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YUKON PERMANENT ART COLLECTION NEW ACQUISITIONS EXHIBIT

WHITEHORSE – Thirteen new works chosen for the Yukon Permanent Art Collection will be exhibited at the Old Fire Hall, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor announced.

“The new acquisitions reflect the diversity of approaches to contemporary art in Yukon and represent both senior and young emerging artists,” Taylor said. “This is a wonderful opportunity for Yukon residents and visitors to view these excellent works.”

In response to the Friends of the Gallery Society’s call for submissions to the collection last December, 71 artists submitted 184 works in a wide range of media, from paintings to carvings to multi-media installations.

“The Friends of the Gallery are very pleased with the response to the call for submissions,” Friends of the Gallery Society Chair Elizabeth Hanson said. “We hope that future calls will continue to attract artists from all Yukon communities.”

The Friends of the Gallery Acquisition Committee met on March 1, 2008 and selected the following works:

Emma Barr, *Cast Down* – painting – cera colla (wax medium and acrylic)
Philomena Carroll, *Alchemy #2 (Series 1)* – digital collage
Ford Colyer, *Pond Scum* – b&w silver gelatine photograph
Lyn Fabio, *Road Warrior Spirit Shirt* – multi-media – hog gut and metal
Paul Gort, *Security* – fine woodworking
Angel Hall, *Do Not Touch* – wood carving with porcupine quills
Lara Melnik, *delight* – polymer clay
Alice Park-Spurr, *Tribes* – painting – oil on canvas
Scott Price, *Legacy* – Mixed media relief sculpture
Valerie Salez, *Ditch It* – multi-media installation
Joseph Tisiga, *Curious George in Outer Space* – drawing – mixed-media
Jen Williams, *McCrae* – photograph – pigment print from original film transparency
Mike Yuhasz, *Great North Development Group* – multi-media installation

The Yukon government administers, maintains and exhibits the collection on behalf of the people of Yukon. The annual budget for purchasing work is \$10,000.

The next call for submissions will be in September, with a deadline in mid-November.

“Thirteen: new acquisitions from the Yukon Permanent Art Collection” opens Friday, July 11, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall on 1st Avenue and will run for one week.

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