

Rita Deanin Abbey is Exhibitor for May in Manville Gallery

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Las Vegas artist Rita Deanin Abbey is the exhibitor for May in the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Manville Gallery.

An artist for more than 35 years, Abbey's abstract works includes painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture and porcelain enamels fired on steel. Her exhibit will open with a reception in the gallery on Monday, May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m., and will continue through June 2.

Abbey is an emeritus professor of art at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where she taught drawing, painting and color theory from 1965 to 1987. She received her bachelor of fine arts in 1952 and her master's degree in 1954 from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She also studied at the Art Student's League in Woodstock, New York, the Hans Hofmann School of Fine Arts in Provincetown, MA, and the San Francisco Art Institute in San Francisco.

The school is delighted to have a Nevada artist of Abbey's stature as an exhibitor. According to Dr. Donald H. Baepler, director of the Museum of Natural History at UNLV, during Abbey's 22-year tenure as a professor in the Art Department at UNLV, she "has enhanced the image of the university as the cultural resource center of the Las Vegas community. As a

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dedicated and inspirational teacher she has shaped and influenced the lives of many of her students. As a disciplined and remarkably productive artist, working in an extensive variety of media, she has achieved regional, national and international acclaim."

This artist has had 46 individual exhibitions and has participated in more than 65 national and international group exhibitions. She is represented in many private collections and in the public collections of galleries, including the Jonson Art Gallery and the University Art Museum of the University of New Mexico, the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, NM, The Palm Springs Desert Museum, and the Jan Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the public is invited to visit during those hours.