

RIVERWORKS Gallery in Greenville, SC, Features Student Portfolios

The RIVERWORKS Gallery in Greenville, SC, will present the exhibit *Student Exit Portfolio*, on view from Jan. 8 - 27, 2013. A reception will be held on Jan. 9, from 6-8pm.

Student Exit Portfolio is an exhibition of the outstanding among the excellent. Greenville Technical College's Graphic Arts Students complete their course of study by preparing an exit portfolio. This portfolio is utilized to seek employment in the visual arts-related field or to continue education through acceptance in a four-year bachelor's program. The portfolio is a culmination of the students' best work in creating logos, ads, websites, posters, brochures, and packaging. The exhibition highlights five recent Greenville Technical College graphic design graduates. The five are: Alessandra Bennett, Alex Petkus, Christopher A. Radecke, Catherine Roberts, and William Swett. Also included is Adam Rogers from Exit Portfolio, 2012. Rogers is continuing his studies at the Savannah College of Art And Design.

At Greenville Technical College, stu-

dents entering our programs typically have a strong interest in art, but usually have little or no formal training. The Department of Visual and Performing Arts helps students build both their confidence and their portfolios through participation in rigorous problem solving and conceptual assignments. *Student Exit Portfolio* demonstrates the creativity and necessary skills required to create the ads, packaging and websites we interact with daily. The exhibition is also a great opportunity for high school students considering graphic design as a vocation as to see what it is all about.

RIVERWORKS Gallery is operated by and for the faculty and students of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Greenville Technical College. The gallery is located at 300 River Street, Suite 202, along the scenic Reedy River at Art Crossing in downtown Greenville. Look for the red umbrella.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listing, call the gallery at 864/271-0679 or visit (www.gvltec.edu/vpa/) and click on Riverworks.

West Main Artists Co-op in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Robin Childers and Dr. Mary Lou Hightower

The West Main Artists Co-op in Spartanburg, SC, will present two news exhibits including, *Happy Home by Robin Childers* and *Watercolor Patchwork: An Artist's Path by Dr. Mary Lou Hightower*, on view from Jan. 17 through Feb. 9, 2013. A reception will be held on Jan. 17, from 6-8pm, during Spartanburg's Art Walk.

The exhibits will feature new and old works of art by each artist. Both artists work in different mediums from each

other, although they both use elements of textiles in their art. Childers is a fine art printmaker, and primarily creates silk screen prints. She is also a textile designer and brings a tactile sewn element into select pieces. Hightower uses watercolor as her primary art medium. She also treats her art as if the paper is fabric...and has coined the term "watercolor patchwork."

Robin Childers studied fiber art and painting at Savannah College of Art and continued on Page 27

