
News & Events

Hutchinson Center Reception open to the public

The University of Maine Hutchinson Center will be celebrating two important events on Friday, November 17th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

First, the award-winning **ILLUSIONS** exhibit created by Dr. Alan Stubbs, University of Maine faculty, will be presented as a gift to the University of Maine. Stubbs, a member of both art and psychology departments faculty and long-time student of photography and new media, uses digital art to help illustrate principles of perception in his psychology classes. Using digital software, Stubbs studies and creates "Mach Bands," which can create the illusion of both lightness and motion by varying the gradients of light and dark lines, bars and circles through a concept he calls dynamic luminance.

The second impressive event will be the introduction of the inaugural **MIDCOAST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** class, who will be finishing their first day of the academy on the 17th. Hear firsthand what they have planned for the future for themselves, their employers, the midcoast and the state of Maine! Dr. Jim Patterson is spearheading the academy and with that kind of leadership we can only forecast bright skies in the future.

In addition to Stubb's exhibit, there will be a number of classes in Art, New Media, Web Site Design, and the Visual Arts represented by their instructors, students and their art. You'll learn and see firsthand Spring 07 courses such as Photoshop and Digital Imaging, 2D Design, Art History, Introduction to Web Concepts and Web Design, Digital Art, Documentary Photography and Audio, and Topics in New Media: Vector Graphics Illustrations and Design – all offered at the Hutchinson Center this Spring Semester (which starts January 16th).

You'll be able to meet instructors and see demonstrations and examples of what you really can do by taking an "art" or "new media" class. What spurred this great event and opening is to showcase Dr. Alan Stubbs, Stubbs who was selected as one of the 10 best illusions submitted at the international second annual Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest, sponsored by the Neural Correlate Society. Stubbs wanted to expand the Opening to include other professors and students in the art and new media programs.

The opening is free and open to the public with refreshments being served. For further information or to RSVP, call 338-8002. Striking examples of Stubb's work can be seen on his website:

<http://www.hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu/perceive/>
