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Gail Keenan Art Gallery Exhibit combines diverse talents

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CECILY CUMMINGS/SPECIAL TO THE SUN HERALD Artwork by Sandra Bagley is featured in 'Art, the Visible Thread that Connects,' at The Gail Keenan Art Gallery.

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A new exhibit, Art, the Visible Thread that Connects, is showing at The Gail Keenan Art Gallery on the campus of Coast Episcopal School. The show features artwork from 37 Gulf Coast artists from Waveland to Ocean Springs.

The exhibit is designed to emphasize the shared themes and interests of the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as expressed by painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers and potters.

"Art has always brought people together," said gallery co-curator Wynn Seemann. "The theme of this show is intended to express that commonality of art and gathering, while showing the huge array of wonderful talent we have on the Coast."

The works of each of the 37 artists showing stand out in their own unique way but are united by common themes such as self-exploration and a reverence for nature. Their works help the artists examine their place in the world and their bonds with the people and places around them.

Vicki Niolet of Bay St. Louis creates mixed-media assemblages from "recycled stuff." She takes seemingly unrelated objects and places them in an arrangement in which the combined elements complement one another.

Her pieces could be a metaphor for the variety of artistic talents from different locations and backgrounds which came together to make a diverse but beautiful art exhibit.

Carol Busenlener of Pearlinton describes herself as an intuitive painter. She begins a work with a mood, making quick marks with thinned paint and charcoal. Her biggest inspirations are the "wonders of nature" surrounding her studio and the "lure of New Orleans."

Marian Knobbe of Pass Christian is inspired by the views from her home on the marsh. With her watercolors she strives to capture its beauty and the "elusive mingling of land, water and sky."

Kerr Grabowski of Bay St. Louis describes her personal world as "unconscious and nonverbal." Through her process of art-making, she makes her ideas concrete. Inspirations include sticks, seeds, plants and animal patterns.

The works of Mary Hardy of Ocean Springs focus on dualities of perception. Her imagery originates from memories of her own or those of others. Lost and buried thoughts reemerge during the creative process.

Sadako Lewis of Long Beach titled her works "Uchu," the Japanese word for "universe."

"I am a microcosm of the vast universe," she said. "I want to visualize this universe outside and also within myself."

Stacey Johnson of Biloxi said her pieces stem from travel and the people or past events that have touched her.

"It's completely necessary for me to express myself through art," she said. "To close doors so that others may be opened, to finish one story so that another may begin."

The exhibit runs through March 1.

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Featured artists include Michelle Allee, Ellis Anderson, Sandra Bagley, Paul Bonge, Carolyn Busenlener, Regan Carney, Carol Ellis, Sue Weidie Findeisen, Kerr Grabowski, Susan Guice, Mary Hardy, Andres Hill, Christine Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Marian Knobbe, Ann Koerner, Sadako Lewis, Lory Lockwood, Jorge Lovato, Martyn Lucas, Jan Macdiarmid, Ann Madden, Trailer McQuilkin, Tazwell Morton, Julie Nelson, Vicki

Niolet, Pat Odom, Elizabeth Register, Joey Rice, Terry Scott, Melissa Smith, Joy van Meerveld, Magtillt van Thiel, Elizabeth Veglia, Clarice Wallace, Lisa Watson and Milton Williams.

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