

## **Flagler professor's works, 'Second Nature,' to show at Crisp-Ellert Art Museum**

(St. Augustine, Fla.) — Donald Martin, professor of art at Flagler College, will exhibit a new series of works called “Second Nature” at the college’s Crisp-Ellert Art Museum Sept. 3-17. An opening reception will be held during St. Augustine’s First Friday Art Walk on Sept. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Martin says the pieces, many of which were created while on sabbatical, are a bit of a departure from the larger works he is known for, including a 500-foot-long mural above the main terminal of the Jacksonville International Airport.

“This is more intensely personal,” he said about the exhibit, which includes drawings, sculpture, paintings and especially intaglio prints. He has also worked in new techniques, like hand-making books, that he learned at the Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina while on sabbatical.

“The use of printmaking media, especially intaglio, has been the focus of my creative output over the last year or so,” he said.

“Second Nature” revolves around a theme that is often found in Martin’s work — finding the profound or the sacred in the ordinary.

“The title for this exhibit refers to the natural world that most of us actually experience through our back yards, parks, and the animals that share our homes,” he said. “I then relate those experiences to the ‘big picture’ as I see it, those big questions and problems that sometime seem beyond understanding.”

Martin says with so much urbanization and loss of environment, we feel an intense need to experience this natural world however we can.

Martin’s works can be found in many governmental and corporate collections including the Florida House of Representatives, the Federal Reserve Bank in Jacksonville and the Florida Department of Natural Resources.

After Crisp-Ellert, “Second Nature” will then move to the University of North Florida Gallery of Art from Sept. 23 to Nov. 5.

The Crisp-Ellert Art Museum is located at 48 Sevilla St. in downtown St. Augustine. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (904) 826-8530.