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Image: “Cicada – from the Iowa Insect Series digital montage, pigment print 2012”

SSC TO HOST ART EXHIBITION GRAPHIC DESIGNERS COLLABORATE: ATTENTION TO DETAIL FEATURING THE “IOWA INSECT SERIES”

SOUTH HOLLAND - South Suburban College's Dorothea Thiel Gallery will host an exhibition of 10 large-scale digital montage images from the “Iowa Insect Series,” a collection of artworks created in collaboration between graphic design professors Roy R. Behrens and David M. Versluis. The exhibit, **Graphic Designers Collaborate: Attention to Detail**, will be held in the Dorothea Thiel Gallery from April 1 to April 21.

The exhibit features digital montage collaborations created by Graphic Design professor Roy Behrens, University of Northern Iowa, and Art & Graphic Design professor David Versluis, Dordt College. The exhibit's artworks “Combine rich imagery as they juxtapose representational imagery with formal graphic elements to create a strong visual dynamic,” says Larry Bradshaw, Emeritus Professor of Art, University of Nebraska Omaha. Various artworks from the Iowa Insect Series have been exhibited in group shows at the Washington Pavilion Visual Art Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids, Minnesota; University of Northern Iowa Gallery of Art in Cedar Falls, Iowa; and the 27th McNeese National Works on Paper Exhibition at McNeese State University Grand Gallery in Lake Charles, Louisiana. This exhibit at South Suburban College is one of the first times that the collection Iowa Insect Series will be shown together.

“The process of creating the collaborative images began in 2012 with me sending Roy scanned images of insects from my personal collection. One image at a time, we challenged each other to respond to each image, building a digital montage, using Adobe Photoshop®,” said Versluis. “We would then pass the image back and forth, responding to each other's move.” The images were built with about five or six back and forth exchanges between Behrens & Versluis, until the two graphic designers mutually decided that the artwork was finished.

Professor Versluis will be at the college as visiting artist in the digital arts lab and Dorothea Thiel Gallery for a 1:00 p.m. reception on Thursday April 21st. The public is welcome to visit the art exhibition and reception at no charge. The Thiel Gallery is located on the 4th floor in the Art & Design hallway, Room 4333. SSC Galleries are open at minimum Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The galleries are closed on weekends and holidays. For more information, please call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2316, or visit www.ssc.edu/art. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

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