

Paper-cast books on view

Three-dimensional, ornamental books created through a special form of paper casting are on display in the Haggerty Art Center at the University of Dallas through Oct. 24.

The paper-cast books were created by Nancy Chambers.

The books on display are entitled "Easter Hats," "Instrumentals" and "Bird's Eye View." The artist considers her paper-cast books a form of printmaking in that plaster molds are cast, enabling the creation of duplicates.

The paper-cast pages of the books are ornamented with raised figures which carry out the theme of the book. The pages are bound together with a wooden, hinged binding.

Through the use of objects such as a deer horn, feathers and a wish bone from a chicken, the artist has further decorated the pages of the book. The pages, which may be turned, are pastel colors that result from a dye applied to the paper pulp before molding.