Art as Avocation: Laupus to Launch New Exhibit Series

Within the Division of Health Sciences, there are many faculty, staff and students who create art as an avocation while pursuing demanding careers in the health sciences. The opportunity to view the results of such creativity can open new windows of understanding and appreciation for our colleagues and enrich and challenge our understanding of our own humanity. In January 2012, Laupus Library will begin a new series of exhibits in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery entitled “Art as Avocation.” The series will showcase and celebrate the artistic talents and self expression of faculty, staff and students from the Division of Health Sciences by highlighting one or more artists’ work in a gallery exhibit available for viewing for six to eight weeks.

We are pleased to announce Dr. Lou Everett, Professor Emeritus from the College of Nursing, will present the first exhibit in this series. Entitled, “Humble Beginnings,” Lou will expand upon works created in honor of the 50th anniversary of the College of Nursing with watercolor impressions of eastern North Carolina, ECU and the Division of Health Sciences. The exhibit is scheduled to open on January 31 and will run through March 27, 2012.

“When I first discovered the joy of painting in watercolor approximately 17 years ago, I never dreamed it would serve me so well in each aspect of my being—emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Having such love for my family but also a passion for my career, I learned ‘burning the candle at both ends’ would result in bouts with pneumonia, which ultimately taught me to explore new ways of relaxing— that of painting,” Lou said. Working as a nurse, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and later as an administrator, Lou needed an outlet. Her physician, Dr. Michael Ramsdell, advised: “Lou, you love your family very much, but you must learn to take better care of your health, or you are not going to be around to take care of your mother or your children.”
After developing pneumonia in 1994, Lou enrolled in a watercolor class. Due to the high demands of a career that required pursuing a doctoral degree, research, and publications to earn tenure, along with caring for family, Lou’s healthy sleep patterns were compromised.

“With each bout of pneumonia, I began to paint more until I finally reached a decision – My family and my health were and still are my priorities so my actions must dictate my heart and values.” After three episodes of pneumonia and one hospitalization, she chose to retire from the role of Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program, and work part-time to spend more time to enjoy her family and her art. “This decision gave me the balance I needed.”

“Painting has helped me maintain a much better balance to my life, and a greater joy and appreciation for all the beauty around me. I’ve gotten out in tobacco fields, studied the blossoms and found this much more fun than when I spent time suckering and topping tobacco growing up on the farm. I’ve enjoyed visiting old tobacco barns and scenes of my childhood as well as other local scenes.”

Currently, she serves as Clinical Professor and Coordinator for Special Projects such as Retention and Student Success in the College of Nursing, and teaches a plein air class at Painting Purple and Other Colors, a Working Artists’ Studio and Gallery located in Greenville, NC.

Lou has served many roles in the arts community including President of the Watercolor Society of NC (2007-2008), and as the first President of Greenville Brushstrokes. Greenville Brushstrokes meets twice each month at the Greenville Museum of Art to critique each other’s art, share information, participate in shows together, and support art in the region. She also serves on the board for the Friends of the ECU School of Art & Design and is a member of the Carteret Contemporary Artist Association, Twin Rivers Association, the Greenville Museum of Art and the Paint NC group.

Lou participates in various shows and has received numerous awards and recognitions including a Third Place People’s Choice Award – in the Downtown Morehead City Public Art Project in February 2010 for her large mural of a sunset.

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If you are interested in showcasing your work in the “Art as Avocation” series please contact Kelly Rogers Dilda at rogerske@ecu.edu.

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(Above) Inaugural artist for Art as Avocation series, Lou Everett.


(Above) Watercolor painting “C-Gal” by Lou Everett.

(Left) Watercolor painting entitled “C-Gal” by Lou Everett.
Laupus Library begins the new academic year on a sad note with the passing of its most enthusiastic “Friend”, Evelyn Fike Laupus, on July 15th, 2011.

Born in Spartanburg, SC, Evelyn moved to Ahoskie, NC as a young child. She attended Women’s College in Greensboro and the Medical College of Virginia from which she graduated as a registered nurse in 1941. She joined the US Army Nurse Corp. and served as a psychiatric nurse in the European theater. She met her soon-to-be husband, Captain William E. Laupus, MD, while serving at the Marion, Indiana Army hospital at the end of WW II. They married in 1948 and lived in New Y ork City, Detroit, Augusta, GA, and Richmond, VA, before moving to Greenville, NC, in 1975 when her husband was named dean of the first four-year medical school and the first Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences at ECU. She resided in Greenville for the rest of her life, building a legacy of friendship and service to ECU and the community that made her beloved to all who knew her.

Building a great faculty was critical to the early success of the new medical school. Evelyn worked tirelessly with her husband to build the faculty and recruit talented students to this new community-based medical school that was so desperately needed by the citizens of eastern North Carolina. True to her training as a psychiatric nurse and wife of an academic physician, Evelyn knew the challenges and stresses the wives of those early faculty pioneers would face. Her most famous endeavor of that era was the founding of the “Pill Guild” a social and support group for faculty wives new to Greenville.
As the medical school matured and more faculty wives held jobs in their own right, the need for the “Pill Guild” declined over time but the women who participated in those early years still speak of how much fun it was and of the fellowship and mutual support it provided.

I first met Evelyn when she and Dr. Laupus came to the library (then located in the Brody Building) to visit with Ruth Moskop, an original member of the “Pill Guild”, who had taken on the challenge of building our history of medicine program. She and Dr. Laupus were interested in the changes taking place in the library which had been named in his honor. They continued to visit the library and follow its progress until Dr. Laupus’ health prevented him coming in person. Unfortunately, he never got to see the new Laupus Library of which we are so proud.

Evelyn continued to visit and was to have a special place and role in our new facility. The Ji and Li Family Foundation made a gift to the library in her honor in 2006. The gift was in recognition of the help Dr. and Mrs. Laupus had provided to Drs. Ji and Li to come from the Peoples Republic of China to make a new life in Greenville. This enduring friendship was celebrated with the unveiling of a portrait of Evelyn Fike Laupus in the gallery that now bears her name. She later agreed to serve as honorary chairperson for the new Friends of Laupus Library group founded in 2010 and remained in this role until her death.

What made Evelyn so beloved? She was fun! She had an irrepressible sense of humor and loved to hear and tell stories about the “human” side of people. She was also a servant leader. She loved ECU and what became the Brody School of Medicine. As a nurse, she delighted in the growth and success of the College of Nursing and took great pride and satisfaction that work begun by her husband had come to mean so much for eastern North Carolinians. We will all miss our “First Lady of the Division of Health Sciences” and Honorary Chair of the Friends of Laupus Library. I will miss my friend.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Spencer, PhD

Director, Laupus Library
Associate Vice Chancellor
Communication & Information Resources

Laupus Library is proud to recognize our 2011 members of the Friends of Laupus Library

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Laupus Library recently added a small collection of popular reading books, including both fiction and nonfiction works and covering a wide range of health-related topics. If you enjoy reading and need a little break from your work or studies, grab one of these new titles and learn something new while you relax. You’ll find this collection located on the new bookshelf by the elevator on the third floor.

Just a few examples:

**The House of God**
by Samuel Shem

Originally published in 1978, this fictional work offers an irreverent, slightly dated look at medical residency through the eyes of six fresh interns. Not for the easily offended, this work has been introducing physicians-to-be to the harsh realities of practice for over thirty years.

**The Omnivore’s Dilemma**
by Michael Pollan

A New York Times bestseller, this nonfiction work addresses the modern day food supply and the thoughtlessness with which we consume our meals. From picking up a 10 minute dinner at McDonald’s to spending an entire day preparing only foods he had either grown, gathered or hunted himself, the author open-mindedly explores both social and environmental ramifications of choices, acknowledging we each must make our own.

**Moloka’i**
by Alan Brennert

Hansen’s Disease, better known as leprosy, is mentioned in written works dating back over 4,000 years yet only in the last half century has effective treatment been available. Visually disfiguring and considered contagious and incurable, this disease was historically handled by isolating sufferers in designated areas called leper colonies. A work of historical fiction, Moloka’i is the story of a young Hawaiian girl’s experiences in the Kalaupapa leper colony on the island of Moloka’i, Hawaii.

To learn more about recent additions to this collection, please visit: http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/laupusnewbooks/popular-reading/

*(Above) Other examples of titles from the Popular Reading Collection cover a broad range of health sciences related subjects.*
Laupus Welcomes Student Affairs to 3rd Floor

The Division of Student Affairs now has three departments available on the newly renovated 3rd floor of Laupus Library to better serve students, faculty, and staff on West Campus. Services and hours of operation are as follows:

The Career Center
(Room 3508C)
www.ecu.edu/career
(252) 328-6050 or (252) 737-1572

Services include: Career exploration, professional development, resume & cover letter building and reviews, mock interviewing, career fairs.

Hours of Operation:
Mondays 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Tuesdays – Fridays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nadirah Pippen, LPCA, Career Counselor
Ashley Robinson, Graduate Assistant

Student Activities
(Room 3508B)
www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/sao
(252) 328-5734

The Office of Student Activities and Organizations contributes to the holistic experience through development and involvement. We educate, engage, and entertain.

Hours of Operation: TBA

Student Services
(Counseling Center-Room 3508A)
www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter/
(252) 328-6661

The Counseling Center will have two therapists available to meet with students for individual counseling, Ms. Diane Bradshaw, LPC and Mrs. Connie Durham, LCSW. At this point in time, we will only be offering individual therapy on West Campus. Group therapy and daytime crisis services will continue to be offered at our main location in Umstead.

Hours of Operation:
Wednesdays 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Diane Bradshaw, LPC
Connie Durham, LCSW

ECU Libraries Celebrate Open Access Week

Open Access Week is a global event held the week of October 24th, 2011, which the ECU Libraries will be celebrating for the third year in a row. It is our opportunity to promote the potential benefits of Open Access to the academic and research community at ECU.

So, what exactly is Open Access (OA)? It encompasses the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as needed. OA literature is digital, online, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. The ECU Libraries believe OA has the power to transform the way research and scientific inquiry are conducted and that it has direct and widespread implications for academia, medicine, science, industry, and for society as a whole.

OA Week is an invaluable chance to connect the global momentum toward open sharing with the advancement of policy changes on the local level. This year the Libraries will be sharing brief, energetic videos promoting the principles of OA, starring some of our own ECU faculty, and displaying posters on the “Cost of Research Today”.

For more information on the global OA Week movement, check out http://www.openaccessweek.org/.

Example of a promotional poster used to illustrate the cost of journal subscriptions.
Since the library moved into the Health Sciences Building in 2006, approximately one-third of the physical print volumes have been retired due to digitization. With the latest technology including e-books and streaming video, libraries are transforming into gathering spots for work collaboration.

Over the summer, Laupus Library renovated the third floor area previously occupied by the library's circulating book collection, to better accommodate our users. The renovation project was completed in July. Larger study space is available with the addition of nine group study rooms, 10 group study tables with wireless Internet access and seating for 130. An existing group study room was expanded into a 14-seat conference room, and is available by reservation. A second 30-seat technology classroom with projection system and wired podium was also added. The classroom will be available to accommodate large groups for a variety of functions.

In conjunction with these renovations, some of the group study rooms will now be available for reservation by ECU students, faculty or staff. Full details about room reservations will be posted on the Laupus Library website later this semester.
Handwritten Documents Shed Light on Medical Life in the 1800s

The doc is in!

“Is the doctor in?” This is a common question asked by visitors of the Country Doctor Museum. Yes, the docs are in, documents, not doctors. The CDM has a surprising number of documents from country doctors that shed light on their medical practice, political and religious viewpoints, and family life. Unfortunately over the years these letters, diplomas, poems, family histories, obituaries, journals and other assorted papers were filed in random places. It is always a little bit like opening a treasure chest when CDM staff members unexpectedly come across these documents.

Some of the interesting ones include sheepskin parchment diplomas from medical schools, letters between Dr. William J. Blow and William T. Marsh, Esq., making arrangements for meeting in a duel, and Dr. Person’s family papers that show the family trying to collect outstanding payments owed to him by patients after his death. In another file, a quote was written in family correspondence by Dr. J.B. Phillips about politicians: “They have a diarrhea of ornate words in a constipation of thought.”

As they are discovered, documents are sorted and filed again in archival document boxes. Much of the archival collection now resides in the History Collections of Laupus Library. A temperature controlled archive room, located inside the History Reading Room suite, provides excellent environmental conditions to preserve the documents.

With the help of Melissa Nasea, Librarian of the History Program, the Country Doctor Museum was recently selected to participate in the Traveling Archivist Program (TAP) administered by the North Carolina Office of Archives and History. The museum will be one of 40 organizations that will benefit from a visit by a state archivist who will provide guidance us to better organize, record and track this archival document collection. We are looking forward to being able to more easily access and share these treasures with you.

You’re Invited!

The Country Doctor Museum invites you to History Alive! on November 12, 2011. Come to the Museum between 10am and 4pm for a fun-filled day of activities, good food and good times! Civil War re-enactors from The Old North State Field Hospital of Thomasville, NC will be on hand and horse-drawn carriage rides will tour through the quaint streets of Bailey. Food vendors, music and other delights await you. If you’ve never stopped by the museum, Saturday, November 12 will be a great day to visit and experience our small town hospitality. Hope to see you there!

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Laupus Library was the first in North Carolina to host the nationally traveling exhibit, “Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine,” displayed through September 24th in the 4th floor gallery of Laupus Library. This extraordinary exhibition looks at the men and women who served as surgeons and nurses during the American Civil War and how their service as medical providers challenged the prescribed notions of race and gender pushing the boundaries of the role of African Americans in America.

Many histories have been written about medical care during the Civil War, but the participation and contributions of African Americans as nurses, surgeons and hospital workers has often been overlooked. Through historical images and period documents the exhibit reveals the life and experiences of surgeons like Alexander T. Augusta and Anderson R. Abbott, and nurses like Susie King Taylor and Ann Stokes as they provided medical care to soldiers and civilians while participating in the fight for freedom.

“Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries opens the door to this rarely studied part of history and brings a voice to those that have remained silent for nearly 150 years,” says Curator Jill L. Newmark.

“Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries” was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine with research assistance from The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. and is currently traveling around the United States.

“There were loyal women, as well as men, in those days who did not fear the shell or the shot, who cared for the sick and dying.”

Susie King Taylor
nurse with the 33rd United States Troops
Upon returning to campus in the fall of this year, students will notice quite a change in the Laupus Computer Lab – a much-needed makeover. Immediately after spring classes ended this year, renovations began to redesign the computer lab and create a more collaborative space for our users.

The process started with the removal of the older, traditional rows of computer desks. Although this worked in the past, the goal was to create a space that’s more conducive to students being able to work together. Large triangular computer tables were installed that seat six people each, allowing groups of students to easily work on assignments and study in close proximity. While it may seem like there are fewer computers in the lab since the remodel, the new layout created a more spacious environment but maintained the same number of workstations available.

New tables were also installed in each of the Collaborative Resource Centers (CRCs) located in the computer lab. This helped create a more effective study space in these private study rooms where space is very limited. The renovations will be completed in the spring of 2012 when new computers are installed. The plan is to incorporate computers of a smaller form-factor which will allow more desktop space.

The Equipment Loan Program has seen a couple of new arrivals over the summer. The Apple iPad 2 is here and has quickly become the most popular loan item. The iPads have a 16GB storage capacity, built-in Wi-Fi, and come pre-loaded with a handful of medical apps. Place your reservation today to check one out and see what all the hype is about! Another portable multimedia projector was added to the lineup after seeing an increasing demand for this device. The projectors come with all the needed accessories along with a carrying case. Other equipment also available for loan includes laptops (both PC and Mac), digital voice recorders, digital cameras and camcorders (including the Flip Video camera), and a TurningPoint audience response system, all of which are loaned on a weekly basis. For additional information or to place a reservation today, please visit our website at www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/services/EquipmentLoanProgram.cfm.

Large-format poster printing is another popular service that continues to be offered through the lab for a nominal fee. ECU faculty, staff and students can submit posters at www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/services/PosterPrinting.cfm and have the finished product within 24 hours. Final copies are $5/linear foot and draft copies are $4/linear foot. Poster printing is provided for ECU business or course-related work only.

OpScan exam grading is offered through the lab as well. Faculty members within the Division of Health Sciences are encouraged to take advantage of this service. All exams for OpScan must be accompanied by an OpScan Request Form (www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/services/opscan.cfm) and left in the secure drop-box located at the lab’s front desk. Exams from the Brody School of Medicine can be dropped off and picked up at the MTS office (1S-10).

A variety of educational, interactive, training and board review software is provided in the computer lab to enhance the various curricula throughout the Division of Health Sciences. To facilitate group work, the lab offers two Collaborative Resource Centers (CRC’s) that feature large LCD displays and speakers to provide audio if needed. Large 4x6’ dry-erase boards are available in both CRC rooms to provide another means of composing ideas and brainstorming with others. The Assistive Technology Center is available for students with specific needs; it features an adjustable-height workstation, Optelec Clearview video magnifier, and JAWS® screen-reading software. For questions regarding services or resources provided through the Laupus Computer Lab, contact Nate Saunders (saundersn@ecu.edu) or Larry Bone (bonel@ecu.edu).
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