

# Off the Hill: 'At Water's Edge' exhibit downtown



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*From our perch on College Hill, we as a campus community can often feel isolated, a world unto itself. But there is a world outside campus. There are many opportunities for excursions off the hill, to get out into the Lehigh Valley and beyond, to experience all this region has to offer.*

Located at the intersection of the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers, Easton is like many cities that have historically been developed along waterways. Whether taking a stroll along the river, rafting or engaging in other activities, students often interact with Easton's bodies of water.

Exploring what it means to live along the boundary of land and water, the Nurture Nature Center is currently featuring a multimedia print exhibit titled “At the Water’s Edge.” The exhibit features artwork from 16 members of the Printmaker’s Society of Lehigh Valley who interpret the connection between land and water in their work.

“The show features a cross section of different techniques but is an exploration of a common theme,” Arts Director at the Nurture Nature Center Keri Maxfield said. “It explores the place between land and water where the two worlds meet.”

Embedded in the artistic representation of land and water is an underlying environmental message. Communities located along coastlines are vulnerable to changes in the landscape due to the constant clash between land and water, Maxfield explained.

Maxfield added that an understanding of the relationship between the two elements can serve as an indication of environmental quality. Potential threats include flooding, storm events and sea level rise, according to the Environmental Protection Agency’s website (<https://www.epa.gov/cre/climate-change-coastal-communities>).

“At the Water’s Edge” is accompanied by another exhibit titled “Entangled,” which features weavings by artist Kristi Cochios. The weavings, which connect the world of land and sea, compliment the environmental theme by exploring humans’ relationship to marine ecosystems.

Both exhibits will be on display downtown at the Nurture Nature Center through Oct. 7. The exhibit is open from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

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