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Cabrillo Gallery Presents Jody Alexander: *Preparing for Evanescence*

Artist's Reception Thursday, November 8, 5:30 PM. Exhibit Runs November 9 - December 7.

Aptos, CA—The Cabrillo Gallery hosts an exhibition/installation by Jody Alexander, entitled *Preparing for Evanescence*, opening with a reception on Thursday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. The exhibition continues through Friday, December 7, 2012. An artist talk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM.

Jody Alexander, an artist, bookbinder, librarian and teacher who lives and works in Santa Cruz, and won the 2010 solo exhibition award for the Cabrillo Gallery's exhibition *California: All Media Juried Exhibition*, selected by Ruth Braunstein and Shannon Trimble, of the Braunstein Quay Gallery, San Francisco. Jody recently started Wishi Washi Studio at the Tannery Arts Center, where she and guest instructors teach bookmaking and paper arts workshops.

"*Preparing for Evanescence*," explains Alexander, "addresses the relative ephemeral nature of humans compared to the belongings that we accumulate, and how we cope with our mortal awareness. The treatment of the objects in this installation exhibits a concern for their well-being, and the caretaker's need to create and protect in the face of powerlessness and dematerialization. Each possession has been attentively prepared and placed for safekeeping between the folds of fabric, stitches of thread, in the sediment of a household.

"In the final days in this space the caretaker found that he/she was evanescing – or gradually disappearing. The treatment of objects was as much for their care as it was a necessary process for the caretaker - a busying of the hands, a distraction from the inevitable. Equal attention has been given to objects of use and sentiment as well as space and time."

What: Jody Alexander: *Preparing for Evanescence*

When: November 9 - December 7, 2012

Reception: Thursday, November 8, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Artist's Talk: Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Cabrillo Gallery, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

FREE EVENTS

The Cabrillo Gallery is located in the Library building, room #1002, in the center of the uphill side of the Cabrillo College campus. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 PM including Monday and Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The Cabrillo Gallery is free and accessible to all. Parking can be found in any of the numerous metered parking areas.

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers more than 100 academic and career technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to four-year institutions or lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career and personal development goals.