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## Experiential exhibit to transform Feves Gallery April 6-May 4

PENDLETON, Ore. – Two artists' work will transform the Betty Feves Memorial Art Gallery into an environment where visitors can walk among sculptural pieces suspended from the ceiling and rising up from the floor beginning April 6.

“Heritage Habitats” is a collection of large scale mixed media sculptural and experiential installation works collaboratively created by Michigan artists Ginger Owen and Vicki VanAmeyden. The installation will create a series of physical spaces inside the Gallery for contemplation of ancestry. Framed around nostalgia and memory, the pieces engage viewers' unique memories and experiences while emphasizing the commonalities that bind individuals: memory, history, culture and ancestry.

The Feves Gallery will host an opening reception on April 6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Though the artists cannot be in attendance at the reception, Feves Gallery Director Lori Sams will give a Gallery Talk at 5 p.m. to discuss the work and artists. This event is casual, free and family-friendly.

This exhibit is supported by funds received from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition (UCCC), which receives funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust to support arts, heritage and humanities activities in Umatilla County.

### *About the Artists*

Owen received a Master of Fine Arts in Photography from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography from the University of Central Florida, Orlando. She currently serves as an associate professor of photography and intermedia at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. For more information, visit Owen's website: <http://gingerowen.com/>.

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VanAmeijden received a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration from the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Mich. She serves as the head of printmaking at the Kirk Newman Art School in the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts in Michigan. For more information, visit VanAmeijden's website: <http://vickivanameijden.com/>.

The "Heritage Habitats" exhibit runs April 6-May 4. The Feves Gallery is open Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. The Feves Gallery is located in BMCC's Pioneer Hall on the Pendleton campus, 2411 NW Carden Ave. The Feves Gallery is a non-profit exhibit space connecting emerging and established artists and their work with students, staff and the general public in eastern Oregon.

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