

### Sheldon Statewide Exhibit open at Stalder Gallery

The 25th annual Sheldon Statewide Exhibition explores the topic of commemorations. The exhibit, with artworks from the permanent collection of the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln, is currently on display at the Stalder Gallery in Falls City.

Sarah Feit (fyte), the exhibit's curator, focused on a few of her favorite pieces from the exhibit during a gallery talk Friday evening. In putting the exhibit together, Feit says she wanted to look at both national and personal commemorations and highlight the diversity of what and why we commemorate. (play audio :31 "for viewers.")

Feit focused on eight of the exhibit's approximately 20 works of art during her half hour presentation.

As part of the Sheldon Statewide Exhibition, a visiting artist will be in Falls City this week to work with Middle School students. Feit says its part of the Art in Society Program, which is now in its second year. (play audio :30 "what they created.")

Peggy Jones from the University of Nebraska at Omaha will work with Falls City 7th and 8th graders during the program this week.

The Sheldon Statewide Exhibition begins annually at the Sheldon Museum in Lincoln then travels to several locations around the state beginning in August. Prior to its stop in Falls City, this year's exhibition was in Chadron, North Platte, McCook, Seward, Columbus, and York. After its run in Falls City, the exhibit will head west for its final stop in Scottsbluff.

As this year's show makes its way around the state, Feit says she is already planning next year's exhibition – which will delve into a key aspect of Nebraska history. (play audio :21 "and trains.")

The Sheldon Statewide Exhibition will remain at the Stalder Gallery, in the Falls City Library and Arts Center, through at least May 10th.