

Claudine Granthem is June exhibitor at Manville Gallery

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California artist Claudine Granthem is the June exhibitor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Manville Gallery. Her mixed media show will open on Monday, June 4, with a 5 to 7 p.m. reception, and will continue through June 29.

"As human beings, often times we keep secrets, masquerade our true identities and repress or conceal our feelings," the artist says. "In the content of my art work, I also include notions of manipulation and restrictions imposed by society and by the processes of life. I express these concepts through the use of archetypal figures in drawings and wall sculpture."

Granthem, who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, Sacramento, says that her drawings are made with oil paintsticks and charcoal, and the sculptures are created with mixtures of materials such as handmade paper, cloth, wood and metal. She prefers to "layer the materials and wrap the forms, concealing areas and leaving others exposed, until I feel satisfied with them." This allow the work to exist on both the internal and external levels. "I want my drawings and sculpture to appeal visually and, at the same time, to imply humanistic ideas buried beneath the surfaces."

In the past 10 years, the artist has exhibited extensively, primarily in the west; but also has exhibited in the Chautauqua Art Association Galleries in Chautauqua, NY; and earned a Merit Award in an International Art Competition at the Museum Hosio Italy, Castel Sant:Elia, Viterbo, Italy.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the public is welcome to come and browse.