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SEASONAL ART DISPLAYS IN BEAVERTON FEATURE PAINTINGS, FIBER, AND BOLD PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton’s arts program will showcase works in November and December 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

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: Terry Grant and Carlos Molina

Terry Grant is a fiber artist, using fabric and quilting techniques to create original wall art. Her home near Beaverton is where she creates, and she finds great inspiration from both the beauty surrounding her and her travels. Grant has been a graphic designer and printmaker, but now devotes her creative energy to working with fabric, a material that surrounds us since birth and evokes feelings of home, family, comfort and warmth. She especially likes using fabrics recycled from clothing, which hold stories within their threads that make her own stories in cloth all the richer. For more information, visit www.andsewitgoes.blogspot.com.

Carlos Molina was born and raised in Ecuador, spending much of his early life in the city of Cuenca. He began painting and drawing as a child, and his paintings are influenced by his culture and the region where he grew up. He worked as an architect before coming to the United States in 2006. Molina is an artist, but is also working to become a middle school math teacher. Art and math are his two passions, and he has found a way to incorporate both into his daily life. He enjoys painting old buildings and portraits. For more information, visit www.carlosmolinamart.blogspot.com.

Fourth Floor: BOLD Photography Exhibit

The Beaverton Organizing and Leadership Development (BOLD) program is a leadership development and civic engagement training for emerging immigrant and refugee leaders and leaders of color in Beaverton. The program is a partnership between the City of Beaverton and Unite Oregon (formerly the Center for Intercultural Organizing) and is a key strategy of the Cultural Inclusion program to boost engagement of underrepresented communities in city governance. Registration is now open for the 2017 BOLD program. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Equity.

Today, immigration appears almost daily in the headlines and for some has become a challenging, divisive issue. Yet many of us are immigrants, whether first, second, or third generation, each of us with our own experiences that shaped our lives.

Photojournalist Katharine Kimball worked to document a number of these experiences. For many of the people photographed, moving to Beaverton, adjusting to a new community, and participating in the BOLD program have been some of those profoundly transformative experiences. The photographs highlight nine BOLD program graduates and explore how after completing the program or "Beyond BOLD" has empowered their sense of self, helped them to integrate into our communities and fomented an interest in giving back.

Fifth Floor: Nancy Zhang

Nancy Zhang is an artist from Portland, Oregon, working primarily in oil paint. She grew up near Chengdu, China, and discovered her love of painting when she moved to the Pacific Northwest. Her favorite subjects are landscapes and people. She especially loves painting the fantastic Oregon scenery, and has put many *plein air* miles on her car. For more information, visit www.nancyzhangart.com.

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY MAIN AND MURRAY SCHOLLS

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: Justin Lacche

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 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Justin Lacche has been a professional artist since 1997 and has works currently in public and private collections in eight countries, including recent exhibitions in the Pacific Northwest; Skopje, Macedonia; and Madrid, Spain. This is Lacche's second Beaverton exhibition, having first shown his work at the Mayor's wing at The Round in Beaverton last summer.

"I am grateful to the Beaverton Main Library, the Beaverton Arts Commission and this entire wonderful and diverse community for the on-going opportunity to share my work and engage in the public debate of issues, images and ideas," Lacche said.

For more information, visit www.JustinLacche.com.

Murray Scholls: Tom Beach

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

Tom Beach was born in Western NY in the late 1930s and grew up in an environment which hardly exists anymore, a rural small town. Work brought him and his wife to Portland, OR, in 1961. Over the years he has worked with sheet film cameras, roll film cameras and 35 mm cameras. Since discovering digital photography, the film cameras mostly collect dust in his closet. With family back in New York and Ohio, he and his wife have taken to cross country driving trips, spending time off the Interstate Highways where they can experience and record the country experience. Beach's photographic objective is to allow the viewer to visit, vicariously, a time and place no longer easily accessible where life moved at a slower pace and people lived closer to the land. For more information, visit www.photosbytom.net.

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.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption 1: Nancy Zhang's *Lavender Valley* is one of the featured works in the City of Beaverton's revolving art displays for Nov. and Dec. Zhang's work can be viewed on the fifth floor of The Beaverton Building during office hours. All included work is for sale. (Art/Nancy Zhang)



Caption 2: Photojournalist Katharine Kimball (left) documented immigrant experiences for the BOLD photography exhibit, part of the City of Beaverton's revolving art displays for Nov. and Dec. Kimball's portrait of BOLD graduate Ali Houdroge (right) is included in the show. (Photo/City of Beaverton)