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First Friday artist Sheary Clough Suiter explores the complexity of encaustic in the FAC's Deco Lounge gallery show

Colorado Springs (Nov. 20, 2017) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) is excited to introduce works by Sheary Clough Suiter, on view and available for sale Dec. 1, 2017 through Jan. 28, 2018 with special First Friday Art Parties Dec. 1 and Jan. 5 from 5 – 7:30 p.m.

This gallery show explores the complexity of encaustic, a paint made from natural beeswax and damar resin. Utilizing substrates ranging from sumi paper to cradled panel, Suiter's work reveals extraordinary color and depth, achieved using techniques developed over the course of her 25 year career as a painter.

Suiter's panel work includes strategic scrapes and carvings, both above and below the painting surface, visible clues inviting viewers to look deeply into the mystery-laden stratum of wax. Textural build-ups offer a glimpse into the three-dimensional possibilities inherent in encaustic, while the contrasting expanses of luminous, highly polished, smooth surfaces exhibit the finesse and skill of Suiter's experienced torch-work. In contrast, her wax and paper hangings evoke a delicate transparency, encased within the material strength of encaustic.

Sheary Clough Suiter (Colorado Springs, CO)

Awards recognizing Suiter's expertise in encaustic include a Permanent Collection Purchase by the Anchorage Museum of Art, a Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Project Award, and an Alaska State Council on the Arts Career Opportunity Grant, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Suiter teaches workshops on the art of painting with encaustic at the FAC's Bemis School of Art. View more about Suiter online at www.backdoordesigns.com.

First Friday Art Parties

When: Dec. 1 & Jan. 5, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Deco Lounge at the Fine Arts Center; 30 W. Dale St.

Admission: FREE and open to the public

Something else: The annual Colorado College Arts & Crafts Sale is Dec. 1-3, 2017 at CC's Worner Campus Center and will feature local works for sale from the Fine Arts Center's Bemis School of Art faculty and students. Pottery, jewelry, paintings, handmade cards, prints, textiles, and more!

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

The story of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) begins with the founding of the Broadmoor Art Academy by Julie and Spencer Penrose in 1919. During the Great Depression, three dedicated philanthropists – Julie Penrose, Alice Bemis Taylor, and Elizabeth Sage Hare – envisioned expanding the Broadmoor Art Academy into an entire arts district under one roof. The FAC changed its name, built a grand building, and opened as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936. In August 2016, the FAC announced an historic alliance with Colorado College and on July 1, 2017, became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. The FAC is deeply rooted in the legacy of its founders, who possessed bold visions, a deep passion for the arts, and dedication to the Colorado Springs community. The FAC honors this legacy and spirit today by providing innovative, educational, and multidisciplinary arts experiences designed to elevate the individual spirit and inspire community

vitality, building on its history as a unique cultural pillar of the Pikes Peak region. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu/fac

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