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Corning Fine Arts opens new monthly rotating exhibition series with ceramic artists Amy Nelson and Tracy Shell

Who: Artists Amy Nelson and Tracy Shell featured in a new exhibition at Corning Fine Arts

When: August 7 - September 2, 2010

Opening reception and porcelain demonstration Saturday August 7, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Corning Fine Arts, 706 Davis Avenue Corning Iowa 50841

Gallery hours Wednesday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact: CCFA Rotating Exhibitions Coordinator at corning.arts@gmail.com or 712-309-5603

About the Exhibition:

CCFA is proud to present the work of Amy Nelson and Tracy Shell, both professors in the Omaha area, Nelson at Creighton University, and Shell at Midland Lutheran, as the inaugural exhibition in our new rotating exhibitions series. The first Saturday of each month CCFA will open a new dynamic exhibition featuring artwork not seen before in Southwest Iowa. The ceramic artwork of Amy Nelson and Tracy Shell relates to, is derived from, or characterizes living things. The objects, both sculptural and utilitarian, appear familiar yet simultaneously foreign. The artwork of each artist finds its commonality in the abstraction of living systems related to sex and reproduction. Laden with sexual symbolism, the artwork in this exhibition investigates biological processes. Through the use of biological forms to generate dialogue, the "natural" and "organic" intermingle with social structures, influencing and framing their cultural significance.



Amy Nelson



Tracy Shell

About Corning Fine Arts:

Nestled in the downtown business district of Corning, Iowa, Corning Center for the Fine Arts (CCFA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a unique venue to engage the arts and enjoy that which makes Corning and Southwest Iowa a great place to visit and live. Since 2005 CCFA has brought a unique blend of artistic happenings to Corning and Southwest Iowa. Our galleries offer visitors a wide variety of fine art and artisan crafted items. Our Artist in Residency Program is one of only 80 artist-in-residency programs in the United States; and the only one in Iowa. Artist residencies offer artists the opportunity for a dynamic residency program with studio and living space, and incentives to relocate to Adams County after their residency. Lastly our classes and cultural events bring a variety of opportunities for everyone in Corning, Adams County and the region to take part in a vibrant cultural experience in the heart of our historic downtown. For more information visit our website, www.corningfinearts.org