

Assoc. Professor Exhibits Tapestry at Arts Center/Gallery

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Delaware State University is currently featuring the weaving tapestry works of Dr. Hazel Bradshaw-Beaumont in an exhibition entitled “Tones & Tapestry” in its Arts Center/Gallery located in the William Jason Library on campus.

The exhibition – which will be on display until March 17 – is free and open to the public. In addition, the public is also invited, free of cost, to a reception honoring the artist from 4-6 p.m. March 11 in Arts Center/Gallery.

The 19-work exhibition is comprised of hanging tapestry creations by Dr. Hazel Bradshaw-Beaumont, a DSU associate professor of art. She says her attraction to the weaving process is based in its spontaneity as well as the excitement of transforming humble yarn and mixed media into breathtaking structures and textures with use of color.



Dr. Hazel Bradshaw-Beaumont with her tapestry work Reflections.

“My inspirations include the natural elements and the materials themselves. And the patterns of land forms and the atmospheric elements also play a role in color and mood,” Dr. Bradshaw-Beaumont said. “My joy in weaving allows me to explore color relationships – whether bold contrasts or tone-on-tone shadings – that test the edge of visual perception.”

Dr. Bradshaw-Beaumont said most of the techniques she uses are contemplative and encouraging introspection, while other processes are spontaneous and unpredictable. “I am looking for images and colors that transform and represent things that make me free,” she said.

A DSU faculty member since 2003, Dr. Bradshaw-Beaumont was named as the 2009 Eastern Regional Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association. A native of Jamaica, she has a Ph.D. in Art Education from Ohio State University. In addition to teaching, she has authored and presented numerous papers on Caribbean art education and other art-related topics.

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