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SUU'S ART INSIGHTS SHOWCASES
ZION NATIONAL PARK ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
PORTRAITIST LESLIE NICHOLS
APRIL 23, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A unique portraitist whose primary medium is a manual typewriter makes for a very special Zion National Park Artist-in-Residence. Leslie Nichols uses a variety of found and original text to create images. On **Thursday, April 23, 2015**, Nichols will explain and detail her specialized techniques for creating art at **SUU's Department of Art and Design's** weekly lecture series, **Art Insights**. The lecture begins at **7pm** at **SUU's Auditorium Theatre**. **Admission is free** and **the general public is encouraged to attend**.

Born and raised in St Louis Missouri, **Leslie Nichols** currently maintains her studio in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She received a BFA from Fontbonne University (2001), where she focused on painting and drawing, and an MA in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Communities from Western Kentucky University (2013), where her research focused on gender and women's studies. She is most well known for her works created on manual typewriters which are featured in *Typewriter Art: A Modern Anthology* published by Laurence King. Nichols exhibits her work regularly in solo and group shows and has displayed at venues including the Huntsville Museum of Art, the Carnegie Center for Visual and Performing Arts, and the Evansville Museum. Her work is in the following selected public collections: the Sackner Archive of Visual Poetry, H&R Block's world headquarters, and Liquitex.

Nichols is the recipient of several grants and awards and most recently was awarded a 2015 NEA Studio Residency Grant from Women's Studio Workshop. This grant will support her creation of a new body of work in WSW's letterpress studio. Additional granting organizations include the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, the American Association of University Women, and the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Her residencies include Zion National Park, Vermont Studio Center, Hopscotch House, and Can Serrat.

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 weekly 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.

The Zion National Park Artist-in-Residence program offers professional artists the opportunity to live and work in the majestic desert environment of southern Utah. The works completed under this program will contribute to the public understanding and appreciation of Zion National Park and reflect the National Park Service's mission to the preservation and protection of the park's cultural and natural resources.

For more information on SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts events, visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The **Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts** is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration and the Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents nearly 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's 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 at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

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WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 2015

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Auditorium Theatre, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT

INFO: Visit: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

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