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“Billboard Buildings” Art Exhibit Opens in June at Norwich Museum

NORTHFIELD, Vt. – Norwich University’s Sullivan Museum and History Center presents “Billboard Buildings: Collage and Mixed Media by Norwich University Architecture Professor Arthur Schaller,” a new exhibit of original works.

The exhibit, the museum’s first solo exhibit by a Norwich professor, includes 24 two-dimensional works and three-dimensional constructs, which will be on display through December 19, 2014.

An architect and working artist, Schaller has taught architectural design and related courses for over 40 years. For the past 16 years, he has taught at the School of Architecture and Art at Norwich University, where he served as dean from 2005 to 2010.

Schaller’s new works are collages of printed material glued onto board. Surfaces are cut or ripped from printed publications and sorted by color, texture or image fragment. Schaller says he produces many of the works in series, exploring a guiding theme or concept until it was exhausted, making room for a new influence.

The artist describes himself as a bricoleur at heart, or someone who creates using the materials at hand. As such, Schaller says he has been obsessive about exploring collage environments assembled from printed surfaces and found materials.
“Billboard Buildings” are variations on frontal views of rambling—but ordered—long, thin buildings perched on legs that stand in rich color and textural space.

Before arriving at Norwich, Schaller taught at Ball State University, the University of Texas at Austin and the Architectural Association of London.

The exhibit will open with a reception on Friday, June 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m. with light refreshments provided. This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged, tel: 802-485-2183 or smhc@norwich.edu.

*Image caption: Billboard Building #15, collection of the artist*

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