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SUU's Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery Continues Successful *ABC: Assemblage, Book Art, Collage* Now through November 7, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: "Unique," "Remarkable" and "Innovative" are some of the adjectives being used by attendees of SUU's **Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery** fall exhibition ***ABC: Assemblage, Book Art, Collage***. This exhibition showcases three unique art forms within one show; though people are familiar with assemblage and collage, book art is also spotlighted. Sponsored by the **Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery**, ***ABC*** runs through November 7. Fall gallery hours are **Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7pm**. In addition, several artworks from the collection of Book Art at the **University of Utah** are displayed in SUU's **Gerald R. Sherratt Library** in conjunction with ***ABC***. Library exhibition hours are **Monday to-Thursday, 7am-12am, Friday, 7am-7pm, Saturday, 11am-7pm and Sunday, 2-10pm**. **Admission is free** to both shows and open to the public who are encouraged to attend.

A special sneak preview of ***ABC***, hosted by the Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, drew various patrons of the arts including several of the artists whose work was displayed in the exhibition, SUU faculty, staff, students, members of the Friends, local artists and art enthusiasts. This kick-off preview was also a successful night as a membership drive as well. Numerous current Friends renewed their memberships while others became first-time members.

Colette Cox, chair of the Friends, was enormously pleased with the event's turnout and the support for the Friends. According to Ms. Cox, "speaking on behalf of the Friends we are so proud of this remarkable exhibition featuring the dynamic work of incredible contemporary artists. We are equally pleased with the show of support by our members and welcome our new members to the Friends during this exciting forthcoming year as we transition to the Southern Utah Museum of Art."

ABC: Assemblage, Book Art, Collage, co-curated by the distinguished book artist **Sue Cotter**, **Deborah K. Snider**, SUU Associate Professor of Art Education, and the New York based internationally acclaimed collagist **Jonathan Talbot**, the exhibition showcases work by artists from across the United States. Collage work features combinations of media on a flat surface, while assemblage is three-dimensional mixed-media. Book art may include repurposed and sculpted books, or books created through numerous processes entirely by the artist. There will be cutting-edge artwork that will appeal to every taste.

Accessing her inspiration to co-curating ABC, Deborah Snider remarked, "As an artist who is passionate about meticulous detail, I gravitate toward the work of kindred spirits. I appreciate artists' skill in cutting, layering, adhering, constructing, unusual use of media, and creative juxtaposition."

ABC: Assemblage, Book Art, Collage is made possible by major funding from **The Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery**. Additional sponsors include the **Utah Division of Arts & Museums**, **Rainbow Sign & Banner** and the **Cedar City RAP Tax (Recreation, Arts, Parks)**.

The Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery is a non-profit group established in 1977, one year after the Gallery was opened on the Southern Utah University campus. For over 35 years the Friends have enriched lives through their sponsorship of world-class exhibitions and outstanding arts education programs. This fall, over 100 classes with 3,000 plus students will visit the Gallery and have a hands-on experience, created by the MFA students at SUU. Friends'-supported exhibitions attract legions of art lovers from throughout the intermountain west. *In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits* exhibition saw a record number of attendees from throughout the region. Other Friends' supported exhibitions include *Francisco Goya: Los Caprichos*, *Chihuly Baskets*, *Soviet Era Art: 1917-1991*, *Everything in Between: Art Quilts, Fabric Collage and Embroidery*, *Jim Jones: The San Blas Years* and *50 from 6: Contemporary Ceramics from the Six Rocky Mountain States*. All of these exhibitions were free to the general public.

Information about **ABC** can be obtained by calling the Gallery at **435-586-5432** (Tue-Sat, noon-7pm) or visiting www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: ABC: Assemblage, Book Art, Collage

- WHAT:** This exhibition showcases three unique art forms, assemblage, book art and collage. The art has been created through cutting, layering, adhering, constructing, unusual use of media, and creative juxtaposition.
- WHO:** Southern Utah University, Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery and the Gerald R. Sherratt Library
- WHEN:** Now through November 7, 2015

TIME: Gallery: Tue-Sat, noon-7pm
Library: Mon-Thu, 7am-12am, Fri, 7am-7pm, Sat, 11am-7pm, Sun, 2-10pm

WHERE: Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery and the Gerald R. Sherratt Library

PRICES: Free admission

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