

Terence Duren Exhibit Opens at Stalder Gallery

(KTNC) - A prominent 20th century Nebraska artist is featured in the latest exhibit at the Stalder Gallery in the Falls City Library and Arts Center.

Terence Duren was a leading Nebraska artist in the mid-20th century. He was a native of, and lived most of his life in, Shelby, Nebraska, but he also had an influence that continues even today in southeast Nebraska.

After high school, Duren studied art in Chicago, Paris, and Vienna, and taught at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cleveland Institute of Art, and the Western Reserve University in Cleveland in the 1930s.

He returned to Shelby after World War Two.

The Stalder Gallery exhibition showcases Duren's works from the Museum of Nebraska Art, the Kiechel Gallery, the Flatwater Folk Art Museum, and various collectors.

George Neubert, the director of the Flatwater Art Foundation, spoke about the exhibit and Terence Duren's legacy during a talk at the Stalder Gallery Friday evening.

Duren's most lasting legacy, Neubert says, may be that he was instrumental, beginning in the late 1950s, in establishing Brownville into what it is today, creating the Brownville Historical Society in 1957 and expanding Brownville's 4th of July Celebration, and planned the Brownville Fall Festival. Neubert says Duren had a hand in many of the cultural activities and organizations that continue in Brownville.

The Terence Duren exhibit will be at the Stalder Gallery through June 14.

Neubert is working on establishing the Flatwater Folk Art Museum in Brownville. The museum is located in an old church that is being renovated. Neubert hopes to open the museum this fall.

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