

Manville features Harris Knudson Memorial Exhibition

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Ten Nevada artists will be featured when the December exhibit opens at the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Manville Gallery.

The Harris Knudson Memorial Exhibition, which includes pieces from Dr. Harris Knudson's private art collection, will open with a special reception on Monday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Manville Gallery; the show runs through Dec. 31. Dr. Knudson's widow, Jean, who also is one of the featured artists, will be on hand at the opening.

Dr. Knudson was an active supporter of the medical school and served on its Admissions Committee from 1974 until 1985, the year he died. "For 16 years, Dr. Knudson was a learned spectator who befriended a number of southern Nevada artists," says Robert Tracy, Ph.D., who wrote Dr. Knudson's tribute for the exhibition booklet. "From the position of a sympathetic observer, Dr. Knudson gave moral support and encouragement during hard times as well as good times. Dr. Knudson's friendship and patronage may be likened to an oasis in the desert, providing soothing nourishment for those struggling with the creative effort."

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The artists featured in the show are Rita Deanin Abbey, Gary Adams, Scott Bell, Jose Bellver, Minnie Dobbins, Tom Holder, Jean Knudson, Bill Leaf, Mike McCollum and Lee Sido. The works are done in a wide range of mediums, including acrylics and pastels, porcelain enamel fired on hammered steel, sand, glass, fiber, gouache, wood, tree branches and ceramics.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Nevada State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for December 25 when the medical school will be closed.