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## *Doug Knotts Will Display Latest Work in Gardner-Webb's Tucker Gallery*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University School of Performing and Visual Arts will host the Sabbatical Exhibition of professor Doug Knotts at Tucker Gallery, located in the Tucker Student Center on the campus of Gardner-Webb University, on Sept. 5.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to a reception on that day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Tucker Gallery to kick off the celebration of Knotts' work. Guests are also encouraged to attend a gallery discussion, during which the artist will provide insight into his efforts beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Tucker Student Center Time Warner Cable Movie Theatre.

The work displayed in the gallery will primarily consist of terra-cotta sculptures with various surface treatments. Included amongst the sculptures is Knotts's award winning "Joshua" statue, which claimed first place in the Cleveland County Arts Council artist competition earlier this year.

A judge of the competition described the sculpture as having a commanding presence that is hard to overlook. "The work appeals to both an academic understanding of form and a mastery of both form and material," said judge Greg Scott. "As you approach the piece, you are fully engaged by its textual surface and drawn into its emotional depth."

The exhibit will remain on display through Sept. 27. To accommodate all visitors during the exhibition, the Tucker Gallery hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. For more information about this exhibition and GWU's School of Performing and Visual Arts – Visual Division, call 704-406-4362.

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