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“Southern Crossings II” exhibit features vivid chalk landscapes and satirical sculpture

(Jan. 10, 2007 – Palm Beach Gardens) Take two Palm Beach Community College art professors, one an abstract-expressionist painter and the other a social critic/ceramics sculptor, and you have “Southern Crossings II,” an exhibit that opens Jan. 23 at The Gallery at Eissey Campus. The gallery is located at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd., BB Building.

Professor Alessandra Gieffers’ series for “Southern Crossings II” uses intense color alternating with dark, receding shadows that form the sensation of walking through a garden. Her chalk landscapes burst with lush green vegetation, overlapping hot peach, orange-red and terracotta pathways leading to distant architectural structures and peeks at the Intracoastal Waterway near her studio-cottage.

Professor Susan Urbanek humorously portrays human absurdities and foibles in her ceramics pieces; she could be called an editorial cartoonist in ceramics. Her work celebrates feminism and often criticizes political figures on both sides of the aisle.

“Southern Crossings II” will be exhibited from Jan. 23-Mar. 23. The opening reception is from 5-8 p.m. on Jan. 23. Gallery hours are 9 am to 4 pm Mon-Fri and from 9 am to 8 pm on Tuesdays. Call (561) 207-5015.

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