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BLOOMINGTON, ILL. – Works by artists Ann Coddington Rast and Oscar Martinez will be displayed August 28 to September 25 in Illinois Wesleyan's Merwin & Wakeley galleries, located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

The exhibits are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 12 to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, August 28 there will be a lecture with Coddington Rast in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building, room 218, followed by an opening reception in the galleries from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Merwin Gallery will feature *looming/longing* by Coddington Rast, a professor of art at Eastern Illinois University. Coddington Rast earned a bachelor's of fine arts from Colorado State University in 1986 and a master's of fine arts from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993. She earned an individual artists grant from the Illinois Arts Council in 2000 and a finalist grant in 2004. In her sculpture work, Coddington Rast uses a traditional basket-making technique called twining. Her sculpture and installations have been featured in venues across the nation, including a previous visit to McLean County.

The Wakeley Gallery will showcase Martinez's work, *Ascending of the Spirit in Spacetime*. Martinez earned a bachelor's of science in medical art from the University of Illinois Medical Center in 1977. He has had numerous group and solo exhibits throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, and the South Eastern and Midwest regions of the United States. Martinez is actively involved in the Chicago mural movement. He is also the founder of the Latin American Museum, and is currently the artist in residence at the Chicago Grammar School.

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