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## **Beauty of Industrial Waterfront Captured Through Lens of Local Artists**

***Pearl District exhibition and sale benefits industrial worker training***

The Art of Trade exhibition opens today at 915 NW Davis St, coinciding with Portland's First Thursday Gallery Walk in the Pearl District. The exhibition runs Aug. 6 - 15.

The unique juried art exhibition celebrates life along the Columbia and Willamette rivers and the people and industries working on waterfronts throughout the region. Featured artwork captures industrial and natural environments across approximately 65 pieces and a variety of media.

A small panel of professional art curators awarded the work of Lake Oswego-based portrait and industrial artist, Christopher Mooney, Best in Show at a reception Aug. 5.

All work will be available for sale with a portion contributed to Portland Community College Industrial jobs training program scholarship fund.

The Art of Trade is presented by the Port of Portland and the PCC Foundation with sponsorship from Anchor QEA, Advanced American Construction, Auto Warehousing Company, CalPortland, Columbia Sportswear, Gunderson LLC, Harbor Environmental Team, HDR Engineering, Kinder Morgan, Lower Willamette Group, Northwest Natural, NuStar Energy, Portland Spirit, Portland Development Commission and Schnitzer Steel. The exhibit is part of this year's slate of "Year of Trade" events highlighting the importance of trade to our economy.



***Getting a Grip on Reality,  
Christopher Mooney, oil on canvas, 32" x 40"***

"PCC is greatly appreciative of the association with The Art of Trade exhibit, which benefits students pursuing certificates and degrees in PCC's industrial jobs training program," said Rob Wagner, associate vice president of the college's Advancement office.

"The Port of Portland's generosity is helping to open the door for students pursuing work as electricians, stationary engineers, millwrights and industrial mechanics at PCC. These are living wage jobs in industries with stable futures. With the help of scholarship money raised through this exhibit, students are better able to attend PCC, which allows the college to produce more trained, skilled workers.

Students benefit, the economy of Portland benefits; it's a win-win, and PCC is grateful for the opportunity to partner on this venture," said Wagner.

As the only nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the college, the PCC Foundation helps students access education by awarding scholarships and building the college's capacity to provide vital educational opportunities for the community at large. The volunteer board of directors, representing a wide range of business and community interests, leads the PCC Foundation.

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***About Portland Community College***

*PCC is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon and 19th largest in the nation, serving approximately 90,000 full- and part-time students. PCC, which is roughly the size of Rhode Island, has four comprehensive campuses, eight workforce training and education centers, and 200 community locations in the Portland metropolitan area. The PCC district encompasses a 1,500-square-mile area in northwest Oregon and offers two-year degrees, one-year certificate programs, short-term training, alternative education, pre-college courses and life-long learning.*

***About the Port of Portland***

*Established in 1891 by the Oregon Legislature, the Port of Portland owns four marine terminals, three airports (Portland International, Hillsboro, and Troutdale) and five industrial parks. The mission of the Port is to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets. To learn more about the Year of Trade, visit [tradeinoregon.com](http://tradeinoregon.com)*