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Native artist exhibits work that ponders nature and relationships

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Artist Roger Broer, an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Nation living in Hill City, will exhibit his work, make a presentation and conduct a workshop on some of his technique at the South Dakota Art Museum Jan. 23-24.

Broer likes to think about elements in nature and ponder relationships of how they are connected to everything around them.

“Everything you do in life is some kind of gift,” Broer said.

The artist will talk about his work and technique during an artists’ reception Friday, Jan. 23 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. He will make a presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Broer’s artistry is exhibited through monotype, oil or mixed media painting, and sculpture. Throughout his career, he has exhibited in over 35 one-man shows, over 100 group shows and is collected nationally and internationally.

The majority of the 27 pieces in the SDAM show were made within the last two months.

“Everything I do is part of me,” he said.

“That’s how I make friends. I sell someone a painting and later they call me up and say, ‘why don’t you stop over.’”

“They already know me and trust me because I’ve been hanging in their living room.”

Broer received his bachelor’s degree in extended fine arts from Eastern Montana College and a master’s from Central Washington University.

Many of his friendships develop through workshops he conducts, like one scheduled Jan. 24 and 25 at the SDAM. He plans to teach hand-burnished monoprint during the two-day session.

Broer says most people worry about the finished product rather than the process. “The art is in the making, not in the finished product,” he said. People need to have “a good time making art, because I do have a good time.”

Cost for the workshop is \$75 or \$60 for SDAM members. To register for the workshop and get a list of supplies needed, participants should call the museum at 605/688-5423 or 866-805-7590.

Broer’s work will be on exhibition at the museum from Jan. 20 through March 29. The SDAM is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Photo: Award-winning artist Roger Broer will be present for an artists’ reception Jan. 23 and give a workshop on hand-burnished monprint Jan. 24-25 at the South Dakota Art Museum.

