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SUU's ART INSIGHTS SPOTLIGHTS
"CHEMISTRY, ART & CONSERVATION"
WITH DR. PATRICIA S. HILL
JANUARY 22, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: An exploration of chemistry and its applications in art make for a fascinating Art Insights' presentation. Acclaimed chemist and educator **Dr. Patricia S. Hill** shares her unique observations and experience during her appearance at SUU's weekly art series on **Thursday January 22, 2015** in SUU's **Auditorium Theatre**. The presentation begins at **7pm** and is **free** and **open to the public**.

Dr. Patricia S. Hill, Professor of Chemistry Emerita, recently retired after 28 ½ years of teaching chemistry at Millersville University (MU) of Pennsylvania, a public regional university. During her tenure at MU, she developed and annually taught a general education lab science course to hundreds of non-science majors entitled *The Molecular Basis of Color and Form: Chemistry in Art*. Student interest and success in this course plus a sabbatical leave to work at the Smithsonian Institution's Conservation Analytical Lab in Washington, D.C. led to Dr. Hill's development and facilitation of "chemistry and art workshops" that focus on the chemistry of all types of artists' materials and processes. These workshops, generously funded by grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) since 1998, provide college science and art faculty members with an intensive 6-day hands on experience and an extensive packet of tested curricular materials that will allow them to develop chemistry and art experiences for their own students.

In 2009, after another sabbatical leave at the Arizona State Museum and funded by the current NSF grant project, "Chemistry Collaborations, Workshops and Communities of Scholars (cCWCS)", Dr. Hill began offering an advanced chemistry and art workshop. Faculty participants examine the role chemical analysis plays in the authentication, restoration and conservation of cultural heritage materials. They learn

not only a variety of instrumental methods used in modern conservation labs but also the many ethical issues that arise when dealing with cultural materials.

Dr. Hill's Art Insights presentation, "Chemistry, Art & Conservation," will include glimpses of the undergraduate chemistry and art course, the introductory and advanced chemistry and art workshops, and will provide through several examples an overview of the role of chemistry in art conservation.

Dr. Hill received her Bachelors of Biochemistry from the University of New Hampshire and her Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Arizona.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights and attend gallery openings. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend.

Discover the wonders of chemistry and its uses in art by attending this remarkable Art Insights presentation.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Southern Utah University's College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nationally-accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts, and Dance. The College offers 17 degrees, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, professional Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre, and Arts Administration Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts. It houses the Center for Shakespeare Studies, which offers a degree minor. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff teach and mentor over 550 arts majors. Over 1100 students enroll each year in more than 195 arts classes. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions annually. Its affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: ART INSIGHTS DR. PATRICIA S. HILL, CHEMIST & EDUCATOR

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- WHO:** Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art and Design
- WHEN:** Thursday, January 22, 2015, 7pm,
- WHERE:** Auditorium Theatre

INFORMATION:

Visit: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

PRICES:

Free Admission and the General Public is encouraged to attend.