

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Bethany Kendrick
Director Public Relations
Labette Community College



Photo: This work shows a love for geometry, mathematics, nature, Greek art as well as personal reflections on life. The paintings are oil paintings. The sculpture “Wounded Eagle” was done in response to the events of 9/11. Some of the drawings have a geometric “grid” background that Mr. Ford created and used.

Parsons, KS-The gallery committee recently hung a new show in the Labette Community College Hendershot Gallery. The show, ‘John Ford Sr. Artwork’, is a retrospective of his career in art from mid 1960s to 2010s containing art-work in jewelry, prints, painting, and sculpture.

John Ford, Jr. is the current LCC art instructor offering classes in pottery, art and design.

Mr. Ford Sr. passed away in 2014 at age 85. Before becoming a full time artist he was a Presbyterian minister in Hot Springs, Arkansas and Sibley, Louisiana. His career as an artist took him to Walla Walla, Washington, London, England, Basel, Switzerland, New York City, New York and the family farmstead in Choudrant, Louisiana.

John Ford Jr. said, “My dad lived through the great depression in the 1930’s. He often spoke about how little they had. I think that experience gave him a braveness to pursue his dreams without excess worry about material things. He always saved used nails from projects when they were taken apart. When we built anything we would dig through the bent nails for nails we could re-use by carefully straightening out nails you wanted for your project instead of buying new ones...it always frustrated me to have to do that when I was younger. When he passed the can full of bent nails is one of the first things I saved...it’s funny the things that become important to you.”

The gallery exhibit will be on display until September 11, located on the second floor of the Main building. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 8am-9pm, Friday 8am-4:30pm. Some work is for sale contact johnf@labette.edu if interested in purchasing anything.