Memorial celebration to be held for late Cabrillo instructor

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APTOS — Cabrillo College will hold a memorial celebration for late ceramics instructor and artist Kathryn McBride on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the Cabrillo Horticulture Center.

McBride, who died in late February, was a Soquel resident and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Ceramic Sculpture from San Francisco State University. She taught ceramics in the Bay Area for more than 20 years, and began teaching part-time at Cabrillo in 1985, eventually working her way up to head of the department.

McBride's works are shown in museums and private collections across the country, including the Ferrin Gallery in Massachusetts, The Museum of Art and History in Santa Cruz, and the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University. Her sculptural teapots are shown in several books, including "500 Teapots, 500 Figures and Teapots Transformed."

Her "Portal" sculpture which she made in collaboration with Cabrillo students and instructor Gail Ritchie Bobeda, was recently exhibited at the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts in Seattle.

The memorial celebration on Sunday will feature a video tribute and memory sharing open mic.

In honor of McBride, the Cabrillo College Foundation established two funds: The Kathryn McBride Cabrillo College Ceramics Program Fund, which helps support the ceramics program at Cabrillo, and The Kathryn McBride Scholarship Fund, which funds art scholarships for Cabrillo students.

Those who would like to support the memorial funds can make donations to the Cabrillo College Foundation by sending a check with the memo line being either "McBride Scholarship Fund" or "McBride Ceramics Program Fund." Checks should be mailed to Cabrillo College Foundation, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003.