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Small Works on Paper Comes to Little Rock

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LITTLE ROCK, AR – The 2009 *Small Works on Paper* statewide touring exhibition will arrive at the Arkansas Studies Institute in Little Rock on Friday, July 10, and will remain on display in the main gallery through August 15. The Arkansas Studies Institute, a joint project of the Central Arkansas Library System and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, is located at 401 President Clinton Avenue.

A public reception will kick off the exhibition from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 10, in conjunction with 2nd Friday Art Night. Admission to view the exhibition is free and hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The *Small Works on Paper* exhibition is presented annually by the Arkansas Arts Council. Now in its 22nd year, *Small Works on Paper* showcases up to 40 small-sized visual works (no larger than 24x24 inches) by Arkansas artists in a year-long traveling show throughout the state.

More than 300 entries were submitted for this year's exhibition, which was juried by Edwin Pinkston, professor emeritus at the Louisiana Tech University School of Art. Pinkston also selected several pieces for purchase awards. Purchase awards represent the cash amount equivalent to the value of the selected works and the awards are funded by entry fees. Pieces selected for purchase awards become part of the exhibition's permanent collection.

The five artists selected to receive purchase awards – which range from \$300 to \$700 each – are John Bridges of Little Rock, Neal Harrington of Russellville, Dolores Justus of Hot Springs, Kimberly Boyd Vickrey of Jonesboro and Kenna Westerman of Little Rock.

The Arkansas Arts Council was established in 1966 to enable the state of Arkansas to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1971, Act 359 (A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.) gave independent agency status to the Arts Council, with an executive director and a 17-member council appointed by the governor. In 1975, the Arts Council became an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

As an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the Arkansas Arts Council shares the goals of all its agencies, of preserving and enhancing the heritage of the state of Arkansas.

The other agencies are: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, Historic Arkansas Museum, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center and the Old State House Museum. Funding for the Arkansas Arts Council and its programs is provided by the state of Arkansas and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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