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### Art Gallery features jewelry inspired by the U.S. and Mexico border

**KOKOMO, Ind.** — Artists explore the complicated relationship between the United States and Mexico, especially along the border between the two countries, with *LaFrontera*, a contemporary jewelry show opening Wednesday, January 22, in the Indiana University Kokomo Art Gallery.

More than 100 pieces, made of both traditional materials and found objects, are included in the show, curated by San Francisco art gallery Velvet Da Vinci.

The show, which is part of a national tour, opens with a reception from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday in the Art Gallery, in Upper Alumni Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Cat Bolinger, interim gallery director, said it is interesting to see the perspectives of artists from around the world on the issues surrounding the border.

“It’s not just our issue, between the U.S. and Mexico, but something the whole world is thinking about,” she said. “It’s interesting to see how jewelry can express those thoughts.”

As a student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, she was amazed by the types of materials the artists used, including bottle caps, sticks, and pieces of wood.

“It shows you can take any material and make it into something beautiful,” Bolinger said. “It reminds me that to be an artist, you don’t have to buy expensive materials, you can use things that you find, and recycle them into something special.”

The show continues through Saturday, March 1. Admission and parking are free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call the IU Kokomo Art Gallery at 765-455-9523.

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