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Cabrillo Gallery pays ‘Tribute’ to retired instructors

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APTONS — The Cabrillo Gallery will honor recently-retired art instructors Jamie Abbott and Ron Milhoan with “Tribute,” a new exhibit that opens Friday and runs through April 20.

The exhibit features Abbott’s and Milhoan’s sculptures and paintings.

Together, Abbott and Milhoan worked almost 70 years, teaching more than 4,000 students through their courses at Cabrillo.

“The nurturing, support, and guidance that you find with these two artists, and all of the Cabrillo instructors in the Art Department at Cabrillo, has contributed immensely to the development and strength of our local arts,” said Tobin Keller, gallery director.

Milhoan, who began teaching at Cabrillo in 1984, previously taught at other colleges, including Florida State University.

As his Cabrillo career went on, Milhoan said he found ways to be creative in his teaching, one of those being more humanistic in his approach, sitting down and talking to each student, which he found to be successful.

“If personalized with students,” he said.

Milhoan described his paintings as personal narratives, and he is also fond of creating luminosity in his work.

“I try to make a painting that has its own light source,” he said.

Abbott’s sculptures showcase a contrast of different materials, typically wood and steel.

This “denotes an interest in permanence and impermanence, as well as organic and non-organic use of materials,” Keller said.

The Cabrillo Gallery is located at 6500 Soquel Drive, Library Room 1002 in Aptos. For information, visit www.cabrillo.edu/services/artgallery.

A reception will be held today from 5:30-7 p.m. The artists talk will be on April 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.