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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS THE WORKS OF  
ARTIST JOHN FINK, FROM FEBRUARY 9 - APRIL 11, 2012 ON THE  
MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS**

Brentwood, NY – – The Gallery West, located in the Captree Commons Building on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, will present the works of artist John Fink from February 9 through April 11, 2012. A reception, open to the public, will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. with light refreshments served.

John (Jack) Fink was born in Decatur, Illinois and grew up in a working class family and neighborhood, where many of the fathers worked in the nearby factories or with the railroad, while mothers were homemakers. John, the youngest of four children, was the first in his family to go to college. John graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, did post-graduate work at Ohio University, Illinois State University, Pratt Institute, and was awarded the Masters of Arts degree from New York University. With a short time teaching art in public schools, John eventually came to Long Island, N.Y.

Called by former Millikin Art Department Chairman, Russell Housman, he accepted a teaching position at Nassau Community College, as one of the founding members of the Art Department at the former Mitchell Field complex. In his teaching career John has achieved the highest rank of Professor and received the New York State Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to his teaching, John Fink is an award-winning artist and has been affiliated with Manhattan and Long Island galleries for the exhibition and sale of his work, while individuals throughout the country collect his art.

Mr. Fink is a frequent guest artist at a variety of institutions offering demonstrations and workshops in pottery and sculpture to aspiring artists and collectors. Although his ceramic pottery is mostly functional cups, bowls and teapots, his sculptures are made of hand-fabricated ceramic combined with mixed materials. These works of art reflect the duality of his nature: a sense of humor and a serious side, but always plumbing the depths of what it means to be human. His whimsical and mythological sculpture includes miniature people and what are called "far-fetch dragons." These small dinosaur-like creatures, along with miniature human forms, often populate relatively larger imaginative shapes to form mythological, freestanding environments, or at other times, wall pieces, each having a story to tell. Some are created for indoor placement, others for outdoor garden settings. Some of these outdoor pieces are designed as fountains. See John Fink's art at [www.johnfinkart.com](http://www.johnfinkart.com).



**Photo Caption: *Eden Exit: Ticket to Leave The Garden*, a sculpture assemblage, is one of the many works that will be on display at the Gallery West, located in the Captree Commons Building on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, from February 9 - April 11, 2012.**

#### **About Suffolk County Community College**

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