

Press Release
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**Mary Marquiss and Midori Mukumoto
Art Teacher and Student exhibition
April 4th Art Hop at Oregon Body and Bath on Wall**

Art teacher Mary Marquiss and her student Midori Mukumoto collaborated for their exhibition entitled, “M and M” to open during the Spring Art Hop, April 4th at Oregon Body and Bath in Bend. Marquiss and Mukumoto have worked together for the past 7 years and will be presenting a collection of their work, including art cards, paintings, prints, and their most recent creations entitled “Un Petit Oiseau” which are small paper mache birds using French newsprint and exotic feathers.

Mukumoto chose to combine her passion for dance and art to create a delightful series entitled, “Dancing Fruit”. The six images will be for sale in card form during the Art Hop. The series includes “Hip Hop Pears”, “Waltzing Blueberries”, and “Apple Tap”. Best known for her floral paintings, Marquiss will have small prints and cards available from six of her paintings.

“As an art student, Midori showed a strong sense of design from the very beginning, setting her apart from the hundreds of other students I’ve taught in a range of venues over the past 16 years in Bend.” Marquiss explains. “Midori is leaving for college next fall and this seemed like a perfect opportunity to celebrate our years working together. At this point in our relationship we share design and production ideas and had a delightful time creating these little French birds.”

Mukumoto was featured in the Bend Bulletin in May of 2003 for her dancing fruit series. She was also chosen as the featured artist on the cover of the Cascade Arts and Entertainment magazine that same year. Marquiss is a professional artist, art teacher and author. She is a member of the Tumalo Art Collective in Bend. Her work and information about her classes can be seen at: www.marymarquiss.com or by contacting her at: 541-815-0839.