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ATTENTION: Art Editor

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE ART GALLERY PRESENTS:

WATER AS SOURCE

a mixed media collaboration

Stan Welsh and Margitta Dietrick-Welsh

EXHIBIT DATES: MARCH 15 – APRIL 21, 2016

LOCATION: MPC ART DEPARTMENT GALLERY, 980 FREMONT ST., MONTEREY, CA

NEW HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 11:00 - 4:00, (*OR BY APPOINTMENT; CALL (831) 646-3060*)

TWO RECEPTIONS: THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

(ARTISTS' TALK 1:00 PM) AND SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 3:00 TO 5:00 PM

Husband and wife artists **Stan Welsh and Margitta Dietrick-Welsh of Santa Cruz** have collaborated to create serene and poetic pieces based on the concept of water---its power, its mystery, its scarcity. Blending his evocative sculptures with her exquisite drawings and paintings on wood, their installation honors water as a vital life source in beautiful and thoughtful ways.

In their words, *"Formally, we would like this work to portray a sense of clarity, simplicity, beauty, and balance. Conversely and conceptually, we are trying to create a feeling of apprehension that suggests that things are not what they appear to be. This series titled **Water as Source** pays homage to places where water meets land or in more symbolic terms, places where the known meets the unknown. In these landscapes, we are trying to create enigmatic spaces that evoke a perception of distance and emptiness.*

These collaborative pieces also deal with "tenuousness" in the sense of one's precarious status and existence in nature. Most of the images are ungrounded or floating to emphasize the notion that things are in a state of constant flux. In some of the work, we place the figure and images from nature into the landscape to create a sense of longing and vulnerability and perhaps anxiety wondering what the future might bring. In other work, objects float in space with surrealistic overtones addressing the fragility of man's existence in nature."

Admission is free. MPC parking fee: $2. (two paper dollars)