

## Two Art Exhibits Showcase Multimedia

**M**ercer County Artists 2010, an exhibit at the Gallery at Mercer College, features 82 works by 65 artists who live, work, or study in Mercer County. Selected from 230 submitted works, 63 works are two-dimensional and 19 works are three-dimensional. This year's juror was C.J. Mugavero, owner and director of the Artful Deposit gallery in Bordentown.

"Most art media are represented, including oils, watercolors, prints, ink drawings, charcoal, sculpture, ceramics, wood, handmade paper, acrylics, and mixed media," says Tricia Fagan, gallery curator and director and a West Windsor resident. "This annual exhibit is a collaboration between the college and the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission."

Janet Felton of West Windsor received an honorable mention for her porcelain piece, "It's Not Easy Being Green

Tea." Renee Kumar of West Windsor won a purchase prize for a watercolor collage, "Axis Mundi/Middle Way." Kuen Liao of West Windsor was selected for the West Windsor Arts Council Award for his watercolor, "Eskimo Dog."

Meanwhile, Liao's daughter-in-law, Kathleen Liao, also of West Windsor, has an exhibit at the Blue Rooster Bakery and Cafe, 17 North Main Street, Cranbury through April 1. "An Early Spring" features local and tropical flower pastels. Liao, raised in Belle Mead, has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Barnard College.

Although she works mainly in pastel and charcoal, her photography was accepted in West Windsor Arts Council "Avenue of the

Arts" exhibit last September. She also exhibited pastel artwork at the Bistro Soleil restaurant in Hightstown in July.

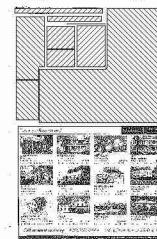
"I am inspired by the simple and pure beauty found in nature and by the moon and energy that emanates from it, whether it is found in a tropical Hawaiian garden, local backyard, or on a kitchen table," Kathleen Liao says in her artist's statement.

Both exhibits are on view through Thursday, April 1.

— Lynn Miller

**Art Exhibit, Gallery at Mercer County College**, Communications Center, second floor, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, 609-586-4800, ext. 3589, [www.mccc.edu](http://www.mccc.edu).

**Art Exhibit, Blue Rooster Cafe**, 17 North Main Street, Cranbury, 609-235-7539, [www.blueroosterbakery.com](http://www.blueroosterbakery.com).



*The Artful Life: Clockwise from top: Kathleen Liao  
of West Windsor, Kuen Liao; and Renee Kumar.*

