THE CODEX & THE HELIX:  
BOOK ARTS EXPLORING EVOLUTION

DARWIN DAY 2009  
Foley Center Library, Gonzaga University

EXHIBITION: JANUARY 5-FEBRUARY 27, 2009  
RECEPTION: FEBRUARY 12, 2009

ABOUT THE CONTEST:
Darwin Day is a worldwide celebration of science and humanity, observed each year on Charles Darwin’s birthday, February 12. 2009 is the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his most important work, On the Origin of Species. The primary goal of this contest is to celebrate human creativity and scientific progress with a small collection of original book arts on the theme of evolution and natural selection.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
To be considered for inclusion in the collection, original entries must faithfully portray the science behind evolution and/or the political and social history of evolutionary theory in an artistic codex, scroll, volvelle, or other book arts form.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Entries must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2008.

JUDGES:
A panel of judges from Gonzaga University with diverse backgrounds (including science, art, and librarianship) will select entries to be included in the installation. The entries will be judged based on originality, aesthetics, and the entry’s depiction of the subject of evolution.

DISPLAY OF WINNING ENTRIES:
The winning entries will be displayed in the Reading Room of Foley Center Library’s Special Collections department from January 5th through February 27th, 2009. There will be a reception on Thursday, February 12, 2009 to honor the winning entries and celebrate. The reception will be free and open to the public.
DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

All are welcome to enter. There is no fee to enter the contest. Multiple entries are accepted, but each entry must include a separate entry form. Entries may be the work of more than one person as long as proper credit is given to each contributor.

Please do not send the original artwork for consideration. Instead, send CDs, DVDs, slides, or printed photographs of the work labeled with your name, title of the work, date, materials used, and dimensions. Foley Center Library will return submitted CDs, DVDs, slides, or printed photographs if the artist includes a self-addressed envelope with adequate postage. Foley Center Library cannot be responsible for lost CDs, DVDs, slides, or printed photographs, so do not send originals.

Winners will receive notification that they have been chosen for inclusion in the collection no later than December 1st, 2008. If accepted into the collection, the book artist is responsible for shipping the original artwork to Foley Center Library for display in the exhibition, including adequate postage to return the original artwork. The number of entries chosen for the collection is left to the discretion of the judges.

To submit an entry to the contest, please mail your CD, DVD, slides, or printed photographs, a self-addressed envelope with adequate postage, and a completed entry form (including an artist statement of 100 words or less) to the following address:

Foley Center Library, Gonzaga University
Attn: Adrian Pauw, AD Box 95
502 E. Boone Ave.
Spokane, WA 99258

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Foley Center Library Darwin Day 2009 Website: http://www.gonzaga.edu/Academics/Libraries/Foley-Library/Events/Darwin/default.asp

Official Darwin Day Website: http://www.darwinday.org/