A.D. Gallery holds exhibition of Hopper’s art

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Inside the A.D. Gallery, the artwork of Janette K. Hopper was displayed in an exhibition entitled, “Last Wild Places.”

Hopper, who is a Professor in the Art Department, traveled to places, such as the North Cascade Mountains Washington state and the maritime forest at Bald Head Island to find inspiration for her pieces.

Understanding the art
“I hope my work is understandable for anyone. I would like people to see the different expressions of ‘Last Wild Places’ for their fragile beauty but also join in the effort to keep these for posterity,” Hopper said.

“My collaboration with flutist Mary Jo White from the Wilmington Symphony makes for a great ambiance. Her flute playing is heard throughout the gallery and increases the impact of the whole experience.

Inspiration
Also there is a large monitor with photographs of incredible wild places in America, artists who have painted landscapes, poets and artist comments, and I have found myself in awe at the incredible moments out there in the wilds,” Hopper said.

Hopper got an early start as an artist while growing up in Idaho with the support of her parents. Her parents would lay newsprint out on the floor so she could paint and her father, who she recognizes as her first influence, was a photographer.

Influences and support
“She is a person and artist I respect very much. She has a tireless work ethic when it comes to her paintings. I appreciate and admire her thematic development, how her creative impulses center on the environment and her instinctive memories of the landscapes she has experienced,” A.D. Gallery Director Carla Rokes said.

“She offers a great range of media that falls under a very important theme, preservation of our natural landscapes. Within these works the viewer will experience a range of emotions through her use of space, light and color,” Rokes said.

“If you enjoy color, space, composition and variety of painting and drawing materials and techniques you will enjoy this exhibit,” Hopper said.

The Last Wild Places exhibit was on display from March 17-April 2.

The next two exhibitions inside the A.D. Gallery will be Senior Exhibitions, which will feature the works of graduating art majors. The A.D. Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday.

It is closed on weekends and when classes are not in session.