

Community Art Forum Planned April 20-21 in Clinton

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A free Community Art Forum is planned April 20-21 in Clinton.

The forum, planned for the Frisco Center (101 S. 4th Street), will feature a lecture on community art and art education by Dr. Dennis Fehr of Texas Tech University and an exhibition of the recently-completed tapestry public art project done at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on both days.

The lineup of activities for the two days includes:

Wednesday, April 20

10-11:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks, Exhibition and Gallery talk by the Tapestry Group

1-2:30 p.m.

Lecture by Dr. Dennis Fehr: Significance of Community Arts and Arts Education

2:40-4 p.m.

Tapestry Workshop I

Thursday, April 21

10-11:30 a.m.

Tapestry Workshop II

1-2 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Martin Lopez, Nicholas Bayer and Dr. Elizabeth Burr

2:10-3:40 p.m.

Panel Discussion

The forum is intended as a chance for teachers and students as well as art administrators, city officials and community members to share each others' experiences in art and how to approach future art projects in western Oklahoma communities.

The tapestry project was done in collaboration between community members and professional artist E.K. Jeong. Among many people who participated and supported the tapestry, the four core community weavers who worked on the two-year project for the entire duration of the planning, design and weaving process were Carol Goyer, Myra Jennings, Mary Segal and Cristina Stone, all western Oklahoma residents. Jeong teaches studio arts at SWOSU and is active with community art projects such as the Visiting Artist Program and the Open Art Program.

The event is sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council and SWOSU.

The workshops have limited seating, so please reserve spots by contacting Jeong at 580... 774-3756 or ek.jeong@swosu.edu.