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## **Local artist to display ‘Memories & Happy Moments’ exhibit at Odessa College’s Wi-fi Java Cyber Cafe**

ODESSA (Jan. 25, 2012) – Odessa College’s Wi-fi Java Cyber Cafe will host an opening reception for the art exhibition “Memories & Happy Moments” by local artist Ramon G. Deanda from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

The artwork features the artistic technique of relief printmaking, which consists of creating images on a piece of wood or linoleum and then embossing the images onto a piece of paper.

Raised in a rural area along the Mexican-American border of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Presidio, Texas, the artist Ramon G. Deanda’s work is influenced by the cultural mixture of these two towns. Listening to Norteño and Mariachi music, and running along cattle and horses was a way of life growing up for Deanda. Therefore, most of his work revolves around music, farm animals and mountainous landscapes.

The prints in the collection include animals with human characteristics. “I’ve always fantasized about animals being able to talk and do the things that humans do,” Deanda said. “I enjoy the concept of farm animals interacting with each other.”

According to Deanda, his purpose for creating the artwork is to “generate a smile from the person looking at the painting or print.” He wants the viewer to experience the things he dreamed about as a child. As a result, most of the paintings and drawings are colorful and animated, almost as if they are cartoons.

The exhibit will be on display through the month of February. The OC Wi-fi Java Cyber Cafe hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. For more information about the reception or exhibit please contact, Daiken Asakawa, OC art instructor at 335-6358.