding us. The work of these photographers helps us to go beyond just looking and to more deeply see and experience the world around us.

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Gardner's images of brick and mortar give the appearance of traditional engravings. A few of the old brick and stone buildings and homes he photographed in Santa Fe, N.M. predate adobe restorations and remain standing. Gardner's photographs show how they look today, but his digital techniques give them the appearance of engravings from an earlier age. Gardner's photographs bring out the beauty in these charming period structures, which many people pass by and do not notice.

Moore's *Flowers* are isolated on a black background, emphasizing their not-so-simple beauty. She chooses to use digital techniques to enhance rather than manipulate, bringing out the essence of flower. Her *Ghost Trees* series focus on the dead piñon trees found along the Old Las Vegas Highway in Santa Fe, N.M., presenting them as negatives and showing their intricate and graceful architecture. While mourning the death of so many piñons, Moore shows how the dropping of their needles has exposed the beauty of their intrinsic structure. Moore sees them as ghost trees and invites the viewer to share her vision.

Holland also seeks out images of things that people pass by or live with on a daily basis and rarely notice – the curve of a wedding ring or the steam from a morning cup of coffee. Her attention to the smallest detail forces viewers to pay attention to the microcosms of everyday life. Making these creations brings back a more innocent time in Holland's life, when she had a microscope and looked at everything she could, becoming immersed in another, very special world. Being a landscape designer, she knows the importance of attention to detail and has trained her eye to focus on the little things in life.

The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 8. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and admission is free. SFCC is located at 6401 Richards Ave., approximately 2.5 miles south of Rodeo Road. For more information, contact the gallery coordinator at (505) 428-1517.

About Santa Fe Community College

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