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THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION & BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS TEAM UP TO CO-PRESENT *QUACK: AN ARTFUL DUCK EXHIBITION*

Exhibition on display at various locations from Aug 10–Sep 30, 2015

BRECKENRIDGE, CO (July 31, 2015) – In support of the Annual Great Rubber Duck Race, The Summit Foundation and Breckenridge Creative Arts are teaming up to present **QUACK: An Artful Duck Exhibition**, from August 10 through September 30. The public art project will feature seven oversized fiberglass ducks, each hand-painted by a local Summit County artist, displayed in outdoor spaces throughout downtown Breckenridge. On September 30, the painted ducks will be auctioned off, and the proceeds will benefit The Summit Foundation and the over 100 local nonprofits that they support through their grant programs.

The project features custom-painted ducks by **Judy Day, Marianna Duford, Amy Evans, Joanne Hanson, Piotr Kopytek, Sheila Trowbridge** and **Emily Wahl**.

“We are delighted to be partnering with The Summit Foundation on this project,” said Robb Woulfe, President and CEO of Breckenridge Creative Arts. “This is a great way to highlight some of the diverse artists working in Summit County as well as to promote Breckenridge as a creative destination.”

A number of the QUACK artists, who were invited to participate by the BreckCreate curatorial staff, are also instructors on the Breckenridge Arts District campus. One of those artists, Amy Evans from Breckenridge, specializes in oil painting. “I was honored to have been asked to participate in QUACK,” said Evans. “Projects like

this make art accessible to the masses by bringing it out of the museums and onto the streets of a community. People are able to touch as well as see these unique canvases, making the art highly interactive and fun.”

The idea for QUACK came from The Summit Foundation team, who was looking to add another dimension to the activities of the 28th Annual Great Rubber Duck Race. “As part of the Foundation’s mission to build partnerships and to support community organizations, this project was a natural fit for us,” said Elisabeth Lawrence, Events and Marketing Coordinator for The Summit Foundation. “We’re thrilled to join forces with BreckCreate and showcase the talents of so many local artists in our community.”

Participating Artists in QUACK

Judy Day

Judy Day began her journey as a watercolor artist when she joined Women of Watercolor in 2007 after retiring to Summit County. She has taken classes from Kate Kiesler at Colorado Mountain College and workshops from Jackie McFarland, Karen Ramsay, Ann Weaver, Cathy Goodale, Mark Silvers and Randy Hale. She is a member of The Art Gallery at Keystone Lake, an artist co-op. She enjoys the creative challenges that watercolor presents.

Marianna Duford

Marianna is a native of Colorado and a lifelong artist who brings her love of the outdoors to her art and everything that she does. She doesn’t limit her artwork to just one medium and likes to let the inspiration decide whether it would be better in watercolor, oil or acrylics. Art and travel forays have taken her from Italy to Africa, the Mayan coast to Portugal, Florida to California and in between, the South Island of New Zealand to Tasmania and back again. Always, upon returning to her mountain home in Colorado, she wonders why she had to go so far to be inspired when she is surrounded by beauty every day of the year.

Amy Evans

Art has always been a part of Amy's life. After years as a professional fiber artist, Amy rediscovered her deep love of painting after moving to CO and taking a painting class at the Denver Art Students League. She has been painting ever since. Her paintings have been in galleries, exhibitions, and private and corporate collections throughout the United States. Some of her awards have included a painting selected for the annual Breckenridge Music Festival Poster, a painting selected for the Paint the Parks 2014 National Exhibition, as well as an honorable mention in the Mini-50 Paint America exhibition, and a 2013 Best Landscape Award at the Women Artists of the West National Juried Show. She is a Signature Emeritus member of Women Artists of the West and a signature member of Plein Air Artists of Colorado.

Joanne Hanson

Even though she was from an artistic family, Joanne Hanson did not paint. Her sister, Adele Earnshaw, an artist for 30 years, finally convinced her to come and be her helper at a workshop she was teaching. Adele didn't get much help in that class, because as soon as Joanne picked up the paintbrush, she was hooked. Since then, she has taken classes at the Art Students League of Denver and has studied with many other well-known artists from all over the country. Joanne’s paintings were selected for the Breckenridge Music Festival posters in 2010 and 2013. She is a member of the Plein Air Artists of Colorado and Women Artists of the West. Her work may be seen at The Cornflower Gallery and Boutique in Frisco and Arts Alive Gallery in Breckenridge.

Piotr Kopytek

Piotr Kopytek is a Summit County artist who specializes in tattooing and ink art at Blue Heron Tattoo in Frisco, Colorado. In addition, Piotr, a native of Poland, uses watercolor and pens to create bright colors and themes to create beautiful designs and patterns influenced by wildlife and abstract shapes. Piotr is influenced by Chinese, Tibetan and Japanese art.

Sheila Trowbridge

Sheila Trowbridge loves color and has been a painter since she was young. Beginning with whimsical work on ceramics and tiles, she is now painting anything she can get her hands on. From acrylics on plywood to murals on exterior fences and house paint on ducks, there is no end in sight. When she is not painting, she is teaching art to artists of all ages, from pre-school to 90 year olds.

Emily Wahl

Emily studied watercolor for many years as a passionate pastime. She paints in water-based mediums and has been a consistent participant in classes at the Glassell School of Art, Art League of Houston, member and current director at the Watercolor Arts Society Houston, (WASH) and board member of the Women of Watercolor in Summit County. She has attended watercolor workshops in France, Italy, Ireland, and US locations. She finds this medium allows her a freedom and ability of individual expression through line, value and color. Assisted by Kevin Reynolds.

About The Summit Foundation

Established in 1984, The Summit Foundation is a community foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents and guests of Summit County and Neighboring Communities. Over the past 31 years, The Summit Foundation has awarded \$19.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations providing programs in Summit, Lake, Park, and Grand Counties In addition, \$2.5 million has been awarded scholarships to local high school students pursuing post-secondary education. For more information, visit summitfoundation.org.

About Breckenridge Creative Arts

Established in 2014, Breckenridge Creative Arts was developed to support and promote arts, culture and creative experiences throughout Breckenridge. This multidisciplinary nonprofit organization is responsible for the successful management of a series of programs, properties and partnerships that collectively animate and populate a cultural corridor in the heart of downtown Breckenridge. From quality performing and visual arts to the development of one of the region's newest arts districts, Breckenridge Creative Arts is a transformative force for Breckenridge and the greater Summit County community. For more information, visit breckcreate.org.

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