Sac State hosts Chicana artists in conversation

A special presentation and discussion on the Chicano Art Movement will be hosted this month by Sacramento State’s Art Department.

Prominent Chicana artists Judithe Hernández and Ester Hernandez, along with moderator Tere Romo, will participate in “Cuentos de Arte: Chicana Artists of Our America,” a public conversation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in Mariposa Hall, Room 1000.

The artists will discuss their participation as founding members of the Chicano Art Movement and the special challenges for women artists then and now. The presentation is free and open to the public, and will include a reception afterward.

Judithe Hernández is a founding member of Chicano Art and Los Angeles Mural Movements. Ester Hernandez is a San Francisco-based visual artist. And Romo is the author of numerous articles, catalog essays and books on Chicano art and artists.

The forum is being presented in conjunction with the Crocker Art Museum’s exhibition “OUR AMERICA: The Latino Presence in American Art,” which runs through Sunday, Jan. 11.

That exhibit features nearly 100 works across all media from the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The works explore the theme that we are a “nation of immigrants” by looking at the contributions of Latino artists to American art and culture. Judithe Hernández and Ester Hernandez both are represented in the Crocker exhibit.

Information on the Crocker exhibit is available at crockerartmuseum.org/. For more information on the Sac State event, contact Marie Dixon at marie.dixon.art@gmail.com. For media assistance about the discussion, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho