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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--"One, One, One and One," the first art exhibition of the school year at Illinois Wesleyan University, opened in the Merwin Gallery Tuesday (Sept. 13).

Featuring work by Gail Skudera and Dan Mills, both of Chicago, the show will be open free to the public from 1-4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 16.

As a married couple, the artists frequently exhibit together having discovered that pursuing their careers can be a mutually satisfying and supportive venture. The title of their exhibit reflects this.

Mills explained that this show has three ingredients--works by each of them plus some cooperative art.

Skudera's background is in fiber, textile printing and weaving with bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University, where she studied one year on a Talented Student Award Scholarship. She "gives relief form to the two-dimensional surface of painting, using woven cloth." She recently returned to the geometry of stretched canvas.

Mills, a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, also holds a master's degree from Northern Illinois University. He combines painting and sculpture in his work, using rural architecture, farm and other vernacular buildings, for inspiration. He incorporates common materials, wood and a cheesecloth, into his works which are treated with several coats of translucent primary pigments.

Skudera and Mills have exhibited together this year in such shows as "Randolph Street Gallery Outdoor Installations 1983" at the Near North Montessori School; "The Additive Process" at Hyde Park Art Center. Skudera also exhibited last year in "Textile Paintings" at Columbia College, Chicago, and Mills, who is represented by Zaks Gallery, Chicago, exhibited this year in the International Art Exposition at Navy Pier.