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Athens State is hosting third Alumni Art Exhibit

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Six artists will show 22 pieces of their work in various mediums

ATHENS - Alumni of the Athens State University Art Department have a place this month to display their work.

The third annual Athens State Alumni Art Exhibit features 22 pieces of various mediums by six artists.

The exhibit is in the Sandridge Student Center Art Gallery on the Athens State campus. The exhibit is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and admission is free. The exhibit opened Jan. 7 and will end Jan. 31.

"It's a way for people to exhibit art who don't have other opportunities to exhibit their art," said Gary Anderson, who coordinated this year's exhibit and has three pieces in the exhibit. "There's a lot of traffic through here. It's a fine opportunity for these artists to get their work out there."

Works by Daniel J. Dillon, Lendre Corey, Pat Pepper, Richard Drewyor, Beth Paul and Anderson are in the exhibit. All are alumni of the school's Art Department.

A reception with the artists is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the exhibit.

The exhibit includes abstracts from Drewyor, bead blasted glass by Dillon and watercolors by Anderson.

"Not too many people know about it," Anderson said. "It's my first year (to exhibit). I hope it continues and more people participate."

Anderson's pieces in the exhibit feature his son, Adam, 13, and daughter, Grace, 10. One painting has Adam in a plastic, shallow swimming pool and the other two feature the children at the Green Mountain Nature Trail in Huntsville.

"Part of the reason I paint is I hope they will keep the painting of themselves and possibly take up painting," Anderson said.

Anderson, who graduated from Athens State in 1983, is a graphic designer with defense contractor Amtec Corp. in Huntsville. He paints in watercolors and oil as a hobby, as does his wife, Kathryn Jobczynski.

"This gives me a little motivation to keep producing," Anderson, 46, said of placing his work in the exhibit.

Some of the pieces in the exhibit are for sale.

"They're hoping some sales are generated from this," he said.

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