Mount Shasta photographer John Rickard will present a talk and discussion that delineate some of the contemporary issues facing artists today, especially those who work from rural areas such as Siskiyou County. Rickard will also talk about what compels him to continue to make images using the medium of photography, the dedication to craft that is inherent in any artistic undertaking, and the importance of authenticity of personal subject matter.

“Confessions from the Profession of Art” is the fifth COS Speakers Series’ event of the 2012-2013 academic year. In April our final presentation of the season will explore the craft of taxidermy.

Presentations are held in Life Science Room 9 at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please see the Speakers Series website (www.siskiyous.edu/speakersseries/) for more information about both previous and upcoming presentations in the series.

John Rickard is a published photographer who has taught photography classes at College of the Siskiyous and also photography workshops in Dunsmuir, San Francisco and Guadalajara. John has recently had his book "The McCloud River" published by Modernbook Gallery and Editions in San Francisco. He also recently opened a one-person show at Modernbook’s 49 Geary Street gallery in San Francisco this past December, where his black and white photographs of the McCloud River will be exhibited through February.