USC Sumter to Host Artist Reception

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(Sumter, SC) The University of South Carolina Sumter will host an artist reception and talk Friday, October 11, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the University Gallery as an opening reception for “Decisions Portraits” by Susan Lenz.

“Decisions” is an installation of two-dimensional, framed portraits. The art quilt portraits are image transfers on tea-stained muslin. Each one includes stitched words. The words and title are meant to reflect the decision made by each person depicted. There is no value judgment being made. This series is not about any social, moral, political or religious interpretation. It is about the decisions. Each work shows a specific person but also suggests others, both individual and universal.

The exhibition brings the public face to face with options made by others. Yet, in this confrontation, one will consider more than personal choices made in familiar situations but also reactions to those dealing with circumstances outside one’s comfort zone. The artwork asks questions such as “Would I donate a kidney or take a loved one off life support?” The portraits cause reflection on an individual’s reactions to many controversial matters.

Susan Lenz is a professional studio artist in Columbia, South Carolina. Generally using needle and thread for self-expression, she works to articulate the accumulated memory inherent in discarded things. Her fiber artwork has been widely exhibited in international and national juried exhibitions and as solo installations all over the country. Lenz is represented by the Grovewood Gallery in Asheville, NC and Michele Tuegel Contemporary in St. Petersburg, FL with work that has won the 2011 Niche Award for decorative fibers and is a finalist in the 2013 competition.

The exhibit will run from October 11, 2013 to January 27, 2014 and is open to the public during regular business hours. The University Gallery is located in the Anderson Library at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

For more information about the artist or her work, visit www.susanlenz.com.

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