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# Week-long exhibit in La Conner joins climate scientists, artists

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News and Information

University of Washington scientists who are members of the Skagit Climate Science Consortium collaborated with artists for an exhibit, "Surge," that will run through this weekend at the Museum of Northwest Art in La Conner, Washington.

Guillaume Mauger, a research scientist in the UW's Climate Impacts Group, Dave Peterson, a UW affiliate professor of environmental and forest sciences, and Christina Bandaragoda, a UW research scientist in civil and environmental engineering, were among scientists who consulted with artists on their creations for a first-time exhibit focusing on climate change and its impacts on Northwest coastal communities.

"It's a really well-curated exhibit, with original works by artists ranging from performance art to a sea level rise installation throughout the town of La Conner," Mauger said. The exhibit also includes informational posters about how climate change will affect the broad, fertile coastal



"Water on the Mountain" (detail) incorporates UW scientists' information about how climate change will affect the Skagit Valley. ***Cara Jaye/Western Washington University***

floodplain that is one of the most productive agricultural areas west of the Cascades, and holds ecological and cultural importance.

Mauger will be part of a panel discussion followed by a reception 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 25.

Admission to the museum is free. The exhibit will end when the museum closes 5 p.m. Sunday, but it's possible that it may become an annual event.

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For more information, contact Mauger at [gmauger@uw.edu](mailto:gmauger@uw.edu) or 206-685-0317.

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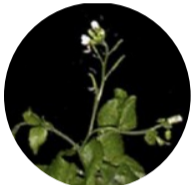
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