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## Selby Public Library hosts W. C. Burnett Art Exhibition

Selby Public Library is hosting an exhibition by artist W. C. Burnett from April 3 through May 30. The exhibit is available for viewing during library hours, which are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Described by some as “surreal”, Burnett’s works featured at the library contain a series of paintings that form a narrative based on two mannequin figures that embark on life’s journey only to find difficulty at every turn because they are mannequins.

WC “Clyde” Burnett was born in Georgia and received a BFA from the University of Georgia in Athens, studying with Lamar Dodd, Ferdinand Warren, and Howard Thomas. After working as an artist/illustrator for the US Department of Defense, he worked on display advertising with Sears-Roebuck and Co. until 1956.

That year, Burnett moved to Sarasota and was working in advertising sales for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. While in Sarasota, he met and married Elizabeth Puckett, and together they would raise four children. In 1961, Burnett was promoted by the Sarasota Herald-Tribune to act as their Arts Editor/Art Critic/Special Assignment Writer. Eight years later, he was lured back to Georgia and was hired as Arts Editor/Art Critic for the Atlanta Journal, a post he held until 1983. He retired from the Atlanta Constitution in 1990 as their Copy/Makeup Editor. He lives in Sarasota.

His exhibitions include Fulton-Burt Gallery, Sarasota, 1997 (One-Person Exhibition); Sarasota Visual Arts Center, Sarasota, 1996 and 1997 (awarded Best Painting, November 1997, Best Painting, August 1996 and Best of Show, July 1996); Sarasota County Arts Council, Sarasota, 1994 (One-Person Exhibition); Art League of Manatee County, Bradenton, 1994 – present; Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, FL, Contemporary American Paintings, 1993 – 1995 (Best of Show, 1993); ARTarget, Sarasota, 1991 – present; Aronson Gallery, Atlanta, GA, 1989 (One-Person Exhibition); and Williamson Art Center, Carrolton, GA, 1985 and 1987 (One-Person Exhibition).

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at (941) 861-5000 and ask about the W. C. Burnett Art Exhibition, or contact Liz Nolan at 941-861-1170, [lnolan@scgov.net](mailto:lnolan@scgov.net).