

PJC's Jing Zhou exhibit a must-see

The Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts at Pensacola Junior College is exhibiting the works of graphic artist Jing Zhou through March 12. The exhibit opened on January 26.

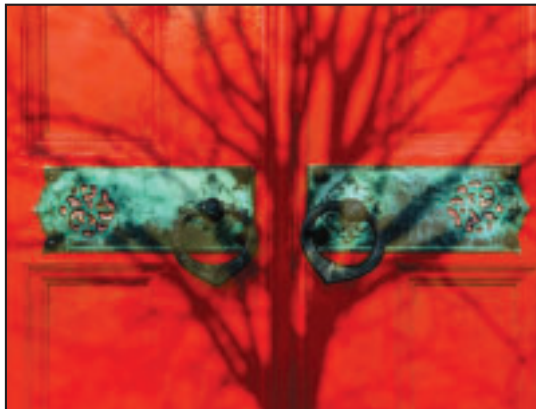
A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25; a lecture/panel discussion will also take place at 2 p.m.

on Friday, Feb. 26. Both events are at the Visual Arts Gallery and open to the public.

Zhou is recipient of the Switzer Distinguished Artist designation.

Born in Chongqing, China, Zhou is a prolific interdisciplinary artist and versatile graphic designer. Her artistic creations reflect her interest in spiritual experiences and Eastern and Western art, literature and philosophy.

To her, creating art is a process of expressing her nature via being human. Zhou's award-winning artwork has been widely



The art of internationally acclaimed graphic artist Jing Zhou includes these pieces, titled "Worldliness" (left) and "Soliditude" (below).

shown and collected worldwide. It is in the permanent collections of the WRO Media Art Center in Poland and the Museum of the Living Artist/San Diego Art Institute. Accolades include the Horizon Interactive Awards and Lucie International Photography Awards.

Clients include international organizations such as Greenpeace.

Also showing in the exhibit are works by PJC alumni/graphic designers Namrata Advani, Lauren Gruber, Brett Swanson and Steve Olesky.

The Visual Arts Gallery is in the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, Building 15, on the Pensacola campus at the corner of Ninth Avenue and Airport Boulevard. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. Tours are available with prior arrangements.

Admission to the exhibition is free. For more information, call 850-484-2550.

PMA continues Chinese hat, watercolor exhibit

The Pensacola Museum of Art continues to exhibit Traditional Chinese embroidery and watercolors through February 20.

Explore the wonders of Chinese traditions. On display are elaborately embroidered children's hats alongside exquisite watercolors by Weizhi Zhang.

The elaborate ornamentation and bright colors of the PMA's collection of Chinese children's hats invoke images of festive, whimsical occasions.

These hats played an important role in traditional Chinese society. In the rural villages where the hats orig-

inated, children were especially susceptible to illness, traditionally believed to be the result of evil spirits. In an effort to frighten them away, mothers and grandmothers handcrafted hats for their children to wear, illustrating them with fierce animals and mythical creatures to protect the child against harm.

Alongside these treasures of traditional culture will be watercolors depicting the conflicts between preserving China's rich history in the face of modernization. On display will be watercolors by Weizhi Zhang of the destroyed Beijing residential

courtyard gates as a result of urban development. Zhang began his journey through Beijing's maze of lanes in 2001, capturing endangered traditional courtyard gates before they were destroyed to make room for new buildings and arenas, primarily for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Museum hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.

For more information, contact PMA at 850-432-6247 or visit their Website at www.pensacolamuseumofart.org.

Regional women's retreat comes to Pensacola

Tapestry 2010, "Weaving the threads of Grace through our lives," will be presented by the United Methodist Women on Feb. 26-27 at the First United Methodist Church, 6 East Wright Street in Pensacola.

Topics include The Virtuous Woman, The Drum Circle, How did I get so busy?, Hymns of Grace, Prayer and the Five Senses, Christian Yoga, Footprints. Special Guest Speaker Rev.

The third annual, two-day event is open to the public and will be a time of shared worship, learning and fellowship. Registration begins

at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb 26 followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Evening activities will end at 9 p.m.

Saturday's activities will include breakfast and lunch and will end by 3 p.m. Registration for both days, meals included, is \$40. Friday only will cost \$20, and \$30 is owed for Saturday only. Register in advance at any United Methodist Church, or mail registration fee to Margie Outlaw, 43 East King Street, Newton, AL 36352.

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