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Adjunct Instructor Gary Wayne Freeman Known for His Carolina Landscapes

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Artwork by painter and printmaker Gary Wayne Freeman will be featured in the Ali Pouryousefi Art Gallery in Gardner-Webb University's Tucker Student Center through Sept. 27. Freeman, a GWU adjunct art instructor, teaches art at Thomas Jefferson High School in Mooresboro, N.C.



The opening reception is Sept. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m., with Freeman giving a gallery talk at 5 p.m. He is known for his Carolina landscapes, and the title of his GWU exhibit is "Gary Freeman Retrospective." A working artist for more than 30 years, he has had numerous exhibitions and awards. He has produced over 100 commissions and printed more than 30 editions of original prints. Some of his commissioned artwork can be found at Gaston College, BB&T Bank in Gastonia, N.C., the Gaston Arts Council, Gaston Memorial Hospital and Gaston County Economic Development Commission.

His larger paintings take months to finish and are usually preceded by digital reference photos and smaller preparatory drawings and mixed media studies. He finds his subject matter by exploring the Piedmont and foothills near his home in Cherryville, N.C. He has been an art instructor since 1982. He retired from Gaston College in 2014, and has also taught art at Langtree Charter Academy. He is the owner of Heritage Park Art Center in Cherryville.

Freeman displayed talent as a young child and began drawing and painting lessons when he was 9. He continued to work in watercolors and oils before switching to acrylics and mixed media as a teenager. After earning an Associate of Fine Arts from Gaston College in 1978, he transferred to East Carolina University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in art education and a Master of Arts in printmaking with



additional study in drawing and illustration. His painting style is influenced by Winslow Homer, Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keeffe, Grant Wood, and Andrew Wyeth.

[Learn more about the GWU Department of Visual Arts.](#)

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