Saddleback College Displays Emeritus Students’ Artwork

Mission Viejo, CA – Through January 28th 2011, Saddleback College’s Emeritus Institute is hosting a fine arts show entitled Mainly Landscapes in the college’s library, located in Village #3. The free show features the work of the senior students who have taken Plein Air classes, which combines on-site and in-studio landscape painting.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “The Saddleback College Emeritus Institute provides a great opportunity for older adults to pursue their passions in a friendly environment where they have the encouragement of their peers. This art show is a visual example of the outstanding achievements that many of our emeritus students have made throughout the years.”

Department Chair and exhibit curator, Maria Kieman, stated, “As instructors and artists, we celebrate Mainly Landscapes, an art show that commemorates not only the hard work of our Emeritus Institute artists, but also the entire division’s vision and mission. We are here to provide our students with new opportunities to expand horizons, grow and learn in arts and in life.”

The Plein Air courses is a unique on-site experience that is then brought into the studio environment where photographic materials are compared with the plein air paintings and sketches, which then transform into a personal statement. Fieldtrips to museums or gallery exhibitions are another important element in the Emeritus Institute’s goal to create and inspire better artists, better students and better instructors.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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