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LOCAL ARTISTS DISPLAY WORK AT BEAVERTON CITY HALL

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC) is hosting art exhibits throughout June at Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive), featuring works by talented local artists. The artworks will grace the first, second and third floor corridors.

“This month’s art display captures the essence of nature and Northwest summers,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “These incredible photographs and dramatic drawings remind us of how lucky we are to live in this beautiful state.”

During the month of June, Mary Braund and Richard Laycock will have their works displayed throughout City Hall in the following locations:

First Floor Lobby and Third Floor Corridor: Mary Braund

Braund is a skilled artist in a variety of media including, watercolor, colored pencil, acrylic, photography and digital manipulation. Braund’s work is inspired by nature, which she attributes to her childhood days growing up between the rugged Cascade Range and the northernmost tip of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. For more information, visit www.maryart.net.

Second Floor Lobby: Richard Laycock

Laycock’s work captures the complex and dramatic interplay between sky, water, earth and air. For the past 20 years, he has captured the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest, first in pencil, and later in pastel. His work is featured at Oregon State University and The College of New Jersey, as well as in private collections throughout the world. For more information, visit www.richardlaycockstudio.com.

Beaverton City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All art works are for sale.

The Beaverton Arts Commission also has revolving art exhibits at Providence St. Vincent Hospital (9205 Southwest Barnes Road), Cedar Hills Recreation Center (11640 SW Park Way), and the Artisan Salon (4430 SW Lombard Avenue). For more information, please contact Elaine Orcutt at 503-526-2299 or eorcutt@BeavertonOregon.gov.

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ABOUT THE CITY'S BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION

The BAC contributes significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting artistic and cultural events, which celebrates community values and helps connect residents to their artistic and cultural heritage. The BAC presents annual events such as Last Tuesdays, the Visual Arts Showcase and Ten Tiny Dances. In addition, the BAC leads public art projects, including Beaverton's mural program. For more information about the Beaverton Arts Commission, visit www.beavertonarts.org, call 503-526-2288 or the event information line at 503-526-2379, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beavertonarts.org.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Most recently, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofbeaverton.

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