exhibit to feature mixed-media works

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A mixed-media art exhibit featuring the work of Bonnie Mariequez and Paula Samotis will open with a reception from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, in the Fine Arts Gallery.

Manriquez’s work is influenced by her travels to Mexico and Spain. Her interest in the Islamic culture and her love of nature are also evident.

Manriquez develops her ideas and concepts through color and texture and the interplay of light and space. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her art has been exhibited in national and regional exhibits. She has worked with the Nebraska State Historical Society on their “Artist in the Community” program.

Samotis also uses mixed-media. Her work differs from Manriquez in that she uses a water soluble crayon on paper laminated to canvas, then laminated to wax.

Most of Samotis’ work depict abstract figures or dream landscapes. Her work includes mixed media collage of water-soluble crayon on canvas. Samotis’ individual style and her choice of materials add both visual and emotional depth to her work.

Samotis received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Alfred University. A Diverse Visions grant was recently awarded to Samotis and Creighton alumnna Leslie Swinerton.

At present, Samotis is working part-time at Creighton and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Although originally from Los Angeles, Samotis is now living at the Bernis Foundation, an artist colony located in the Old Market.

The exhibit is free to the public and will be showing until October 11. The Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Fine Arts Building on the Creighton Campus. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.