Artist showing two decades of work

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APTOS — Like a musician who has to play their music, Sam Hernández needs to keep crafting sculptures.

“It’s like breathing for me, I have to do it,” he said.

The Watsonville artist not only creates wood, bronze and steel sculptures, but he is an active painter as well. For Hernández, art allows him to express himself in a way not possible in other forms of communication.

“It’s my way of communicating something I can’t communicate with words,” he said.

Hernández’s work is filling the Cabrillo College Gallery in an exhibit, which opened Tuesday, titled “Focus on the Object/Selections: Two Decades.” A reception will be held today from 5:30-7 p.m. with an artist talk at 6 p.m.

Hernández, who recently retired from Santa Clara University after being a professor of art for 37 years, is the recipient of many honors including a Senior Fulbright Scholar Award and Silicon Valley’s Artist Laureate award. His work has been shown in museum and

and more.

The work shown at the Cabrillo Gallery features pieces from the last 20 years of Hernández's art career, some showing how earlier pieces led to the creation of newer works, he said.

Hernandez said the next exhibit of his work will be at the Alex Bult Gallery in Sacramento.

The Cabrillo College Gallery is located on 6500 Soquel Drive, Library Room 1002, in Aptos. “Focus on the Object/Selections: Two Decades” runs through Dec. 17. For information, visit www.cabrillo.edu/services/artgallery and www.samhernandezart.com.