Western Oklahomans Invited to Share Photos and Ideas for Public Art Project

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University Art Assistant Professor E.K. Jeong is asking western Oklahoma residents to share photos and ideas for a public art project that is taking place on the Weatherford campus.

The project-a large format tapestry representing western Oklahoma communities-will have a design theme of "Beauty and Pride of Western Oklahoma."

Jeong said the design will be used for the creation of the tapestry that will travel to various public places in western Oklahoma. Jeong is also recruiting volunteers for a focus group, which is for citizens who would like to have input in the design process as well as be involved in the tapestry making process. She welcomes citizens from various backgrounds.

Photo and idea submissions will be taken until the first focus group meeting on March 10 at 6 p.m. in the SWOSU Art Building lobby. Later meeting times and dates will be announced after the first meeting, and those times and locations can be flexible to accommodate area residents.

In May, the design drafts will be exhibited and a public forum will be held.

The project is made possible by the generous support from the Elizabeth Firestone-Graham Foundation. If local groups, businesses or individuals would like to make contributions or to be part of the focus group, contact Jeong at 580.774.3035 or <u>ek.jeong@swosu.edu</u>.