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Book Illustrations by Liz Folk at Reflection Gallery

HANCOCK – The Finlandia University Reflection Gallery will host an exhibit of work by artist Liz Folk titled “Harharhar” from December 2 to January 15.

An opening reception and artist talk will take place December 4 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the gallery. The Reflection Gallery encourages attendees to B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Mug).

Folk’s show features her children’s book illustrations, including two complete books.

“Children’s picture books are my favorite type of book, and I have collected over 1400 of them,” Folk says in her artist statement, “I appreciate clever, funny ideas and attention to detail, and I strive to have these qualities in my work.”

“I’ve been drawing characters all my life,” she adds. “And in the last few years I’ve come up with many story ideas for children’s picture books. My inspiration comes from anything from the cuff of a sweater (which became the sweater for a mouse) to an eccentric aunt (who became a spying gossip in a chowder cooking contest).”

“The delight and humor involved in these projects gives me more satisfaction than any other type of work. My show in the Reflection Gallery is called ‘Harharhar’ and I hope viewers get a good chuckle from this exhibit.”

Folk explains her creative process this way, “I begin drawing with pencil on vellum, standing up over a big, flat light table I built. These drawings are scanned into a textile CAD program I purchased for my work in jacquard upholstery design. There I compose and color the pages, adding text last.”

Folk graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design where she majored in Industrial Design. For ten years she has worked as a jacquard upholstery designer.

The Finlandia Reflection Gallery is located on the second level of Finlandia University’s Jutila Center. Gallery hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. For additional information, please call 906-487-7375.