Artwork Featured at Counter-Pane

One of Lafayette's newest entries on the art scene, Counter-Pane Gallery on Jefferson Street, is currently featuring works by local artist Wayne Ditch and Cardwell Higgins from Florida.

Ditch's original creations consist of detailed, intricate drawings and paintings. Though his ideas are usually taken from nature, his imagination guides his graphite into producing works with a surrealistic quality.

A graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the artist recently won first place in the Annual USL Print and Drawing Competition. His work has also been accepted to exhibit at the “New Artists Presentations Show” at Madison p.m.

Originals and lithographs of Ditch's drawings are being displayed at Counter-Pane.

Higgins has been a professional illustrator for over 60 years. His works have appeared on a number of movie posters and in magazines and one of his original designs was used on a USO poster for World War II.

After spending over 40 years working in the advertising business in New York City, Higgins has retired to Florida to concentrate on portrait painting.

Counter-Pane Gallery, located at 317 Jefferson Street and owned by Lafayette Saucier, is open daily from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

GALLERY EXHIBITORS - Cardwell Higgins, left, standing in front of a USO poster which he designed during World War II, meets with Counter-Pane Gallery owner Lafayette Saucier (center) and Lafayette artist Wayne Ditch. Works by Higgins and Ditch are on display in the gallery, located on Jefferson Street in Lafayette.