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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. -- Ouachita Baptist University's School of Fine Arts will host "Natural Beauty," an art exhibit by seniors Molly Freel and Katie Meador, in Hammons Art Gallery Dec. 4-12. The exhibit is free and open to the public. A reception also will be held in Hammons Gallery at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 4.

Showcasing their work together, Freel, a graphic design and mass communications major from Nashville, Ark., and Meador, a graphic design major from Spring Branch, Texas, will exhibit a culmination of work they have created since arriving at Ouachita. The work presented will include branding ideas, illustration pieces, photography, logos, invitation designs and other products.

"I think that things in life should be appreciated," said Freel, crediting much of her inspiration to nature. "God put so much detail into nature. Things look so simple at first, but when you look at it more you find so much detail. That's what I strive to do with my artwork: keep things simple and natural yet artistic and detailed."

On the other hand, Meador said she receives most of her inspiration from store window displays that she considers true works of art, such as those from Anthropologie and Kate Spade.

Utilizing bright colors and “things that pop,” Meador said, “My artwork tends to always have something to do with fashion and have an edge to it. Most of my work consists of mixing unexpected colors and patterns.

“When people see a final piece that I have done, I want them to feel a sense of unconventional fun and happiness,” she added.

“I am so excited to see all of my work up on a wall,” Freel said. “I did not originally plan to study graphic design, but after one class I was hooked. I love what I do and can't wait to do it for the rest of my life.”

Regular gallery hours for the exhibit are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.