



RealArt DeRidder

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“Des Amis de Natchitoches: Downs et DeFee”

Our Friends from Natchitoches: Clyde Downs and Brooks DeFee

“Midsummer Nights @ RAD”

During the closing reception for Des Amis...

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July 10-31, 2010 Closing reception: Saturday July 31, 6-8pm

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July 31, 2010 8pm–midnight and August 1, 8am

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Currently on display at RAD through July, is the 2 person show: ‘Des Amis de Natchitoches: Downs et DeFee’ (Our Friends from Natchitoches: Clyde Downs and Brooks DeFee) Clyde and Brooks are both art professors at Northwestern in Natchitoches.

As Bill Iles was a leader at McNeese's Art Department for over 30 years, Clyde Downs (a former student of Bill Iles) is a creative force at NSU. He coordinates the painting, printmaking and graduate studies in the art department. His personal work usually reflects the subject matter of landscape. He brings a unique (and even more importantly: a constantly changing) perspective to the form of the landscape. All the best of artists throughout art history have changed their means and styles of expression. Change is a sign of growth, a sign of exploration. Clyde Downs is a living example of that aesthetic.

Brooks DeFee is a master draftsman and the watercolor guru at Northwestern. Being a student of Bill Bryant, former NSU Art Department head and nationally known watercolorist, Brooks continues to pass that perspective on to his students. In this RAD show, he goes beyond that history to express his vision in photographic form. 'Des Amis de Natchitoches' includes 5 large scale photographic works in black and white. In Brooks DeFee's own words:

" I was lucky enough to grow up with an extensive stretch of woodlands for a playground. Not a day would pass without an adventure far out in that famous dappled light, trusty dog at my side. Available forest space has grown much smaller now (my dog is smaller too), but we are still roaming out there almost every day. The quality of light filtered through the canopy, the astounding variety of life on the forest floor, are a never-ending source of inspiration to me. Every time I raise the camera to my eye, I feel as though I am on the receiving end of a wonderfully rich lesson in design work."

Midsummer's Night @ RAD

Saturday, July 31, 8pm-midnight

RAD celebrates the summer and a rejuvenated downtown DeRidder with our first annual all-night event on Saturday night, July 31st, 8-midnight. RAD will host an all night art film marathon, featuring the full ART21 art series. The ART21 series documents the work and the lives of the leading 21st century visual artists on our spinning rock. No dead, famous artists here ...just our contemporaries making a living following their passions

RAD will also host a communal sign/graffiti participation event for the public that night, as we decorate our new "Art Garage" sign. Food, drink and music will all be available. Those who help us hang the finished sign at midnight will get some lagniappe: a free breakfast at DeRidder's Ryan's Restaurant the next morning.

...high res pics of the work (with self-descriptive filenames) are attached to this message

For more information:

RAD, RAD Press Releases, "Midsummers Night @ RAD"

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