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NANCE LEIKHIM *Rivers and Falls* EXHIBIT OPENS AT THE NORTH TAHOE EVENT CENTER

(Kings Beach, California) - The paintings of local artist, Nance Leikhim, are on display and will remain in the Center until mid-May. This show focuses on water and skies. Ms. Leikhim has worked in a variety of media including watercolor, pastels, acrylics, oils and oil sticks. Her exhibit includes a large 98" wide painting named, "The River" which includes an analogy to life in its design. Smaller watercolor and mixed media pieces are on the theme of waterfalls and leaves falling.

Most of her current work has been in painting, but she has also done a numerous murals in homes and worked in Graphic Design for 25 years after earning a degree in Textile Design.

"Color is to painting, what volume is to sculpture. I paint because of color and the way it makes me feel when I watch a sunset on a cloudy day or when I see Lake Tahoe blue turn to mercury silver at dusk. Nature is constantly changing with light and motion. Nature is what inspires me to paint with the feelings the colors evoke and not to replicate the beauty. My personality comes through the canvas and something new emerges. To not allow this personal interpretation would make the painting insincere and lifeless."

Ms. Leikhim gave up her Graphic Design work in order to teach as an Artist-in-Residence through Sierra Arts in Reno from 1996 – 2000 and to teach painting at the Nevada Museum of Art. Her formal training includes a degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology as well as continuing her artistic training at Truckee Meadows Community College and Sierra College.

She has received a variety of awards including two consecutive California Discovery Silver Awards in Contemporary Painting from Art of California Magazine, a first place in

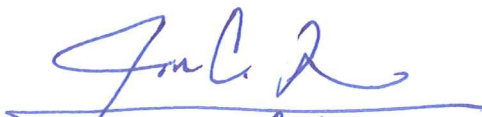
Splendor of the Sierra Fine Arts Show in Abstract Oils and Acrylics and two Honorable Mentions from North Tahoe Fine Arts Council Fiber Arts Show. She has exhibited in many solo shows at the Northwest Reno Library Gallery, North Tahoe Art Center, Northern California Center for the Arts, Patagonia Corporation, and the Pope Estate.

Ms. Leikhim has been a full time resident of Truckee since 1979. She currently teaches private painting lessons and offers her services to the area as a wedding minister as well.

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 fourth 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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