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FALL ART DISPLAYS IN BEAVERTON FEATURE ACRYLICS, MIXED MEDIA, AND A SPECIAL SNEAK PEEK EXHIBIT

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton’s arts program will showcase works this fall at several locations, including The Beaverton Building, Beaverton City Library main location, Murray Scholls Branch Library, Providence St. Vincent Hospital, Cedar Hills Recreation Center, Progress Ridge New Seasons, Bogza Coffee, and the Artisan Salon. All artwork included is for sale.

THE BEAVERTON BUILDING: September – October, 2016

The Beaverton Building (12725 SW Millikan Way) features works by several artists. Members of the public can view works during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured artists:

1st Floor and Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Fifth Floor:

Washington County Open Studios is a project of the Washington County Art Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing community vitality through art. The free tour is made possible through grants from The Regional Arts & Culture Council, Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council and generous donations from local sponsors including the Beaverton Arts Commission.

Spectators can view the art and meet the artists on the 2016 Washington County Open Studios tour during the Sneak Peek Exhibit at Beaverton City Hall. Artists from across Washington County will show their paintings, weaving, masks, ceramics, glass and more. The 2016 Washington County Open Studios tour that takes place Oct. 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Washington County Open Studios tour is a free studio tour of local artists and galleries. The 2016 tour includes 43 individual artists’ studios and 5 local galleries. The tour includes the suburbs of Washington County: Aloha, Beaverton, Tigard, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Sherwood and beautiful rural areas of Banks, Cornelius, Gaston and North Plains.

For more information or for a free tour map, visit www.washcoart.org. Free catalogs are available at sponsor locations and artist studios.

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY MAIN AND MURRAY SCHOLLS: September and October 2016

The Beaverton City Main Library (12375 SW 5th St) and the Beaverton City Branch Library (11200 SW Murray Scholls Pl) feature works by several artists. Members of the public can view works during library operating hours. All artwork included in this show is for sale. Featured artists:

Main: Cheryl Reed

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Cheryl Reed has exhibited paintings, photographs and prints in Eugene and Portland since 1977. She holds degrees from the School of Architecture & Allied Arts at the University of Oregon. The permanent public Oregon State Capitol Art Collection includes her photography. Whether on her own in the outdoors, studying and practicing in studio, persistent vision using various marks and materials remains Cheryl's work. She also is a member of the William Park Studio. **Practice in Nature & Small Scenes** is a selection of work painted over 10 years reflecting our being in the Northwest. Whether painted at a table or the seaside, at a train station or in a rolling field, on a city street or along a river—Cheryl's work remains raw, refined, and changing as is our region. For more information, visit www.reedartswest.com.

Murray Scholls: M. J. Loen

Monday to Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday to Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

M. J. Loen has created paintings, drawings and cartoons his whole life. Taking printmaking and drawing classes at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, CA, he was also entered into several shows in Huntington Beach. Loen spent 30 years as a technical illustrator at various high-tech companies in Orange County, CA. Though he did traditional drawing board work, he later worked on computer illustrations using Photoshop and Illustrator. These colorful yet enigmatic paintings are unplanned meditations that use a pointillist palette and geometric shapes to evoke carnivals, cities at night, fireworks, and natural and imaginary objects. Thirty-five years painting, drawing and printmaking evolved into this synthesis of inner emotions and external environment. For more information, visit <http://mjloen.weebly.com>.

ST. PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER: September – November, 2016

Providence St. Vincent Medical Center (9205 Southwest Barnes Road) features works by Kate Ampersand. The art display is located between the Heart Center and café. All artwork included in this show is for sale. Featured artist:

Akram Sarraj is a renowned Middle-Eastern artists who arrived in America in 2014 as a refugee from war-torn Iraq. Born in Mosul, Iraq in 1957, Akram was identified at a very young age as being a gifted artist, and spent his childhood studying with art masters. By the time he was a young man, his work was being exhibited in galleries, and in 1994 he established the first permanent gallery for art in Mosul. This gallery also provided education in graphic arts, painting and music. Akram has exhibited and sold paintings all over the world, and is known for working in a broad range of styles and mediums. His signature style, which he calls "Sarraj-ism," invites the viewer to see beyond easily identifiable figures and look deeper for additional images, symbolism and meaning.

OTHER LOCATIONS: Display Schedule Varies

The Beaverton Arts Commission also has revolving art exhibits at Cedar Hills Recreation Center (11640 SW Park Way), Progress Ridge New Seasons (14805 SW Barrows Road), Bogza Coffee (12600 SW Crescent St., #100), and the Artisan Salon (4430 SW Lombard Avenue). For more information, contact Kourtnee Buechner at 503-526-2376 or kbuechner@BeavertonOregon.gov.

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Caption 1: “Bird Dreams” by Susan Gallacher-Turner, is just one of the many pieces on display at Beaverton City Hall at the 2016 Washington County Open Studios tour. Artists from across Washington County will show their paintings, weaving, masks, ceramics, glass and more. *(Photo/Susan Gallacher-Turner)*



Caption 2: As part of the 2016 Washington County Open Studios tour, Deb Shapiro will display her mint serving plates. Artists from across Washington County will display their paintings, weaving, masks, ceramics, glass and more. *(Photo/Deb Shapiro)*