

## **Exhibition gives older artists chance to put work - Omaha World-Herald: Web Edition Articles (NE) - January 18, 2018**

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WHEN WE THINK age limits in art, whether in terms of grant or exhibition opportunities, they usually apply to emerging artists: professionals in their 20s who are just starting to make names for themselves. Older artists, especially those who have passed by their mid-career acclaim when exhibition and sales reach their zenith, often get overlooked and don't receive the same amount of attention as their younger peers.

**Gallery 1516** aims to change that with "65+ pieces from 65+ Nebraska Artists," an exhibition focusing solely on artists aged 65 and older.

Curators Pat Lontor and John Miller selected artists who've shaped Nebraska's cultural landscape through a variety of mediums, including sculpture, painting and printmaking. Familiar names include Catherine Ferguson, Hal Holoun, Les Bruning, Tom Kerr and Dan Boylan, who passed away in 2017.

"They have shown through persistence, experience, tenacity and their love of what they are creating that they indeed are a viable part of the artist community," Lontor and Miller said.

**Gallery** director Patrick Drickey agrees. "These artists were producing artwork before there was Nebraska Arts Council, before there was a museum in Kearney dedicated to Nebraska Art," he said. "They became teachers and professors of fine art. They survived through trial, error, criticism and rejection with one thing in common: They have a passion to create art."

**Gallery 1516, 1516** Leavenworth St. "Nebraska Sixty Five Plus." Opening reception: 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Through March 25. [gallery1516.org](http://gallery1516.org) or 402-305-1510.

### Homestead seeking artists in residence

Homestead National Monument of America is now accepting applications from artists in all mediums for its artist-in-residence program.

"Our Artist in Residence program has provided artists in a variety of media the opportunity to spend time at Homestead. They have created spectacular works of art for all our visitors to enjoy," Superintendent Mark Engler said. "We look forward to encouraging their creativity with our powerful story and magnificent natural resources."

Applications can be submitted via mail or email. The deadline is Jan. 31. Information at [nps.gov/home/index.htm](http://nps.gov/home/index.htm) or 402-223-3514.