GCC Art Professor Tom Young Recognized for Excellence in Photography

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GCC Art Professor Tom Young has received numerous awards for his photography, which has been published in national and international publications. Young was also honored with the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s State Artist Fellowship in 2006, an award that few artists have received.

The variety of students in terms of talent and vision in the ten photos Young has been selected to exhibit this year is unique in that, in a community college setting, GCC’s art students are the “stars” at the art schools to which they transfer.

Tom teach is really inspiring. He is very skilled at balancing the technical side and the artistic side of art making, and he encourages his art students to push their boundaries in ways that challenge themselves and the viewer of their art.”

There’s nothing I like doing more than making art, talking about art, and teaching art. I bring my excitement about creating and exhibiting my own art into the classroom.”

GCC art students are the “stars” at the art schools to which they transfer. While Tom and the other GCC art faculty teach art, they believe they also are teaching something more basic than how to make art.

Tom said, “Art is very foundational of making art is creative problem solving. Art students learn traditional and new factors for solving a problem. Creating art involves experimentation, risk, and challenge. Whatever art students put in the form, they can use them the ability to problem-solve for self-reflection.”

GCC Art Professor Tom Young

The deadline for nominations is February 23.

Nomination forms may be requested by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 413-775-1279 or contact Tom at 413-775-1239. We can mail you more information about the GCC Art Department.

GCC SEEKS TO HONOR ALUMNI

The Greenfield Community College Alumni Association is excited to announce the ninth annual Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations are being accepted now and the recipient will be honored at the GCC Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May.

A qualified nominee is someone who has contributed to their community in an altruistic and exemplary way and risen to prominence in their field of work.

Candidates should have a degree or at least 15 credits from GCC. Nominations forms may be requested by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 413-775-1279 or by email to alumni@gcc.mass.edu. The deadline for nominations is February 23.