New Exhibitions at the Christian Petersen Art Museum
and Anderson Sculpture Garden,
Iowa State University for Fall 2014

Ames, IA – The Anderson Sculpture Garden and Christian Petersen Art Museum, both part of University Museums at Iowa State University, are opening the new 2014 fall exhibitions in late August. The new exhibitions both feature works of art by Gwynn Murrill (American, b. 1942).

For further information about other events and programs at the museums, please visit the University Museums website at www.museums.iastate.edu

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN ART MUSEUM
Morrill Hall Rm. 1017

Gwynn Murrill: Menagerie of Maquettes

Over 60 small bronze maquettes featuring domestic and wild animals are presented in the Campbell Gallery. Sixteen color photographs of her work in progress by Los Angeles photographer, Wayne Shimabukuro that highlight the bronze fabrication process.

Murrill is interested in creating forms that are both abstract and figurative. Each sculpture discovered will charm and delight. Gwynn Murrill entered the Art on Campus Collection in 2011 with three bronze sculptures Circle Cat, Midnight and Varna, and Running Saluki permanently sited at the College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Hospital entrance. This exhibition will be the first public showing of two life size bronze dogs cast from molds taken off her most recent sculptures executed in Koa wood.

Since the first exhibition of her sculpture in 1972 at Rico Mizuno Gallery in Los Angeles, Gwynn Murrill's sculpture has been included in thirty-nine solo and fifty-nine group exhibitions, most recently presented in the Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles.

This exhibition is organized by the University Museums with the gracious loan of works of art from the artists, Gwynn Murrill and Wayne Shimabukuro. The exhibition is sponsored by Diane and Jim Patton, Arthur Klein, an Iowa Tourism Grant and University Museums Membership.
**ANDERSON SCULPTURE GARDEN EXHIBITION**
Surrounding Morrill Hall, August 20, 2014 through July 24, 2016

**Gwynn Murrill’s Sculptures: A Walk on the Wild Side**
August 20, 2014 - July 24, 2016

Take a walk on the wild side at the Anderson Sculpture Garden!

For the next two years, seven large-scale bronzes created by Los Angeles-based sculptor Gwynn Murrill will be integrated temporarily into the landscape of the Anderson Sculpture Garden. From seemingly passive panthers poised to pounce and a ram overlooking the student passer-bys, to the crouching cougar and grazing deer, all the sculptures are inviting yet perhaps somewhat menacing in the central campus landscape. Murrill is interested in creating forms that are both abstract and figurative. “It is a challenge to try and take the form that nature makes so well and to derive my own interpretation of it,” Murrill said. Gwynn Murrill entered the Art on Campus Collection in 2011 with three bronze sculptures Circle Cat, Midnight and Varna, and Running Saluki permanently sited at the College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Hospital entrance.

Iowa State University is outstanding among American academic campuses for its abundance of public works of art. With the largest campus public art collection in the nation, Iowa State’s Art on Campus Program and Collection runs the gamut of artists, media, and styles. From realism to abstraction, murals to sculpture, and terrazzo to glass, the collection is vast and varied with a depth that has grown since the first public work of art was commissioned in 1933. The Anderson Sculpture Garden provides the opportunity to present nationally acclaimed public artists that are represented in the permanent Art on Campus Collection in a larger visual and intellectual context to more fully explore their artistic themes at ISU audiences.

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Learn more about the artist, Gwynn Murrill, at murrillsculpture.com.

**Admission and Hours**
The Christian Petersen Art Museum is located on the ground and first floors of Morrill Hall on central campus. Admission is free, however there is a suggested donation of $3 per visitor. The Christian Petersen Art Museum regular hours are as follows: Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The Christian Petersen Art Museum is closed weekends and during University breaks and holidays. Parking available at the Memorial Union Ramp (fees apply).

The Anderson Sculpture Garden is located south of Morrill Hall on central campus. The Art on Campus Collection is located in buildings, courtyards, and common spaces across campus. Admission is free. Hours may vary by building, outdoor sculpture available 24/7. Parking available at the Memorial Union Ramp (fees apply).

**Media Information**
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