Wandering Book Artists in Gypsy Wagon to Stop at FAU’s Papermaking Lab for Gallery Talk

BOCA RATON, Fla. (February 8, 2013) — Florida Atlantic University will host Wandering Book artists Peter and Donna Thomas on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. for a gallery talk at the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Books Arts Papermaking Lab in the historic T-6 building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. The duo is known for traveling the country in a vibrantly painted gypsy wagon to promote artists’ books.

“Commercially produced books are like regular RVs, practical and full of information,” said Peter Thomas. “Artists’ books are like our gypsy wagon. They inspire imagination and wonder and share something of the artists who created them.”

During their 45-minute gallery talk, the Thomases will present some of their artists’ books, compare artists’ books to traditional books and perform songs on one of their many artists’ ukulele books.

The Thomases live and work in Santa Cruz, Calif., where they have been making books as art together for 30 years. Their gypsy wagon features heavy wrought iron hardware, a copper roof, stained glass windows, flowers and birds carved into wooden corbels with herald angels at each corner. A single room holds a propane heater, cook stove, sink and retractable workbench/kitchen table inside and a curtained-off bed covered with patchwork quilts.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations for the book artists will be accepted. For more information, contact John Cutrone at 561-297-0455 or jcutrone@fau.edu, or visit jaffecollection.org.

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GypsyWagon1JPG: Wandering Book Artists Peter and Donna Thomas of Santa Cruz, Calif. and their gypsy wagon.

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