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Artists take creative process in new directions

Clayton Galleries opens its fall art season with "Expanded Visions," an exhibit of recent works by four prominent regional women artists: Stacy Rosende, Roberta Schofield, Joyce Ely-Walker and Kathey Wright.



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What these women have in common is a passion to push the creative process into new directions.

Rosende moved from creating oil paintings characterized by thick layers of paint into printmaking. She then began combining printing with painting and other media. Her subjects have changed, too, from dramatic landscapes to more sculptural pieces.

A longtime oil painter, Schofield has moved from tight, controlled oil paintings into large format, digitally manipulated photographs.

"She's playing with reality," said gallery director Mark Feingold. "The reality becomes what she does with the photograph. She's actually skewing those colors and creating



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"Baobab," a 58-inch by 84-inch manipulated digital photograph by Roberta Schofield, can be seen in the "Expanded Visions" exhibit at Clayton Galleries.

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new things with them."

The pieces get added power from their large size, he said. "They really confront you."

Ely-Walker recently retired from teaching art at a local school. Primarily a landscape painter, she frequently travels to art workshops, where she learns new techniques she can add to her base. Her most recent trip was to a workshop on the Amalfi Coast in Italy. Interior and exterior studies of this region constitute the bulk of her works in the show.

Wright, also a landscape painter, has done extensive studies of the Everglades. A Harvard-trained architect, her older works had a formality and restraint to them that is gone from the newer works as seen in the exhibit.

"These are a lot looser, and her palette has changed," Feingold said. "She conveys a lot of information without putting a lot on the canvas. The paintings in some ways are simple in the shapes and the colors, but they come across as giving you a lot more than that."

Meet some of the artists and see their works at a free opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the gallery, 4105

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S. MacDill Ave. The exhibit continues through Oct. 30. Visit www.claytongalleries.net or call (813) 831-3753 for details