Sac State art professors unite for exhibit

High-resolution photo Caption: The exhibit includes Tom Monteith’s “earth island.”

Eight Sacramento State art professors will converge on the University Library Gallery from Thursday, Sept. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 13, for “The Metaphysics of Time Perception: Recent Works by Rachel Clarke, Andrew Connelly, Sarah Flohr, Daniel Frye, Ian Harvey, Tom Monteith, Robert Ortbal, and Scott Parady.”

The free exhibit is being curated by the Crocker Art Museum’s Diana L. Daniels and will illustrate the wide range of formats in which the artists work – oil, mixed media, installations and small metal sculptures, to name a few.

A reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Art Department Chair Catherine Turrill notes that the artists have works in collections such as the Yale University Art Gallery, the Di Rosa in Napa and the Crocker Art Museum. “All eight of the artists included in the exhibition are full-time Art (Department) faculty members and also full-time artists who have shown their work regionally, nationally and internationally,” Turrill says.

Daniels observes that, because of their commitment to education, the artists must push their personal creativity into those rare times carved out of busy schedules. “A preoccupation on protecting time for making art is expected, but in the selected works, several different, very serious considerations of time take visual form,” she says.

One of the artists, Daniel Frye, died in July. A longtime professor at Sac State, he also was a former department chair and worked in fine metals, creating stunning pieces of jewelry.

“He contributed substantially to the growth of the Art Department’s metals and jewelry program,” Turrill says, “and encouraged the development of a close-knit community of student and alumni artists.”

The exhibit is part of the Arts Experience at Sacramento State. For more information, visit www.al.csus.edu/sota/ulg or call (916) 278-4189. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho