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MAY AU MANION EXHIBIT OPENS AT THE NORTH TAHOE EVENT CENTER

(Kings Beach, California) - The paintings of local artist, May Au Manion, will go on display on August 15 and will remain in the Center until mid-November. The exhibit will include work from two current series, Light of Dusk and The Nadia series, which are executed life-size and created in oil on canvas, pencil on paper, and charcoal.

May's work is inspired by observing how humans respond when they are faced with life's challenging situation, whether historically, culturally, politically or socially. Through her work, she sees how the world responds to these people in challenge.


When asked about her style, Ms. Manion responded, "My style in approaching the subject matter is to work initial drawings from live models whenever possible. It is my hope that the end result will be work that is sincere and genuine, and are true expressions of my perception and observation of the moment."

May has won awards from local, regional and international juried shows. She is the recipient of the 11-99 Foundation Scholarship as well as the Sierra Arts Endowment Visual Artist Grant. Her works have been shown in cities in California and Nevada. Some venues include CSU Chico, Truckee Meadows Community College, University of Nevada, Reno and the City of Reno Southside Cultural Center. May resides in Sierraville, CA and is a graduate of California State University, Chico with a BA in Art, Magna Cum Laude. More information can be found on her website at www.mayaumanion.com

The public is invited to come into the Center during normal business hours to view the art on display at no charge. Exhibits will be rotated approximately every 3 months. The North Tahoe Event Center has partnered with North Tahoe Arts and the Art in Public Places program to provide rotating art exhibits available to the public. This is the third installation in this

partnership. The Center strives to provide a more inviting atmosphere through the showing of artwork with a connection to the North Tahoe/Truckee Community, either through the artist or content of the work. By rotating the artwork, the Center also hopes to provide a reason for members of the community to come to the Center that might not otherwise have a reason to do so.

The North Tahoe Public Utility District provides sewer and water service to the residents of Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Carnelian Bay, Cedar Flat and Agate Bay. The District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. This facility offers flexible options for gatherings large and small and indoors and out. Four of eight meeting rooms offer dramatic views of Lake Tahoe. The District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista which provides recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the District owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, and Secline Beach to name just a few.

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