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Photography Documentary on a Reclusive Artist in Arkansas Opens at the University of Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – Diana Michelle, a journalism student at the University of Arkansas, will exhibit her art, “The Artist,” in the Anne Kittrell Art Gallery in the Union from Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 23. On Thursday, April 1, a Gallery Talk will be held at 2 p.m. and a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery. A documentary film will also be shown in the Union Theater at 5 p.m.

“The Artist” is a photographic documentary of the life of a reclusive artist, Tim West. Michelle stumbled upon West when looking for a place to photograph in the woods. She saw an interesting bike fence and left a note for the owner, which happened to be West. West wrote her a letter saying if she honked 3 times, he would come out from the woods. Since then, Michelle has been documenting the man, his way of life, and his art.

West was born in 1937 in Santa Fe, N.M. and graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts. West’s works could be found internationally in museums, but he landed in rural Arkansas. At 72 years old, West explains his art as “a long walk to an unknown destination,” and his life as not having “any good explanation for how I lived or why.”

The event is free to the students and public. This event is put on by the Anne Kittrell Art Gallery Committee. Information about University Programs events can be found at <http://www.uark.edu/up> or by calling (479) 575-INFO. For more information on the documentary, visit <http://www.westland-the-film.com>