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Local Artist & Polish Artist to Give Lectures on New Works at the Turchin Center

Boone, NC – Appalachian State University’s Turchin Center for the Visual Arts gives campus and community members a chance to learn more about the new artwork in the galleries by the artists themselves.

Local artist, Mary-Ann Prack, from nearby Jefferson gives a candid and in-depth look at her new work in the current exhibition [*Standing Still...in the Abstract: Sculpture, Paintings and Drawings*](#) during her free Lunch & Learn lecture on Wednesday, February 20 from Noon-1 p.m. in Gallery A.

The Turchin Center also welcomes Polish artist Monika Kostrzewa as an artist in residence from February 26 through March 4. She will hold a free public lecture on Thursday, February 28 at 7 p.m. in the Turchin Center Lecture Hall to discuss her work in the final installment of the [*International Focus Series I-V: 21 Sztuka: Contemporary Art of Poland*](#) titled *Monika Izabela Kostrzewa-Visual Art and Fashion* opening on March 1.

More information on Mary-Ann Prack’s lecture can be found here:

<http://tcva.org/calendar/events/782>. More information on Monika Kostrzewa’s lecture can be found here: <http://tcva.org/calendar/events/954>.

About Mary-Ann Prack

“The human figure has been an infinite source of inspiration for me as an artist. My very personal expression of the human experience - on a physical, emotional and spiritual level is revealed in each of the sculptures I create.” –Mary-Ann Prack

Growing up in a family of artists, Mary-Ann Prack began her formal fine art education at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She later continued her instruction at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and Florida Atlantic University. For the past 30 years she has worked with clay as a pure sculpture medium. She hand-builds using a slab method with specially formulated clay. She now lives and works in Jefferson, NC. Her current work showcased at the Turchin Center will be on display through March 23, 2013 in Gallery A. For more information on Mary-Ann Prack, her exhibition and to see photographs of the installation, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions/856>.

About Monika Kostrzewa

Monika Kostrzewa studied at the W. Strzemiński Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź in the Fabrics and Clothing Department where she specialized in clothing and jewelry design. Since 2001 she has been lecturing on artistic graphics and magazine graphics at the Pedagogical and Artistic Department of the Adam Mickiewicz University (WPA UAM) in Kalisz. In 2006 she earned her PhD in Fine Arts within the area of applied art. Her own original clothing and graphics designs have won numerous awards, been presented in many exhibitions in Poland and abroad and have been published in various fashion magazines.

During her residency at Appalachian, she will be installing her work into the Main Gallery and meeting with students and community members. Her work will be on display beginning March 1 through June 1, 2013. For more information on Monika Kostrzewa, her exhibition and residency, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions/753>.

About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. and Saturday, and Noon-8 p.m., Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

For additional details about the Turchin Center, becoming a donor, the upcoming exhibitions, to be added to the mailing list or to schedule a tour, please call (828) 262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org. You can also follow the Turchin Center on Facebook and Twitter @TurchinCenter.

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