

Dik Haneline, artist and artists' educator, presents "Enigmatic Existence," a series of acrylic on canvas images which will be on display in the Grant Meadowlark Gallery for a short time in January.

Normally closed December through February, the gallery is holding a special showing for Haneline's exhibit Fridays and Saturdays in January: 15-16, 22-23, 29-30.

Haneline, art instructor at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, exhibits regionally and nationally when time allows.

Haneline's works are autobiographical in nature detailing events that have affected him physically, morally and emotionally. He uses metaphor to create a duality of interpretations of the images so they can be enjoyed by a broad range of viewers.

"I use metaphor as a tool to tell stories of events that chronicle my personal existence," Haneline said. "I think we all wonder what role we really play in the greater good. I feel we live our lives knowing and being known, but to what lengths will we be remembered? I guess that philosophy is where the idea of an Enigmatic Existence is perpetuated."

Haneline previously taught in Imperial and Sidney before venturing to South Carolina where he attended Winthrop University for his Master of Fine Arts degree. After graduating from Winthrop, 2001, he taught at the university and returned to Nebraska in 2007.

Meadowlark Gallery is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m.