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Tamara Browning: UIS wraps up annual benefit and auction

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Selling to the highest bidder during the **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD VISUAL ARTS GALLERY 2010 BENEFIT & SILENT AUCTION** are several pieces of artwork ranging from photography to ceramics.

The 2010 Benefit & Silent Auction will conclude with a closing reception and final bidding to take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today.

Sponsored by the Friends of the UIS Visual Arts Gallery, the annual auction offers donated art objects available to the highest bidder who submits a bid, name and contact phone or e-mail. Proceeds will benefit future gallery programming.

Among the pieces displayed through today in the Visual Arts Gallery at the Health and Sciences Building at UIS is the sculpture "Crayon Bullets in Large Plastic Case" by JOEL WALTER. The minimum bid is \$10 for the sculpture, which looks so realistic that you could mistake it for boxes of crayons to be used to write down bids on accompanying bid sheets.

Other art includes work by **FELICIA OLIN, LORENA JOHNSON, JIM MURRAY, CHRIS BRITT, UIS** and **LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE** art faculty, members of the **PRAIRIE ART ALLIANCE** and more.

Other artwork includes:

- "Zig-Zagging Canvas" (white with stripes), original wall sculpture by **ADAM G. PERSCHBACHER**, minimum bid \$25.
- "Bathroom People" original acrylic painting on glass by **BECKY VANDYKE**, minimum bid \$5.
- "Domestic Border (orange)" original wall sculpture by **ALLISON LACHER**, minimum bid \$25.

Normal gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, contact the gallery at 206-6506 or gallery@uis.edu.

Exhibitions scheduled for the gallery during the remainder of the 2010-11 academic year are the following:

- Carlos Francisco Jackson, "Mi' America/My America" Feb. 1-March 23. The exhibit will consist of screen prints depicting the history of the Chicano Civil Rights Movement.
- Karen Bondarchuk and Terrence Campagna, "Sustain 2011," March 31-April 27. "Sustain 2011" will be focused on resource conservation, social justice and economic equity. It will be part of the campus-wide celebration of Earth Day 2011.
- UIS Senior Student Exhibition, May 2-12.

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