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MVC TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING EVENT FOR NEW ART GALLERY
After-hours event set for Aug. 30 at the Morris Gallery of Contemporary Art

Marshall, Mo. (August 26, 2011) — Missouri Valley College along with the Marshall Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the official opening of the Morris Gallery of Contemporary Art with a reception, ribbon cutting ceremony and Chamber Afterhours event.

The ceremony will take from 5-6 p.m. on Aug. 30 at the Gallery, which is located on the first floor of the Technology Center on the MVC campus. A wine and cheese reception will be hosted with Exhibit Artist Margaret Owen as a special guest.

“The Morris Gallery on the MVC campus will be a cultural springboard for students and community in the understanding and appreciation of the world of visual arts,” said Charity Woodard, co-director of the Morris Gallery. “We have an exciting season of art shows planned with a diversity of media including painting, sculpture, animation, pottery, and photography. I am so pleased to watch the gallery being born this summer and thank the Missouri Arts Council and MVC Administration for their support.”

The Missouri Arts Council (MAC) awarded the Missouri Valley College Art Department funds to support the 2011-12 exhibits at the Gallery.

The Gallery will feature five shows per year. The current show, 100 Paintings: by Margaret Owen, runs now through Oct. 9. Owen, of Providence, R.I., received her M.F.A. from New York Academy of Art and her B.F.A. from the University of Georgia-Athens. In addition to being a painter, Owen instructs art at various levels, and has held exhibitions across the U.S.


Construction began on the Gallery this summer. The Gallery is made possible because of a gift from MVC Alumnus and Trustee Jon Morris and his wife, Dawnna. The hours for the Morris Gallery are 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday-Friday. The Morris Gallery will remain open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, and there will also be additional evening hours in correlation with events at the Eckelson-Mabee Theatre. The Gallery is free and open to the public, and donations are welcome. For more information about the Morris Gallery, contact Woodard at woodardc@moval.edu or (660) 831-4175. For more information about Owen and her work, visit http://margaretmowen.com.
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