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SUU’S BRAITHWAITE FINE ARTS GALLERY SHOWCASES REGIONAL ARTISTS IN THE SOUTHERN UTAH ART INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION & SALE JUNE 26 – AUGUST 29, 2015

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: A spectacular showcase of creativity and vision awaits art enthusiasts in the annual Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale. This vibrant exhibition celebrates the work of the region’s finest artists and runs June 26 through August 29, 2015 at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery located on the lower level of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Building on the Southern Utah University campus. All of the extraordinary art is for sale. The Invitational opens officially on Friday, June 26 with a reception starting at 5pm which is part of the 2015 Cedar City Arts Council Final Friday Art Walks program. The gallery’s summer hours are Monday–Saturday, 10am–8pm. Admission is free, and the general public is encouraged to attend.

This year’s exhibition is a colorful menagerie of mediums that features works by some of southern Utah’s most celebrated artists. The region’s landscape is boldly captured in pastels by Arlene Braithwaite and Marje Eakin-Petty, in watercolors by Spike Ress and Debbie Robb, in oils by Mary Jabens, Travis Humphreys and J. Brad Holt and photography by Sonya Smith and Katharine Villard. Beyond landscapes, there is distinctive jewelry by Susan Chapman, colorful abstracts by Andrew Marvick, remarkable ceramics and pottery by Barbara Ellard, Susan Harris, Seth Green and Harold Snider, and breathtaking welded steel wildlife by sculptor Robyn Twitchell. Other participating artists include Gail Alger, Arthur Blessing, Megumi Dold, Sandy Gilles, Yidan Guo, Libby Hedden, Wilamarie Huelscamp, Leslie Jenson, Glen Lyman, Greg Mauger, Marta Mitchell, Megan Nelson, Valerie Orlemann, David Pettit, Ray Pittman, Fiona Phillips, Todd Prince, Mark Richey, Clayton Rippey, Frederick Stephens, Asher J. Swan, Carrie Trenholme, Diane Walsh, Lyman Whitaker, Mona...
Woolsey and Mike Zaweski. The Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale will display more than 100 pieces by these gifted artisans.

The artists featured in the Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale are committed to the great legacy that art has the power to inform, inspire and influence. Many of these artist recognize this power, so they donate their work to the annual Friends of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery Art Auction. The proceeds from the Art Invitational go to benefit the community through education and outreach programs for Iron County students as well as ongoing support of the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) in SUU’s forthcoming Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts scheduled to open summer 2016. Thanks to the support of these generous artists, the Braithwaite’s programs and exhibitions are free.

The Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale is made possible by sponsorships from the Utah Division of Arts & Museums and Rainbow Sign & Banner.

For more information about the exhibitions at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, please call (435) 586-5432, or visit www.edu/pva/artgallery.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE
The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration and Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College’s affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean at (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: Southern Utah Art Invitational Exhibition & Sale

WHAT: Featuring works by some of Southern Utah’s most celebrated artists as well as introducing the art of rising young talent, the annual Southern Utah Art Invitational Summer Exhibit & Sale will display over 100 pieces from many mediums including painting, photography and ceramics.

WHO: Southern Utah University, Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery
WHEN: June 26 – August 29, 2015
TIME: Monday–Saturday, 10am–8pm
WHERE: Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Braithwaite Building, Lower Level,
TICKETS: Free Admission
INFO: (435) 586-5432 or www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery